

## St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am  
In the Presbytery

**Chair:** Peter

**Present:** Christine Davis, Tom Kavanagh, Barbara Harnett, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan,

**Apologies:** Margaret Redding, Marie Bullard

**Minutes:** Julie

**Meditation:** Teresa read a short piece from Pope Francis' meditation on the Our Father on the topic of forgiveness.

**Stations of the Cross:** We discussed the third station from Denis McBride's book, linking Christ's fall to the shooting of the Pope in 1981. We agreed to make this book the subject of our Meditation. For next month we will prepare the fourth station.

**Informing Ourselves:** Pope Francis is about to publish a second letter on Laudato Si and the Care of Creation. We should look out for this on the Vatican website or in The Tablet. A link will be circulated. We will discuss this, or at least the first part at our next meeting.

**Food Collections:** Rehana and Mary from Christian Care collected the foods and were very grateful. We agreed to make up 15 Christmas hampers for Christian Care in December. We received a request from the Foodbank for urgent help via a Harvest Collection. We agreed to make the October collection a Harvest collection for the Foodbank and collect for Faith in Action in November. Julie will contact Talkabout and Melissa to advertise the change.

**Palestine/Israel – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.15**

Tom has drafted a service using the WCC theme, *No place to lay my head* and the Pax Christi prayer. Julie has 100 copies of the Pax Christi prayer. He will invite Fr Francis or Fr Joseph to read the Gospel. Christine will ask Mark Lobo and Julie will ask Graham Bennett and Clare Banyard if they would be willing to read. Otherwise group members will read.

The speaker would prefer a donation to the Accompaniment Programme rather than expenses or a gift. We agreed to donate £50 and to hold a collection for the Programme.

The service will be at 7.15, followed by tea/coffee and the talk at 8 pm.

Julie will ask Melissa to advertise it on Facebook.

Julie will let Maggie and Tim know the hymns.

Margaret will organise tea and biscuits.

**Red Wednesday – 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Christine has sent an article to Talkabout. The service will be at St George's Cathedral, with Mass at 6 pm, followed by refreshments and a Talk – an update on Africa. Following this the report will be presented to Parliament. We are asked to invite our MP to attend the presentation of the report.

We will again ask the Rosary group to say the rosary for persecuted Christians on Red Wednesday and possibly ask Canute to light the church in red. To be discussed further at next meetings.

**Christmas cards for Persecuted**

We will ask if we could hand out cards on 19<sup>th</sup> November, to link with Red Wednesday. Julie has found a new place to buy the cards now Traidcraft has closed. Barbara passed Julie the latest CSW booklet. We will also ask ACN if they have contacts we can write to.

**Fundraiser for ACN – tea party**

Christine will host a tea party on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 3 – 5 pm.

**Peace Service** – We will hold our Peace Service on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January at 4 pm.

**Treasurer's report:** no report

**Any other business:**

The JPIC Autumn Assembly is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St Edmund's Church, Beckenham (poster attached). Tom will attend. Anyone else going is invited to contact Tom to travel on the tram from Merton Park.

With Traidcraft closed, Christine has a poster for Tearfund who operate from Teddington. This could be useful, especially for Fairtrade fortnight.

**Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 9.30 am in the Presbytery.

Chair: Barbara

Meditation: Stations - then and now, Fourth Station

Study Topic: Pope's second letter

**Grace** was said

**JPIC SOUTHWARK AUTUMN ASSEMBLY**  
**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
Entitled **'THE RIGHT TO STAY: FREE TO CHOOSE'**  
A Response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
at **St Edmund Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP**  
Join us for the Mass of the Parish at 10am.  
Principle Celebrant: **Right Reverend Paul McAleenan**, Bishop for Migrants and Refugees  
followed by the Assembly straight after Mass in the parish hall across the road.  
Bishop Paul McAleenan leads on **'Love the Stranger'** from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.  
Plus additional inspiring speakers will be with us on the day.  
Registration is from 10.30am. Programme starts 11am finishing at approximately 4pm. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.  
Entrance is free. Donations suggested.  
Be prepared to make your voice heard.  
Politicians need our voices to rethink and rework the Illegal Migration Bill 2023 in the interests of giving a voice to the voiceless.

Travel info: Nearest train station Beckenham Junction a 9 minute walk  
The tram stop is a 14 minute walk of 0.7 miles  
If travelling by car there is a multi-storey car park behind the church on Village Way.

For catering purposes please let us know you will be attending by sending an email to Marie Bullard at [justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk) To ensure the safety of anyone with food allergies we would advise you bring lunch with you. The high street nearby provides local food outlets to purchase items for lunch.

**We look forward to seeing you.**