

## Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

### Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 8:00pm

**Venue:** 30 Eastway

**Present:** Sandra & Mike Carolan, Fr. Matthias, Viera Hamid, Peter Nash, Hazel Pucino, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Julie Sheahan,

**Apologies:** Fr. Uche, Mark Eaden, Barbara and Liam Harnett, Sheila Johnstone,

**Minutes:** Julie

**Welcome:** We welcomed Viera and Hazel to the meeting. Two other potential new members, Effie and Anne sent apologies and hope to come next time.

**Meditation:** Beryl chose the lovely hymn "Brother, Sister, let me serve you", which led to many reflections.

**Informing ourselves and others:** We read and discussed Chapter Five of the Laudato Si Study Guide, "Lines of Approach and Action"

We agreed that we need to keep up pressure on our political representatives to carry out the promises they have made at Climate Change Summits.

We also discussed ways we can carry out and promote small changes to help the environment and agreed the following "ethical actions:"

June: When eating outside, take your litter home to recycle

July: Switch car engine off when stationary

For next month all should read the Study Guide Chapter Six, and if possible the encyclical Chapter Six. 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>

### Activities:

**Food Collection:** Although the food collection was not in the newsletter, Scouts, Guides and the Primary School had advertised it and the response was excellent. David Poole took a very full car-load to Wimbledon Foodbank on Monday.

The collection next month, 4/5<sup>th</sup> June, will be for Christian Care, Julie will ask them for a shopping list which will be advertised in the newsletter and on the board. Teresa will invite Sister Catherine to take items from the collection to needy families she visits.

Sophie had sent information about possible collection crates; with Father Uche's permission we propose to buy the smaller one (approx. 30" x 18") and a display card for the Church.

We could also buy one for the presbytery if Father Uche wishes. Father Matthias took the information to show Father Uche.

**Fairtrade Sale:** In Barbara's absence there was no further news.

### Charity of the Year – Jesuit Refugee Service

Beryl is writing up JRS and Merton Refugee Service and Merton Against Trafficking for the next issue of Talkabout (copy due end of May).

We are also urged to keep up pressure on our MPs for Britain to accept unaccompanied child refugees.

### Communications:

We have a website: <http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>, kindly maintained by John Golden. All are urged to look at it regularly.

18 months ago Mark set up Facebook and Twitter accounts:

Facebook: SJF Justice and Peace

Twitter: @sjfJusticePeace

These seem to have been suspended through lack of use. Sandra and Hazel will see if they can reactivate them. Mark may need to do this.

**Future Plans:**

Sandra offered to host a **Coffee Morning** in Summer, health permitting. Beryl will ask Jesuit Refugee Service for information leaflets. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

**Any Other Business:** Sandra had contacted YMCA to ask about the Night Shelter but the relevant person was not there and did not return her call. Julie had spoken to a trustee of the project who will give us further information and could come and talk to us if we wish. He suggested we might offer to support another Church such as St Winefride's.

**Treasurer's report:** None

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm  
Venue: 30 Eastway  
Chair: Beryl  
Meditation: Teresa  
Minutes: Julie

Grace was said.

We thanked Sandra and Mike for their excellent hospitality.