

Minutes of meeting: 10th January 2017 at 8:00pm

Venue: 30 Eastway

Present: Sandra & Mike Carolan, Peter Nash, Gloria Paszek, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Marie

Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Barbara Harnett, Liam Harnett, Hazel Pucino, Julie Sheahan, Viera

Meditation: Beryl read the hymn 877 and a nice discussion about love followed it.

Louise Casey report/Oath of Allegiance: We discussed the Louise Casey report and decided to talk again in the next meeting and come out with an action plan.

Food Collection: The collection on the weekend 04/03 will be for Christian Care. Some of the items needed are:

Cooking oil  
Tinned tuna  
Chick peas  
Pasta sauce

Volunteers to carry donations to the presbytery are:

6:00 pm Saturday – Teresa  
8:00 am – Peter and Beryl  
9:30 am – Mike and Sandra  
11:00 am – Mike and Sandra  
6:30 pm – volunteers required

Fairtrade Fortnight: 27 February – 12 March: Sandra meant to send the details of someone who might be able to help to Julia. (it was eventually sent)

We agreed to put a poster on the notice board about the church being a fair trade parish.

Teresa will e-mail the parish regarding a poster for the fair-trade fortnight.

Charity of the Year 2017: Hope for Justice was mentioned in the meeting again and we decided to make contact with Merton Against Traffic (run by the Salvation Army) and then make a decision in the next meeting.

Merton Priory Peace Centre: Peter is waiting to hear from Fr. David when he and others can meet to present the project. It was suggested that we invite him for the next meeting to discuss the project. Beryl would speak/invite him.

Refugee week: What can the parish do to help? Southwark Parish took a refugee family under the scheme for Syrian refugees. The scheme was discussed and Marie informed us that the house in Southwark was donated. Counselling and language course are some of the requirements in order to provide a family with a home.

We should all write to our MPs to ask them to take more refugees, specially kids with relatives in the UK.

Seeking Sanctuary is a small charity that helps to promote awareness and provide humanitarian assistance to refugees. We could get some ideas from there and Gloria will try and find it out.

Treasurer's report: The bag was passed around and a full report will be given in the next meeting.

Any Other Business: No other business was discussed.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 8.00 pm  
Venue: 30 Eastway  
Meditation: Beryl

We thanked Sandra and Mike for their warm hospitality.