



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 8.00 pm

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Teresa read a passage on Creative Prayer by “Metropolitan Anthony”, a Russian Orthodox priest.

Informing Ourselves: We decided to study *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel. For the next meeting we will study the introduction, pages 7 -15. Julie will circulate before the next meeting the discussion questions from the Group Reading Guide.

Informing Others:

Parish Council Proposals: John outlined the parish priest’s hope that parishioners do more to influence parish decisions. The idea is to set up working groups, one of which would be “outreach”. John believes that the J & P group occupy this niche and could take the role. The feeling of the group was that there are many other individuals and groups that do outreach work: the SVP, Missio, Cafod, Faith in Action, Christian Care, Marys Meals, the Knitting Group etc. The group feel unable to take on a larger role than at present.

Christmas Cards for Persecuted Christians: 300 cards have been bought, and addressed. We will cover the five Masses as follows:

Sat. 6 pm: Teresa, Sandra & Mike,

Sun 8 am: Peter & Beryl

9.30: Julie will come down before Mass, Tom & John will distribute after Mass,

11.00: Sandra & Mike will come down before 11 am Mass

6.30 Julie & Teresa

Peace Service: When the theme and Pax Christi booklets are available, a small group will meet to plan the service. Tom will circulate Churches Together in Merton Park, and Julie will contact Pat Spencer of Churches in West Wimbledon. Margaret and friends will do the refreshments. Julie will ask members of 9.30 choir if someone will help with music.

Ethical suggestions:

January: Recycle Christmas tree and wrappings, cards etc.

February: Avoid palm oil

March: Aim to eat plant based food one or two days a week.

Charity of the Year 2020: Missio will be making an appeal in the Parish on 11/12 January. This is an opportunity to launch our support of this charity and involve the wider Parish.

Any Other Business:

Food Collections: The Foodbank, now located in their new home in Elim Church in Kingston Road, wrote thanking us for the November collection.

The December appeal on 30 November/1st December will be for Christian Care Christmas hampers. Julie will send the notice to the newsletter and publish the list on our board.

Gillian of CC will be appealing at 9.30 Mass on 24 November.

Website: John urged all members to view the website. He aims to change the picture on the Home page regularly and would like suggestions. Hopefully the Peace Service will give a theme for the next few weeks.

Elections: There is no news yet of hustings in either Merton constituency. We should inform ourselves and use our vote wisely.

Treasurer's report: There was £164.15. £78 was given to Julie for Christmas cards.

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2019

Venue: 30 Eastway

Chair: Fr Hyacinth

Meditation: Study of Evangelii Gaudium