



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 9th July 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,
Apologies: John Golden
Chair: Mike
Minutes: Julie

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Fr. Hyacinth brought the first chapter of the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, focussing on all we have to be grateful to God for. This led to interesting reflections.

Report from Parish Council: Peter reported that at the Parish Advisory Council meeting, John Golden, the Chair, has proposed setting up a range of working groups including one on Charitable Outreach, building on the work of the Justice and Peace group. We will include this on the agenda for our September meeting, when John can explain his ideas.

Report on Persecution of Christians: The Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, commissioned a report, led by the Bishop of Truro, on the persecution of Christians worldwide. This has found that one in three people suffer from religious persecution. Christians were the most persecuted religious group. The report can be read at:

<https://christianpersecutionreview.org.uk/storage/2019/05/interim-report.pdf>

We should inform ourselves on this issue.

Aid to the Church in Need have published a recent bulletin on Persecution of Christians in Nigeria, together with prayer cards. Teresa will see if she can get copies of the prayer cards. We will write up information on individual countries and people to pray for as preparation for our Christmas cards in November.

Other worthwhile sites are: <https://acnuk.org/> and <https://www.csw.org.uk/home.htm>

Both these sites stress the importance of our prayers.

We should include reports on this at each meeting.

August Mass: We are delighted that Canon Acton has agreed to celebrate Mass for us at Sandra and Mike's on Tuesday 13th August at 6 pm. We will choose readings from the Mass for Justice and Peace. As last year, each person will bring a small supper item to share. Group members are welcome to bring their families.

Ethical Activities for October to December:

October: Avoid using the car to come to Mass

November: Set heating thermostat lower

December: Keep present wrapping simple, avoid glitter and foil

Treasurer's report: Current balance: £139 – after a Mass offering

Any Other Business:

The funeral Mass for Liam Harnett is on Friday 12th July at 11 am. Most of the group plan to attend. We have also offered a Mass for him which will be said at 6.30 pm on Sunday 1st September.

Bishop Tripp has moved to St Peter's, Vauxhall, a home run by Little Sisters of the Poor. We hope he will be very happy there. We are so grateful to him for all his support for our group, and our parish, over the years. We sent a card with our best wishes.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 13th August 2019 – Mass at 6.00 pm

Venue: 13 The Green

Tuesday 10th September at 8.00 pm

Chair: Mike

Meditation: Julie

Grace was said