



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Beryl Shannon, Viera Hamid, Marie Bullard

Meditation: Julie read a commentary on last Sunday's gospel, the curing of the leper, meditating on who we "treat as a leper" in our community.

Food Collections: The collection for the Foodbank was good. It was suggested that we give a little more information about Christian Care and Faith in Action in the newsletter, as people are less familiar with these charities. John has made a big new poster, which we will display the week before in Church. We might be able to display a similar, smaller, poster in the hall.

Peace Service: Pax Christi acknowledged our generous gift and sent membership information. Sandra shared the photo of the children at the service.

Visit my Mosque: We are invited by Morden Islamic Community Centre to visit their mosque at 116 London Road, Morden, SM4 5AX (site of The Crown), on Sunday 18th February from 12 to 4 pm.

Fairtrade Fortnight - Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March
Anne Towner will come and facilitate a sale in the Hall after 9.30 and 11.00 Mass on **Sunday 4th March**. Mike and Peter will come to the hall at 8.45 to help set up. Sandra will help sell after 9.30 Mass and Julie after 11.00. People will also be encouraged to have coffee.

Ethical Actions:

February: Add another Fairtrade item to your shopping

March: Buy Fairtrade chocolate for Easter

April: Buy and use a reusable coffee cup

Charity of the Year 2018: St Anthony's School for Deaf Children in Uganda.
Father Matthias has returned from Uganda with photos of the school and children. He has written an article about the school, which John has published on our website with all the photos, and which will also be published in Talkabout, with fewer photos. <http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>

Overview and Scrutiny Panel: We have been invited by Merton Council to submit suggestions for issues affecting local people to be reviewed by Merton Overview and Scrutiny panel. After some discussion of Support for the Disabled and a Fair Day's Pay, we agreed to suggest Air Quality and the problems caused by increased traffic, especially around new retail developments.

Treasurer's report: We circulated the bag.

Any Other Business: Teresa shared with us a very interesting article about how Cardinal Vincent Nichols presented to Pope Francis a report on Trafficking in UK entitled "**Slaves in our Streets**" compiled by Evening Standard. The article can be read at: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/modern-slavery/pope-francis-gives-thanks-for-the-evening-standard-s-slavery-report-a3765566.html> and the report at: <http://santamartagroup.com/slaves-on-our-streets/>

Julie reminded all of **Women's World Day of Prayer** on Friday 2nd March at 11 am at Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, and 8 pm at Wimbledon Salvation Army (next to the Fire Station). She stressed that **all** our welcome, women, men and children. The topic is All God's Creation is Very Good, echoing Laudato Si.

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 8.00 pm
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Meditation: Beryl
Chair: Teresa

We prayed for sick group members, their families and friends. Grace was said.
Many thanks to Sandra and Mike for their hospitality.