

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 8:00pm

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Beryl Shannon (Chair), Fr. Matthias, Cathie Honour, Sheila Johnstone, Peter Nash, Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Teresa Pollard

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Liam read Lead Kindly Light by Cardinal Newman

Beryl welcomed all to the meeting, especially Fr. Matthias and Peter. It was good to see so many.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: Saturday/Sunday 14/15 November

Liam summarised the reasons for sending cards to those in prison or persecuted for their faith. He has bought 200 small cards, which Julie has addressed, including information about the person concerned. More information can be found at <http://www.csw.org.uk/connectencourage.htm>

The following will distribute cards before Mass this weekend:

Sat.	6 pm:	Liam, Barbara & Peter
Sun.	8 am:	Beryl
	9.30	Barbara & Julie
	11.00	Cathie & Sheila
	6.30	Mark & Julie

Peace Service – Friday 1st January @ 7.30 pm

Fr. Matthias has agreed to lead the service. Cathie has ordered copies of the Pax Christi notes for Peace Sunday. The Pope's theme for 2016 is “**Overcome indifference and win peace**”. When the booklets arrive Cathie, Liam & Beryl will meet with Fr. Matthias to plan the service. The liturgy booklet is now available at <http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/>
Beryl will contact Churches Together to invite them
Julie will contact Margaret Redding for the refreshments.
Cathie also has bought some cards to distribute.

Homelessness Collection 2016

Homelessness Sunday is 24th January. Beryl will ask Canon Acton if we can hold our annual collection for the homeless and needy that weekend and if not one of the following weekends. Also if we can use the Church Hall as last year to sort the collection.

Annual Report to Parish Council

Mark will write the report of our main achievements in 2015 and plans for 2016. This is required by mid November. Julie will send Mark suggested bullet points and he will write up and send to Peter Gunn.

Communications: John will continue to update the web site as requested. Mark will contact all those on the mailing list and appeal for someone to help with the Twitter and Facebook accounts. He will also include this appeal in the Annual Report. It was agreed that this is the way forward for communication but none of us has the skill.

Group Study Topic – Laudato Si

It has been suggested that we use this as our study topic. Cathie had found a guide to Laudato Si on the Columban Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation site: <http://www.columbans.co.uk/what-we-do/mission-in-britain/justice-peace-ipc/>

And also a detailed analysis of the document on: <http://www.thinkingfaith.org/search-results/content?fulltext=laudato+si&category=All>

Refugees;

Beryl had written to Archbishop Peter Smith for advice on how to help refugees in Calais. He had referred her to Seeking Sanctuary who can be contacted via CSAN (the Catholic Social Action Network) website www.csan.org.uk where there are instructions on how to contribute and to Kenneth Roberts at the Southwark Justice & Peace office. Beryl will research these options with a view to choosing a refugee charity as our Charity of the Year.

Treasurer's report: Following purchase of the Christmas cards and before tonight's collection the funds were £126.20. Liam wished to resign as treasurer, Mark agreed to take on the responsibility.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 December at 8.00 pm
Venue: Sheila's

Grace was said