

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 8:00pm

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Sheila Johnstone, Cathie Honour, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Beryl Shannon, Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden, Teresa Pollard,

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Sheila read a prayer from the Celtic Wheel of Prayer

Informing ourselves: We read and discussed Chapter One of the Laudato Si Study Guide, What is Happening to our Common Home.

The Study Guide is very practical and user friendly. We would like to share this with parishioners so Julie will send the introduction and Chapter One to Talkabout.

For next month all should read the Study Guide Chapter Two, and if possible the encyclical Chapter Two. All can be found at <http://columban.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Laudato-Si-Study-and-Action-Guide-by-Columban-Center-for-Advocacy-and-Outreach.pdf>

Informing others:

Peace Service – Friday 1st January @ 7.30 pm

It was generally agreed that the Peace Service had been very successful. Many thanks to Fr. Matthias for leading it so sympathetically. Thanks also to the Guides who read extremely well. Beryl and John's sharing of experiences had also been appreciated.

Homelessness Collection 2016 23/24th January

A notice has been sent to the newsletter for next week, there is also information on our noticeboard. The following will collect after Mass that weekend:

Sat. 6 pm:	Peter, Teresa
Sun 8 am	Julie & Beryl
9.30 am	Barbara & Liam
11 am	Cathie & Christine
6.30 pm	Mark & Julie

The Scouts will help with the collection and with carrying goods to the Hall after Mass. Julie will make notices as last year so that things can be sorted as we go along. Julie will ask Sister Catherine for a list of those she would like to help.

Monday 25th at 9.30 am. As many as possible will meet in the Hall to make up the donations for the various charities. If possible parcels for the Foodbank and Sister Catherine will be distributed that morning. (Foodbank is open from 12 noon)

Christian Care would like to receive goods on Tuesday morning, about 10.30.

Faith in Action is open on Wednesday from 10 to 3.

Julie will check with David Poole that he can help with the distribution that week. Julie will ask Canon Acton if we can keep some goods in a corner of the Hall until they can be moved on. If not Sheila offers her conservatory.

Fairtrade fortnight: 29 February - 13 March

Julie will ask Barbara & Liam to liaise with the Canon about holding a sale one Sunday morning, and to contact Anne Towner to see if she is willing to do this. We should get a poster for the noticeboard about Fairtrade fortnight and make sure we have posters to encourage people to go to the hall after Mass.

Refugees;

The Southwark Justice & Peace Commission Winter newsletter had very interesting articles about Aid to the Church in Need and the Jesuit Refugee Service. It was agreed that we should make a decision about the Charity of the Year at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: Not available

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th February at 8.00 pm

Venue: Cathie's

Meditation: Teresa

We will hold our postponed celebration after the meeting. All to bring something small to share.

Grace was said