

## Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

### Minutes of meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 8:00pm

**Venue:** 30 Eastway

**Present:** Sandra & Mike Carolan, Viera Hamid, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard,  
Julie Sheahan,

**Apologies:** Fr. Matthias, Barbara Harnett, Liam Harnett, Hazel Pucino, Beryl Shannon,  
Mark Eaden, Anne Tucker, Effie Rebello

#### **Merton Winter Night Shelter**

Sandra and Viera attended the training which they found useful and inspiring. Sandra has helped the mosque with breakfasts, Viera has yet to be invited to St Marks.

**Christmas Cards for prisoners and those persecuted for their faith:** 300 cards were handed out, this was just the right number.

#### **Peace Service: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30 pm**

Fr Matthias, Beryl and Julie met and drafted the service.

**Readers:** Three readers are required for the first two sections and at least one for the Bidding Prayers. Mike will read and will invite Laura. Julie will ask Mark if he and Tracy might read. She will also ask Graham Bennett and possibly Sophie. Mike will provide plastic **bricks** for the Penitential Prayer and hopefully the children will "build the wall", possibly with the help of Sr. Catherine. Guides will read the First Reading.

**Stories:** Hopefully Clare Banyard will tell a story of her work with prisoners in Peru. Teresa will talk of a priest in Nigeria and Peter of Muslims in Kenya.

**Music:** Mary has confirmed she will accompany and has a copy of the service outline.

**Refreshments:** Julie will buy as in previous years and Margaret and friends will serve.

**Publicity:** Julie will send to the newsletter, hopefully for three weeks. She will also email parishes in the Deanery and Churches together in Merton Park, also St Cecilia's and St Joseph's and an invitation to Canon Acton, Bishop Tripp and Fr Uche.

**Parish Advisory Council Representative.** Peter will be our representative. He will send a photo to Peter Gunn.

#### **Merton Priory Peace Centre**

This was mentioned at the Parish AGM. Peter will meet with Father David in the New Year to discuss the way forward, he will also be invited to talk to the Deanery group, Churches together in Merton Park and the Interfaith Forum. Plans for the Priory, including a garden, can be seen at <http://www.mertonpriory.org/>

**Food Collection:** The December collection for Christian Care was very good and thanks were expressed. In January we will collect on 7/8<sup>th</sup> January for Faith in Action. This fits with Homeless Sunday in January.

**Future topics:** Peter introduced the Louise Casey report and its background. A copy of the 'short summary' is attached. We should read this for discussion in January.

**Treasurer's report:** We have £206.55. Sandra will give £81 to Liam for Christmas cards.

**Any Other Business:** We will collect used **stamps** for Jesuit Missions after Christmas. Julie will send a note to the newsletter.

We need to choose a new Charity of the Year for 2017, possibly an overseas one. Julie will ask Marie Bullard about the Justice and Peace leaflet.

**Web site:** John Golden keeps this updated. New members are invited to send John a passport size photo, together with a few words expressing their justice and peace ideals, see <http://www.sif-justiceandpeace.org.uk/jp16/members.php> for ideas and to check you have done this!! Send to John at [jeg245@talktalk.net](mailto:jeg245@talktalk.net)  
We are invited to consider a logo for the group.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.00 pm  
Venue: 30 Eastway

Meditation: Peter

We enjoyed Christmas fare and thanked Sandra and Mike for their warm hospitality.