



## Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

**Minutes of meeting:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.00 pm

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

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Meditation:** Teresa read from Raniero Cantalamessa on the Baptism of Christ. This led to much discussion on Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

### Peace Service 1st January

The Peace Service was well attended with visitors from St James' and Sacred Heart amongst others. It was well received, if a little long. Fewer people joined us for refreshments. We thanked Fr Hyacinth for leading the service and for his thoughtful insight into 'Good Politics' and especially Nigeria. Thanks also to John for putting photos on the website so promptly.

For future services thought needs to be given to whether a homily is included depending on the readings and the intention. The text of readings by young people needs to be carefully chosen so that these are not over-demanding and are clearly heard. Although Fr Hyacinth was the ideal person to reflect on politics and Nigeria, the person leading the experience and thoughts on the topic should preferably not be the celebrant.

**Peace Sunday:** This has been advertised in the newsletter. There will be a visiting Holy Ghost Father that weekend and Fr Hyacinth will ask him to mention Peace Sunday. There will be a prayer at the end of Mass, which will be included in the newsletter. Fr Hyacinth will also check that Peace Sunday is included in the Bidding Prayers.

### Charity of the Year 2019

Fr Matthias has received a request from The Passage to hold an appeal in the parish one weekend. We recommend that he agree to this, and we will make The Passage our Charity of the Year. Paddy Beynon is writing an article on the Knitting Group and their support for the Homeless.

### Use of the Hall

John Golden, chair PAC, had asked us to consider whether we might offer to open the Hall on half a day a week for refugees/lonely people/ English classes. The Justice and Peace group do not have the resources to facilitate this. It is also questionable whether we are in the right location for these groups.

### Fairtrade Fortnight: 25 February – 10<sup>th</sup> March

We will advertise this in the newsletter and place a poster on our notice board.

The poster in the kitchen needs to be replaced.

We will also write an article in Talkabout, reminding parishioners that we are a "Fairtrade Parish".

**Ethical activities** January – March 2019 have been advertised in Talkabout. Suggestions for the future:

**April:** Buy Fairtrade Chocolate for Easter,

**May:** Only buy what you need, use a shopping list

**June:** Save Water – suggestion from Thames Water to be added.

**Treasurer's report:** Current balance: £102.25.

£100 was collected at the Peace Service and sent to Pax Christi.

**Any other business:**

Beryl has read an article on new immigration rules and the Church's attitude. She will bring this for the meditation next month.

Fr. Hyacinth asked for prayers for Nigeria. We said the Prayer against Bribery and Corruption before reciting the Grace.

We thanked Fr Hyacinth for coming to our meetings, on his day off.

**Next meeting** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Venue: 13 The Green

Chair: Tom

Meditation: Beryl