

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 18 February 2014 at 8:00pm

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Teresa Pollard (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Liam Harnett, Sheila Johnstone, Cathie Honour, Christine Davis, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Beryl Shannon, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Sheila read a selection of extracts on the theme of Love for All.

Informing Ourselves

We discussed The Common Good paras. 48 – 50 on the Development of Catholic Social Teaching. A wide ranging discussion followed. Cathie reported on a recent meeting discussing the progress of the United Nations Millennium goals. She also circulated information on expenditure on Trident, Next month we will move on to paras. 51-53 on Subsidiarity and Solidarity.

Reports - Food Collection: Christine thanked those who helped with sorting the magnificent response to the appeal. Parishioners had followed closely the list in the newsletter of items particularly welcome. Christian Care and Faith in Action had expressed their gratitude, a large amount went to the Foodbank and 3 families were supported by Sister Catherine. A small amount remains which will be taken to Faith in Action. £10 was passed to Sr. Catherine.

Another year we might consider asking Canon if we could take items straight to the Hall and sort them there immediately and move the majority on quickly. It is too much to sort and house in one home.

Holocaust Memorial Service: Four of us attended and were very impressed, the service commemorated recent genocides as well as the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Teresa will send a short item to Talkabout, including poems read by Kings College Junior boys.

Fairtrade Sale: was well supported and more than £240 taken, (double last year). Unfortunately the heating in the Church Hall was left on. It was agreed that a donation of £25 be made to the Parish towards expenses and as a gesture of 'justice'. **Action: Liam** It was noted that the diocese wishes to become a Fairtrade Diocese, and we are listed as one of the parishes which holds this status.

End Hunger Fast: This is an ecumenical and multi faith Lenten campaign to end hunger in Britain. Individuals and congregations are invited to fast during Lent as a witness to and protest against the realities of hunger in this country. They suggest various ways of fasting and publicising the campaign. We would look at the website www.endhungerfast.co.uk and look for a poster to display on our noticeboard and/or item for the newsletter.

Ethical actions –

- April:** Buy Fairtrade Chocolate for Easter
- May:** Use natural cleaning products, e.g. clear vinegar or bicarbonate of soda
- June:** Walk to Church,

Charity of the Year: Mark had visited **The Passage** and been very impressed. We could help them not only by fundraising but also collecting food, clothes or by volunteering. It was unanimously agreed to support them this year. Mark to bring more information to the next

meeting. Cathie & Sheila also have a friend who volunteered there and could talk to us about the organisation.

Relaunch of Group: Bishop Tripp will talk to Terry Brown about a speaker to address Masses one Sunday, with a view to a follow up meeting the following week. If we are to involve younger working people, we will need a larger membership so that the commitment is not too heavy.

Treasurer's report: £162.15

A.O.B. Mary's Meals: Christine will liaise with Mary's Meals and Beryl about the collection of the Backpack items from her home.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 7th Mar at 10.30 am at St John the Divine
and at 8pm at Wimbledon Methodist Church.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th March at 8.00 pm

Chair: Beryl

Minutes: Mark

Venue: Sheila's

Meditation: Teresa

Grace was said