



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Father Hyacinth, Deacon Tom, Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Teresa Pollard, Peter Nash, Beryl Shannon, Julie Sheahan,
Chair: Teresa
Minutes: Julie

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Peter read a very moving story from the Cafod Advent calendar based on Matthew 18: 12-14 "It is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost" telling the story of a mother who fled Boko Haram but lost her children on the way to safety. Fortunately a neighbour looked after the children.

We discussed the idea of adding prayers for specific countries in the bidding prayers and newsletter each month starting with Britain, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia in January.

Reports: Christmas cards for prisoners: All 300 cards were handed out with many people expressing appreciation of this now regular activity.

Food collection: The Christmas hamper collection for Christian Care was very well supported with many very generous donations, for which Christian Care have expressed much gratitude.

Red Wednesday has been written up in Talkabout

Future events:

Peace Service 1st January 7.30 pm

Theme: 'Good politics is at the service of peace'

Five members met to plan the Peace Service. Fr. Hyacinth will look for readers of the bidding prayers amongst the Youth Group. We agreed to add a Hail Mary at the end of the prayers and to use the response: Lord Hear us, Lord Graciously Hear us.

Julie will contact Mary Farrell to check she can lead the hymns and give her the programme.

We will ask Melissa to make 60 copies of the service outline, final prayer and Great things happen.

We will advertise the service in the newsletter the next three weekends.

Peace Sunday: This will be advertised in the newsletter on 13th and 20th January. We will again use the bidding prayers as in the Pax Christi booklet. There will be a visiting Holy Ghost Father that weekend and Fr Hyacinth will ask him to mention Peace Sunday.

Charity of the Year 2019

Several members have been moved by stories of homelessness among the young. We agreed to support and promote **Depaul UK**, who work with young people experiencing homelessness and have a number of projects in London and the South East. Group members will research their activities.

Ethical activities January – March 2019 have been advertised in Talkabout. We will need to plan activities for April to June in February.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: £68. Julie has spent £61.50 for cards, £7.50 for Pax Christi and has £12 in hand for Peace Service refreshments.

Any other business: Trafficking: Beryl drew our attention to an article in the Tablet about trafficking. It is estimated that some 42 million people worldwide have been trafficked and/or are working as slaves. 8th February is the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patron of victims of human trafficking. We will pray for the trafficked and traffickers and publicise this information around her feast day.

Next meeting Tuesday 8th January 2019

Venue: 13 The Green

Chair:

Meditation: Teresa