

ST JOHN FISHER JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Meeting held on 21st November 2007

Venue: Julie Kelleher, 10 Bradbury Court
Present: Julie K. Bishop Tripp, Kirsty, John, Julie S, Cathie
Apologies: Tom, Barbara, Liam
Meditation: Julie S
Minutes: Cathie.

Following our prayer and meditation, we welcomed Bishop Tripp to the meeting.

INFORMING OURSELVES

The ethical activity suggested last month was to “consider changing our electricity suppliers to a more ethical company “. Most members had failed to follow this up as they were unsure how to judge or to locate a suitable service provider. We will postpone this task to a later date when we may feel better informed on the issue.

This month we agree to use only recyclable paper for Christmas wrapping, and in particular to avoid using metallic paper. This advice may also be placed in the parish newsletter and in Talkabout.

Prisoners of Conscience – the parish event will be postponed until Easter as we have run out of time to do anything before Christmas. However, group members may wish to send cards to prisoners individually. For those members who wish to do so, Kirsty has a book “Christian Solidarity Worldwide” (an address book for the persecuted church) which she will circulate.

INFORMING OTHERS

Homeless Sunday 27th January – a food collection held at all Masses, supervised by a rota of group members.

Charity of the Year: Three charities with parish links have been suggested for this coming year; a clinic run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in South Africa; a health clinic for Aids patients in S. Africa (where parishioner Siobhan Dooley is employed) and “Concerned Christians” a small charity run by Michael Dennehy (whose daughter is also in this parish) working in S. African townships. John and Kirsty will try to obtain more information relating to these charities by contacting the relevant people. Meanwhile, group members can give some thought to how best we can support and raise awareness of these within our parish.

Parish Council AGM 2nd December: Julie S. will cover for Kirsty who will be away from home that weekend. Kirsty has sent in her report.

J & P Website. The group viewed the web site set up by John for comments and suggested amendments. John was congratulated on the excellent job he has done. Members also promised to deliver the necessary information still required from them for completion of the data.

PLANNING ACTION

New Year Peace Service 1st January 7.30 pm:

Sister Catherine has to be notified to put this date in the liturgical diary. **Action by ?**

Mary Farrell has agreed to do the music. **Kirsty and Julie K.** will let Mary know, which hymns in due course. **Tom** had agreed to obtain a new Peace Service format. **Kirsty** will contact him to see how far he has got with this task. She will also email Jenny Cairns and invite the Sacred Heart J&P group.

Bishop Tripp will inform neighbouring parishes. **Julie S.** will see to the provisions (wine and mince pies). She will try to locate the candles to be used in the service and confirm with Kirsty. **Margaret Reading** will do the refreshments.

Kirsty will try to arrange an interim meeting as soon as possible, to include Tom, so that the final arrangements for the Peace Service can be completed.

Any Other business:

Cathie highly recommends a book called "Small Is Beautiful" by E.F. Schumacher (Published by Abacus). This book published more than thirty years ago encapsulates the spirit of "Living Simply", and it was a "best seller" in its day. A really good and thought provoking read!

Bishop Tripp's email address: www.htripp@tiscali.co.uk

Treasurer's report: A collection was taken. John will report on how much is in the kitty at next meeting.

Next Meeting - December 18th: 7.30pm

Venue: Cathie Honour, 75 Leamington Avenue (8540 5569); a short meeting and social evening will be held; members may bring nibbles.

Meeting concluded with a final Prayer and a Blessing given by Bishop Tripp.

Cathie Honour
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