

## St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 9.30 am

In the Presbytery

### Minutes

**Chair:** Peter  
**Apologies:** Margaret  
**Minutes:** Julie

**Meditation:** Stations of the Cross – Sixth Station – we discussed the meditation on the sixth station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, linking this to the work of Mother Teresa and the promise that whenever we help the most vulnerable, we are doing this to Jesus. Next month we will look at the 7<sup>th</sup> station.

**Informing Ourselves:** Love the Stranger p.11-13, members found this item challenging. Is it possible to have completely free movement of peoples and welcome everyone into more prosperous countries? Also the present visa and asylum systems tend to mean that the very poorest are least likely to be able to move. Next month we will look at part III, pages 14-16.

### Reports:

Peace Service: This was well attended and those present liked the format, four topics with a talk, a reading, a prayer and a Taizé chant for each. Socialising in the hall after and refreshments were appreciated.

Before the service, posters from the Palestine display in the narthex were removed. It is not yet known who took them.

Food Collection: The January collection for the Foodbank was excellent with two car loads and £130. The foodbank were very grateful. Thanks to Melissa for publicising this in the newsletter. Next month on 3/4<sup>th</sup> February we collect for Christian Care. Julie will contact Rehana.

### Planning

Peace Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> January, we are grateful to the clergy for publicising this and organising a collection for Pax Christi. Julie will ask Melissa if a bidding prayer for Peace is to be included, and possibly suggest one from Pax Christi. Pax Christi have several events coming up. Their newsletter is attached.

Fairtrade Fortnight – has been moved to September; we will investigate the possibility of a Fairtrade sale, Christine has a contact.

Charity of the Year 2024: After some discussion it was agreed to make Christian Care our Charity of the year for 2024. Christian Care has a new Executive Manager, Jenny Clayton, and will be fundraising this year. We might ask Jenny to write something in our parish magazine, or ask Talkabout to profile her.

### Treasurer's report: None

**Any other business:** Since the meeting Melissa has sent information about the Cafod Big Lent Walk

**Time and Place of next meeting** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 9.30 am in the Presbytery

**Chair:** Christine  
**Apologies:** Tom

Grace was said.