

JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2003

Present: Eliane, John, Barbara, Alan and Cathie.

Apologies: Julie Kelleher, Carol, Tom and Liam.

Chair: Eliane

Meditation: Alan

Minutes: Cathie

INFORMING OURSELVES AND OTHERS:

Minutes of previous meeting were read and agreed.

CARJ CONGRESS: Liam attended on behalf of the J&P group as did Rita D'Aguiar as the parish representative. Copies of an extract from the Charter to be distributed to all members before next meeting, for further discussion. Comments may be made as to what we might do as a follow up if needs be. As individuals we may wish to write to our MP (copy of a proposed letter is attached to the Carj report which should have reached you by now).

NEW YEARS EVE PEACE VIGIL Kirsty is working on a design for a poster to promote the Peace Service.

Liam has posted the minutes of the last meeting on our notice board.

PROCEEDS OF CANUTE'S CURRY EVENING.

Group members agreed that the £400 allocated to the J & P group should be divided equally between the Asylum Welcome and the Khana Orphans Project (Siobhan Dooley's charity) as suggested by Liam.

MERTON FAITH IN ACTION

A meeting will be held at Civic Centre on January 22 at 7-30 PM – should a representative from the Justice and Peace group attend?

This organisation could be considered for future donations.

AMNESTY

Eliane reports that particular prisoners cannot be recommended by Amnesty for individual support. Advised to consult the website where a list of prisoners is available from which individuals can be selected. When the group has decided what to do we should phone Amnesty. They will keep us informed of any developments.

John will look at the website (www.amnesty.org.uk) and report back to the next meeting.

This Amnesty project has to be given serious thought by group members before any action is undertaken. There must be total commitment to write regularly and not be half-hearted about it, or we could do more harm than good.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHRISTIAN PRISONERS.

A suggestion by Liam to send Christmas cards to one of the four Christians arrested under blasphemy legislation in Pakistan was proposed. Unfortunately, it is now too late to do this, but may be borne in mind for the future.

Treasurer's report: £93.30 in the kitty.

Next Meeting: Thurs. 8th Jan at Cathie Honour's, 75 Leamington Avenue.

Minutes: John

Meditation: Julie.

