


# Justice and Peace Group Minutes

## 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Venue: John Golden  
 Present: Beryl, Barbara, Liam, Kirsty, Julie S, John, Sandra, Michael, Cathie  
 Apologies: Julie K, Bishop Tripp, Christine  
 Minutes: Cathie  
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 <b>Informing Ourselves</b>		
Meditation		Barbara – a thought provoking reflection on Helen Suzman and her lifelong stance against apartheid in S.A.
Discussion	We looked at 4 areas in our peace service alongside a theme, all of which are ongoing problems – how does anyone feel about talking about any of these at the start of each of the next 3/4 meetings/alternate meetings	Members agreed to read up on Zimbabwe and discuss at next meeting Also, to find out more about the G20 Summit in London on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Ethical Activities	Feb – Check your house for draughts with a ribbon or a feather. If it flutters, buy a draught excluder. March – Do a home energy check at <a href="http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk">www.energysavingtrust.org.uk</a> or call 0800 512 012 for a paper copy. You could save £250 a year on bills.	<b>CATHIE</b> to put notices up each month on notice board. Agreed: <u>April</u> : Buy FairTrade Easter chocs etc. <u>May</u> : Get a water butt for roof drainage. <u>June</u> : Make sure you are composting kitchen waste. <b>Beryl</b> will ask her great-niece to write on “recycling” for Talkabout. ( <b>Group members</b> agreed to recycle jam jars to Christine).
Homelessness Sunday	Collection before and after all services went well. We had several offers of help, including Josette, Angie and Margaret Redding. Parishoners were so generous (very little out of date and half opened packets!!). We really did have some great donations , plus generous cash donations. Sorting went extremely well and food distributed via Sr Catherine, Gillian from CC and Liam, Julie S.	Note has been put in newsletter to thank parishioners Some parishioners forgot/did not know about the food collection. Agreed in future to put notice in newsletter two weeks before with one member to be delegated to take responsibility for this.  Some people donated cash in lieu of food and this was given to Sister Catherine for her needy families.

Charity of the year	Faith In Action – Beryl is doing an article on this for Talkabout which is due out in March and Barbara has sent in a piece about the International Evening	Event booked for Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup> May in Church hall . Jenny Cairns is happy to come and do a talk at the event. People will be asked to bring a dish and be encouraged to wear national dress if possible. Canute will provide the music. John will do the tickets. Beryl will bake cakes and can provide crockery so that we can be “green” and not have throwaway items, and also find out about cutlery. At next meeting tasks will be delegated.
Fairtrade Fortnight	As we are a Fairtrade Parish we have a duty to support Fairtrade Fortnight – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Kirsty has spoken to Anne Towner, who is very kindly willing to come, as last year, to sell Fairtrade/Traidcraft products in the Church hall after 9.30 and 11.00 masses on Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March. Kirsty has yet to receive Canon’s permission for this. She will email Canon to get notice in newsletter and request announcements from the pulpit. The Fairtrade area co-ordinator is Cynthia Betts, United Reform Church.

**Any other business: CAFOD – Agreed that Tom Kavanagh to be asked to publish the amount sent from the Cafod Box at regular intervals.**

**To consider possibility of another fundraising Coffee Morning like last years and discuss at next meeting/**

**Treasurers report: £67:00**

**Final prayer:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all for evermore, Amen.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>h</sup> March, Minutes: Beryl, Meditation: Cathie, Venue: Possibly with Barbara – to be confirmed**