

Minutes of Justice and Peace Meeting
Tuesday 13 December 2011

Venue: Cathie's

Present: Barbara (Chair), Liam, Beryl, Sheila, Cathie, Christine, Bishop Tripp, Father Ignatius, Julie

Apologies: Teresa

Meditation: Beryl led a Joyful meditation on the Sunday readings

Discussion: Aid to the Church in Need. Christine summarised. We are urged to write to our MP and to Andrew Mitchell, International Development Secretary. It was suggested that we might invite our MP (s) to meet us but first we need to study our facts. All to research the persecution of Christians throughout the world and proposals to outlaw persecution of Christians.

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: This went very well and 200 cards were distributed. Many parishioners welcomed the repeat of the event. For next year, it would be a good idea to interleave the notes on each prisoner with the card when addressing them, this would make distribution much easier.

Peace Service, 2nd January at 7.30 pm:

Bishop Tripp will finish writing the service and contact individual potential readers and meditators. It would be nice to include people outside the group.

Beryl has been in touch with local churches who will publicise the event. Another year, we might try and involve them. Julie to contact St. Cecilia's.

Margaret Redding has agreed to serve mulled wine and tea & coffee, Julie will shop.

We agreed not to have a collection. We will ask Canon Acton to support the Pax Christi collection on Peace Sunday.

Food Collection for Homeless: Canon Acton has agreed to this on Sunday 29th January. Scouts have been asked to help, we need to give more information. Christine may be able to offer storage in her conservatory. Details to be agreed at next meeting.

Fair Trade Fortnight (27 February – 11 March): Canon has agreed to a sale in the hall. Barbara will contact Ann Towner to confirm the date.

Support for Peace Action (to be carried forward for discussion at future meeting)

Talk on Arrests of Palestinian Children: a petition to the UK government calling for action to prevent the destruction of Palestinian life and culture in Jerusalem was circulated and signed by several members. This can also be found at <http://www.psc.iparl.com/petition/7>

Treasurer's report: £30.30

Any Other Business: Gillian Thick in her Christian Care Christmas letter thanks our group for supporting them this year and mentions the £1000 donated by the Parish Confirmation group to Christian Care.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 January 2012

Chair: Beryl

Minutes: Barbara

Meditation: Sheila

Venue: Julie's, 85 Northway

Grace was said

We enjoyed mulled wine and refreshments. Many thanks Cathie.