

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 9.30 am
In the Presbytery

Chair: Barbara

Present: Marie Bullard, Christine Davis, Barbara Harnett, Tom Kavanagh, Teresa Pollard, Margaret Redding, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Karen Cornwall, Peter Nash,

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Christine read Fr Denis McBride's Easter Sunday sermon from Seasons of the Word, considering the reactions of the disciples to Christ's death and resurrection.

Let Us Dream: We discussed the final pages of Let us Dream, actions small and bigger that we might make.

For next time we will consider a future topic for study. Marie suggested we might look at Pope Francis' film: The Letter, which is available on the Vatican website and has study resources.

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/> We should look at this before the next meeting and come with feedback.

Food Collections: The collection for Faith in Action was well supported. Christine took her very full car to Faith in Action where it was gratefully received.

Next month we collect for Wimbledon Foodbank on 6/7th May. **Julie** will check whether the Foodbank store will be open on Monday 8th; otherwise we will have to move the collection before the Parish Coronation party.

Mary's Meals

Envelopes are available in Church for foreign currency and will be collected next weekend. Melissa will not send off the donations immediately in case there are further donations.

Website: Melissa has copied the Justice and Peace website on to the Parish website. It can now be accessed via the link above, or by going to the Parish website, and clicking on Justice and Peace under Pastoral Activities. Melissa is willing to update the site and include the latest minutes. **Julie** will send her updates on members. We will look at what else needs updating.

Palestine/Israel: a parishioner, Declan Hickey, had suggested we might invite Cheryl Kipping, an Ecumenical Accompanier (EA) serving on the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) to speak about her experiences.

Tom will contact Cheryl to invite her to speak to parishioners.

Caritas Southwark has launched, primarily to support Charities working in the diocese. They will work alongside the Justice and Peace Commission. We will wait for more information.

Treasurer's report – £151.45, there was no expenditure

Any Other Business: Christine attended the Aid to the Church in Need Lenten service at St Patrick's Soho, it was very beautiful.

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Meditation: Teresa

Apologies: Barbara, Christine

Grace was said