



## Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

**Minutes of meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8:00pm**

**Venue:** 30 Eastway

**Present:** Mike Carolan, Sandra Carolan, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan,

**Apologies:** Fr. Matthias, Viera Hamid, Barbara Harnett, Liam Harnett, Teresa Pollard, Hazel Pucino,

**Meditation:** Julie led a meditation on the day's gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16, "You are the salt of the earth"

**Parish Advisory Council:** Peter attended the recent meeting. The PAC Chairman has asked that representatives seek ways to "reach out" to parishioners. We need to tell people about our meetings and our activities, mention the Justice and Peace group when promoting the Food Collection. We might consider asking for copies of the J & P leaflet for each parishioner, or reproducing this in Talkabout.

**Merton Listening Project:** This is being organised by Citizens UK including the Salvation Army. They aim to gain responses from 4,000 people, (5% of the Merton population) on what they would like to see in Merton. The project is being sponsored by several Merton Churches. We are all encouraged to print off copies of the questionnaire, attached to these minutes <http://www.rpcc.co>, ask our friends and neighbours to fill it in, and return to Nick Coke at The Salvation Army - Raynes Park Community Church, 496 Kingston Road, London SW20 8DX [Nick.Coke@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:Nick.Coke@salvationarmy.org.uk),

If the questionnaire is used at groups such as the Knitting Circle, Coffee after Mass, the papers should be kept together in a labelled envelope to return to Nick Coke.

**Promoting Family Values:** This was one of the areas identified by the Bishops of England and Wales before the elections. Stephen Hammond (re-elected for Wimbledon) has stated that he will support anyone having difficulty with benefit claims. Julie will share this information with Christian Care.

### **MyRaynesPark Festival - June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

A supply of booklets detailing the events of the festival is available in the church. There are several very interesting meetings, including lecture by Ann Morisy on 'The Divided Kingdom' at Sacred Heart Church Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30.

### **Community Sponsorship Information Evening, Wednesday 14th June, 6.30-8pm at The Salvation Army, 109 Kingston Road, Merton Park, London SW19 1LT**

The Salvation Army has sponsored a family to resettle in Merton.

They are hosting an information event on 14 June to share their experience of the scheme and hopefully encourage other local community and faith organisations to follow their lead and sponsor a family. Julie and Peter plan to attend.

### **Charity of the Year – Merton Against Trafficking**

Julie will invite Kerry Coke to our July or September meeting to tell us more about this project.

**Group Logo:** John Golden has done further work on a logo, specific to our group. Members liked the square version, shown above, with the name of the parish, and of the group shown in full. This can now be used on group promotion etc.

**Any Other Business:** Julie reported that Christian Care, with whom the group has always had close connections, has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is a fantastic achievement and well earned recognition of all their work.

**Treasurer's report:** We have £138.00

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 pm  
Venue: 30 Eastway  
Meditation: Sandra  
Chair: Teresa

We thanked Sandra and Mike for their warm hospitality, despite building work.