

**Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group**

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**Minutes of meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8:00pm**

**Venue:** 30 Eastway  
**Present:** Sandra Carolan, Liam Harnett, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan,  
**Apologies:** Fr. Matthias, Mike Carolan, Viera Hamid, Barbara Harnett, Gloria Paszek, Hazel Pucino, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon,

**Meditation:** Julie read a modern translation of Matthew 20 1-16, the story of the labourers in the vineyard, which led to an interesting discussion of a Fair wage, and fairness in the workplace.

**Food Collection:** The response to this weekend's food collection was good and David took it to Christian Care, who are very grateful. The next collection will be for Faith in Action. We will continue to advertise in the newsletter, on the noticeboard and on the website.

**Fairtrade fortnight** was advertised in the newsletter and on our website and we are encouraged in Talkabout to buy Fairtrade for Easter. When the kitchen refurbishment is complete we might have a sale in the hall. Sandra has given Julie the contact details for Celia Cviic who organises Fair Trade sales at Sacred Heart.

**Merton Priory Peace Centre:** Peter is waiting to hear from Fr. David when he and others can meet to discuss the future of the project. Julie has been invited to an Interfaith Forum at Civic Centre in April. We need to know of other Interfaith projects.

**Louise Casey report/Oath of Allegiance:** Peter had been reassured by Greg Pope, adviser to the Bishop's conference that Louise Casey's comments did not reflect Government thinking. However we need to continue to monitor what is being proposed. Liam queried whether this would affect those who work for charities such as Christian Care.

**Threat to Pharmacists:** The consultation on the proposal to oblige pharmacists to dispense drugs such as abortion inducing drugs has finished. We need to continue to monitor this.

**Christian Care:** will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. Julie will liaise with Gillian on an article for summer Talkabout. Peter had met a family supported by Christian Care since their British residence was arbitrarily removed. The story was harrowing.

**Refugee Week 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** We need to make ourselves aware of any activities organised by Merton Welcomes Refugees, Peter will check he has the contact details of the Salvation Army rep who spoke at the Autumn Conference. Marie has passed to Julie a booklet on welcoming refugees, we need to be informed of activities in our borough.

**Charity of the Year 2017:** Julie has sent a short article about Merton Against Trafficking and Hope for Justice to Talkabout. Beryl to update us at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** Sandra paid Liam £81 for Christmas cards. She will circulate the accounts.

**Any Other Business:** Marie Bullard has provided copies of the Justice and Peace leaflet, which outlines what Justice and Peace is. Julie will place one on the noticeboard.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8.00 pm  
Venue: 30 Eastway

Meditation: Teresa

We thanked Sandra for her warm hospitality.