

# Justice and Peace Meeting

**10 November 2005 Held at 245 Cannon Hill Lane**

**Present:** John, Barbara, Julia, Liam, Kirsty, Cathie

**Apologies:** Julie K, Carol.

**Meditation:** Cathie

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were two minor amendments  
The adult admission price for the Multi-Cultural evening was to be £3, not £2 as minuted.  
The current balance was £101.67, not £106

## Matters arising:

Nothing was raised.

## Informing Ourselves:

Nothing noteworthy since the last meeting.

## Informing others

Items placed on the notice board:

*Immigration, asylum and nationality bill 2005 : key issues and concerns* (Briefing from the Refugee Council Sept 2005)

*Joint response to the Home Office consultation on exclusion or deportation from the UK on non-conductive grounds.* (Submitted on behalf of the Refugee Council and other agencies) – NB None of us knew what “non-conductive” means!

## Events.

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING. This had been held as planned. Not as well supported as in previous years. More acts. Still too long overall. New radio mikes and lighting equipment were used. Takings would not cover the total cost (which include the sound equipment but exclude the lighting equipment). Liam said he would use all the accumulated fund and would then underwrite the net loss.

Possible reasons for poor attendance were: overlong in the past, lack of advertising effect of advance ticket sales, cyclical variation in people's wish to attend, Mary Farrell's inability to help following her father's death in Ireland. The programme was printed at about 2:00 on the day but the list of acts and their sequence changed even after that. Accepting that the event is good for the Parish we questioned whether we were achieving our narrow aim of promoting multiculturalism and whether even that fell within the overall aims of the group. John agreed to put some pictures of the event on the J&P notice-board. Agreed that a start time of 7:15 would be achievable and would suit 6:00 Mass-goers.

EXTERNAL EVENTS. No one had attended the J&P commission meeting in October or the Trade Justice Lobby in November.

ONE WORLD WEEK. Apart from the M-C evening Liam had arranged bidding prayers in various languages. We had had : 6:00: none; 8:00: Irish; 9:30: Spanish; 11:00: French, Konkani, Caribbean English and Yoruba; 6:30: none. One had volunteered at very short notice.

PRISONERS' WEEK. Clare Banyon will be discussing this with the Canon.

PEACE SERVICE. Liam had not been able to prepare an alternative form for the service so we will use the former one. Agreed that we should invite The Churches which form "Churches Together in Merton Park", Sacred Heart, St Winefrieds, St Teresa's and Bishop Tripp. Other Churches would be asked to provide speakers/readers at points indicated in the invitation. John will check on the probable position of the Christmas Crib (to allow for use of the J&P notice board), Margaret Redding has agreed to do refreshments after, as in the past, Barbara will ask Tim and Maggie Hayes whether they are willing to support the music. We agreed that there would be no collection.. Subject to board availability, Kirsty will produce a poster. Agreed to discuss Presidency with Deacon Tom Kavanagh.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY. We agreed, subject to approval, to collect goods etc on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. A notice in "Talkabout" would be helpful.

**Other business** Treasurer reported a balance of £105 (which would be wiped out by the costs of the sound equipment for the N-C evening).

We noted the plight of Christians in Lahore and accepted the need to write to President Musharraf.

Kirsty had raised £100 for "Project Peru" through a sponsored run.

A meeting at Epsom was mentioned, details later discovered were:

Speaker: Kevin Burr, "head of the Justice and Peace Commission"

Date: this Thursday, 17th November

Time: 8:00 (probably preceded by coffee and biscuits)

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Epsom. (For any one who doesn't know, this is the new St Josephs in St Margaret's Drive sort of opposite Epsom Hospital just out on the Dorking Road - not the old one in town).

Contact: Paul Gruzalski 01372 278 692 (to check address, ask advice on navigation and notify of likely attendance)

**Next Meeting** to be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Liam's. Bring nibbles or a bottle.

**Meditation** : Kirsty

**Minutes**: Julia

The meeting ended with the grace.

These notes taken by John