

**Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group**  
<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>  
**Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 20 November 2012**

**Venue:** 73 Queen Mary Avenue  
**Present:** Beryl Shannon (Chair), Sheila Johnstone, Bishop Tripp, Liam Harnett, Christine Davis, Julie Sheahan, Marion Pereira  
**Apologies:** Cathie Honour, Teresa Pollard, Barbara Harnett  
**Minutes:** Marion

**Meditation:** In the absence of Cathie, Christine led a meditation on “Prayers for Peace”.

### **Informing Ourselves**

Bishop Tripp continued our study of **The Common Good**, paragraph 73-75, under *Promoting welfare of the community. It explores further The Church’s social teaching in the interest of Justice and in pursuit of the “option for the poor”. This again led to a lively discussion in acknowledging the work being carried out by Charitable Organisations and the role and responsibilities of Government in pursuing the common good and the plight of the poor.*

**Action:** Bishop Tripp will review “Morality in the market place” at the December meeting;  
“Option against the poor” – January  
“The mass media” - February

Bishop Tripp informed members of a Catholic Social Teaching Radio programme “Analysis” presented by Matthew Taylor (details of which can be found on the website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-20154986>).

The foundation of this teaching is based on :

- **Dignity** of a human person (Publication of The Common Good - page 1)
- To pursue the **Common Good** (page 1)
- **Solidarity** (we are all responsible for each other – page 3)
- **Subsidiarity** (decisions being taken close to the grass roots – page 3)

### **Informing Others:**

**Prisoner’s of Conscience** – held on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November 2012:

Julie provided a brief summary on the successful distribution of 200 Christmas Cards to parishioners. Due to a shortfall at the Sunday 11 and evening mass, members agreed that Julie purchase 300 cards next year. Christine purchased an extra pack of Christmas Cards which she distributed to members for posting to prisoners.

#### **Action:**

- Julie to purchase 300 Christmas cards next year.
- Next year Liam offered to display the “Christian Solidarity” book in order to create an awareness for parishioners prior to the distribution of Christmas cards.

#### **For Info:**

- Liam reimbursed Julie the cost of £40 for the cards thus leaving a balance of £91.45 from a total of £131.45.
- Christine briefed members on the **Autumn Assembly held on 3 November 2012**. There were table discussions and it was noted that Sacred Heart Church had a large J&P presence.

### **Future ethical activities:**

**November:** Buy recyclable wrapping paper – not foil

**December:** Save used stamps for Jesuit Missions

**January:** Recycle Christmas cards

**February:** Use leftovers for breakfast/lunch the next day

**March:** Buy Fairtrade chocolate for Easter

### **Possible future activities**

- Reading glasses

**Action:** Beryl to obtain contact details from a Church in Epsom for recycling reading glasses.

### **Pax Christi Peace Icon** - celebrating 100 days of Peace

Cathy attended the Ecumenical Service at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Tolworth on Friday 19 October and brought back bundles of the post card image of Pax Christi Peace Icon. Julie presented the post card image to members who agreed to use the post card for distribution to parishioners at the Peace Service on 1 January 2013, although the year printed on it is 2012.

- **Peace Service: 1 January 2013, 7:30pm** - Bishop Tripp proposed to adapt and use the Tolworth Peace service. Notice has been sent to Tom Kavanagh and Pat Spencer.

### **Action:**

- Bishop Tripp to present to members at the December meeting a draft programme of the Peace Service.
- Bishop Tripp to write to the Parishes including North Cheam Parish notifying them of the details of the service
- Julie to send J&P items to Talkabout for publication; the next issue date is 16-17 December and send notice of our Peace Service to Julie Brook for publication in Edgeways.
- Julie to ask Margaret Redding to help with refreshments.
- Cathie to arrange with John Golden to produce a poster for the Peace Vigil

### **Future Activities:**

**Peace Service : 1 January 2013, 7:30pm**  
**Homelessness Collection: 26-27 January**  
**Fairtrade Sale: 24 February (provisional)**  
**Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 10.30 a.m at St John Fisher**

### **Any Other Business:**

1. Liam briefed members on a communication he received from Christian Solidarity Worldwide.
2. Local International charities – Liam suggested “Emmaus” (details can be obtained from Tom Kavanagh) and Christine volunteered “Aid to the Church in Need”.
3. Julie has communicated with Canon regarding holding the stamp collection after Christmas and a collection for the Homeless at the end of January 2013.
4. A sub committee is to be set to help organise the Women’s World Day of Prayer (France) with the theme “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”.  
**Action:** Julie to ask Margaret Redding to help with refreshments.
6. **Action:** Members agreed to Liam’s proposed charity contribution of £20 to Christian Concern legal aid.

### **Actions outstanding from previous meeting :**

- Christine has information about a Muslim doctor, Dr. Majid Katme, who is willing to talk on a range of J & P issues. Life London Region may organise a meeting.

### **Items from previous meeting**

**Fairtrade** – Christine informed members that Antonia Comer (Tony) is the Fairtrade contact representative at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Tolworth.

### **Action :**

- Christine to email to members Antonia’s email address details.
- Julie to place Fairtrade notice in the Church Hall kitchen.
- Liam to request Barbara to communicate with Ann Towner about holding a Fairtrade sale and to advise Ann that members would like to invite Antonia Comer to make a presentation at the February meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11 December - to include a Christmas celebration. Members have been requested to bring Christmas food to the meeting.

**Chair:** Sheila

**Minutes:** Marion

**Venue:** Sheila's – 73 Queen Mary Avenue,

**Meditation:** Beryl

Thanks to Sheila for her hospitality.

<http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/documents/njpncalendarandcontacts2012.pdf>