

Minutes of Justice and Peace Group 17.01.12

Present: Sheila, Beryl (Chair), Cathy, Bishop Tripp, Julie, Christine and Barbara

Apologies: Liam, Teresa and Fr. Ignatius

Meditation: Sheila read a quietly powerful prayer to Jesus that focussed our thoughts for the meeting.

Discussion: Persecution of Christians: Christine and Cathy drew our attention to the book 'Persecuted and Forgotten 2011' which details incidents of Christians suffering because of their beliefs in countries around the world. A discussion about withholding aid from who countries persecute Christians raised questions about government involvement, being judgemental and fairness to the innocent in need. We will keep this discussion ongoing and Christine will write to Ann Widdecombe to express our concerns about withholding aid and ask about other means of promoting religious freedom. We will remember our persecuted brothers and sisters in our prayers.

Peace Service: Bishop Tripp thanked all who attended for their help and the group agreed that the feedback was particularly positive this year. We thanked the Bishop for planning the service and Julie will send a thank you card to Margaret for the refreshments. The Liturgical Group have suggested 31st Dec for the next Peace Service. This will not be finalised until Sept.

Food Collection for the Homeless: 28th /29th Jan.

Julie will email the Canon about putting a notice in the Newsletter

Gillian Thick will provide a list of most needed items. Goods donated will go to Christian Care, Faith in Action and Sister Catherine

Before Masses Collection Rota: 6 and 8--- Barbara,, Beryl and Liam

9.30-----Sandra and Mike

11.00-----Sheila and Cathy

6.30-----Julie

Christine offered her conservatory for storing food and the Bishop will be on duty with his car to transport goods after the 6.00 and 11.00 Masses.

Sorting food for families – Mon. Barbara and Julie

Tues. Beryl and Cathy

FairTrade Fortnight : Ann Towner will hold a sale of FairTrade goods in the church hall after 9.30 and 11.00 Masses on 26th Feb. Barbara will phone Ann to finalise details.

A notice needs to go in the newsletter for 2 weeks before the event.

Tables need to be set up before the 9.30 Mass

Support for Peace in Action: Can any of us support the group of local peace activists who hold a Peace Vigil outside St. Mark's Church Wimbledon every Friday from 6.00-7.00?

Cafod: This Lent Cafod asks us to give money for water and sanitation. From 17th Feb.- 17th May the Government will match £ for £ money given to Cafod. Beryl will look for a poster to advertise this initiative and she will also put a notice in the Newsletter and Talkabout. There needs to be a talk from the altar before Ash Wed. and Beryl will talk to the Canon about this and ask Tom to thank parishioners for their Cafod donations.

Treasure's Report: £40.50

AOB: Holocaust Memorial Day 27th Jan. There is a service at Civic Centre on 26th at 7.00p.m

Parish Council Meeting Julie has drafted a report on our recent activities and the Bishop will be our representative at the meeting..

Charity of the Year: Beryl suggested The Medaille Trust and will contact them and report back on this at the next meeting

Next Meeting----21st Feb. **Venue**----Beryl's **Minutes**-----Julie

Chair-----Cathy **Meditation**-----Sheila