

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Tuesday 9th April at 9.30 am

In the Presbytery

Minutes

Chair: Teresa

Apologies: Peter

Meditation: Stations of the Cross – Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time. This was very moving. The inevitability of Christ's death, and the powerlessness of those seeing his way to the cross. The parallel with the Fall of the Twin Towers was powerful; we all remember seeing that.

Next month we look at the Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments.

Informing Ourselves: Love the Stranger p.21-24 Equality and Human Dignity. We all found it easy to agree with everything here, the dignity of all migrants, the need for decent accommodation and education and facilitating family reunification.

Next month we look at p. 26-27 on Human trafficking and slavery.

Reports:

Food Collection: Julie and Margaret collected the food at 8.30 on Monday and delivered it to the Foodbank, where it was well received, especially the bags many people had bought.

Next month we collect for Christian Care on 4/5th May. As 6th May is a Bank Holiday, Julie will check with Melissa that there is no dance class that day, and that the collection can be left in the hall until Tuesday morning. She will also check with Rehana that they can receive the collection that day.

Planning

Charity of the Year 2024 – Christian Care, we need to update the website to show this. Julie will draft something. Jenny (the new Manager) will write a piece for Talkabout in June about the Charity.

Fairtrade: We need to check special Masses in September and plan when to have a Fairtrade Sale.

Treasurer's report: £151.52

Any other business:

Elections: Cafod has published guidance on preparing for elections and how it is an ideal opportunity to promote the common good and bring attention to the injustices people are facing worldwide. See www.Cafod.org.uk

Gaza – Julie attended the memorial in Morden for the 14,500 children killed in Gaza.

Unfortunately notice of this event was very short.

Time and Place of next meeting – Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 9.30 am in the Presbytery

Chair: Christine