



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 8.00 pm

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Peter read a passage from Ezekiel on the flowing water teeming with fish, this contrasted with the situation in Bangladesh where there are virtually no fish in the rivers. This led to discussion of environmental issues and the urgent need for all to take action, big or small.

Food Collection: We received a note of thanks from Wimbledon Foodbank and their newsletter highlighting that donations are down while the need is greater than ever. The Parish have offered to leave a box at the back of the church all the time and to highlight the need in the newsletter, mentioning that those who shop in Waitrose and Tesco can leave donations in the baskets there. We will also publish their newsletter in Talkabout. We will also copy the newsletter to St John Fisher School for their information. Action: Julie

Churches Together Service: Three members of the group attended and all praised the service. However there were only 40 to 50 people there. Speakers talked of the work of Christian Care and Christian Aid, with slides to illustrate. Gillian Thick from Christian Care will speak at all Masses probably on 13/14 July. Neither Fr Matthias nor Tom will be there. Tom will consider how Justice and Peace might help.

Spring Assembly of Southwark Justice and Peace takes place this Saturday 18th May at St Mary's West Croydon with talks on Tackling Poverty in the Diocese. Unfortunately no-one is able to go. It was noted that St Mary's is easy to access from West Croydon tram stop.

Climate change: Cafod campaign, John will choose a picture from the Cafod campaign to place on our web site Home Page, highlighting the need to avoid food waste.

Ethical actions:

July: Use last year's summer wear

August: Take you own lunch to work

September: Don't replace working items

Charity of the Year 2019 – The Passage

Julie will use the Easter newsletter to write an article.

Teresa will check whether there is a summer concert.

Unlock London walk: Visitors to the parish donated almost £300. We will support John's recommendation that the money be sent to The Passage.

John said that some parishioners had suggested we organise a local walk. There was some discussion of whether this would be around Merton Park Churches or Churches in the deanery, and whether it should be a sponsored walk. It was decided to think about this and return to it another time.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: £129. No expenditure.

Any Other Business: Julie had received a card from Cathie Honour, who is well and active, follows our activities and sends her best wishes to all. We were so pleased to hear from her.

Next meeting Tuesday 11th June 2019

Venue: 13 The Green

Chair: Peter

Meditation: Beryl