

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 8:00pm

Venue: Cathie's

Present: Beryl Shannon (Chair), Cathie Honour, Peter Nash, Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Sheila Johnstone,

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Julie led a meditation on the Year of Mercy and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Beryl welcomed all to the meeting

Informing ourselves: We read and discussed the introduction to the Laudato Si Study Guide,
For next month all should read the Study Guide Chapter One, and if possible the encyclical Chapter One. All can be found at Guide <http://columban.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Laudato-Si-Study-and-Action-Guide-by-Columban-Center-for-Advocacy-and-Outreach.pdf>

Informing others:

Cards for Prisoners of Conscience: Saturday/Sunday 14/15 November

All the cards had been distributed before the 11 am Mass. Next year we should buy 300.

Peace Service – Friday 1st January @ 7.30 pm

Fr. Matthias, Beryl and Liam met to plan the meeting. We worked through the draft, choosing readings and hymns, see attached proposal.

Julie will contact Guides and Scouts to see if they can find readers for the Penitential Rite and the Prayer for help in being Peacemakers.

Julie will send a message to the newsletter for the last two weeks of December. She will give Beryl a poster for Sacred Heart and Peter one for Morden Baptist and the Inspire choir. Cathie also has bought some cards to distribute.

Homelessness Collection 2016 23/24th January

Homelessness Sunday is 24th January. Canon Acton has agreed that we hold our annual collection for the homeless and needy that weekend. Also we can use the Church Hall as last year to sort the collection. A notice has been sent to Talkabout. Further arrangements to be made next meeting.

Refugees;

Beryl has written an item on Seeking Sanctuary who can be supported via CSAN (the Catholic Social Action Network) website www.csan.org.uk

Christian Care have written about their support for local refugees in the Merton Park Christmas Service notice.

It was suggested we might support the Jesuit Refugee Service (information attached).

Treasurer's report: Following last week's collection of £10, we have £136.20.

Any other business: Teresa had visited The Passage, which has been renovated, taking some men's clothes. They are very grateful for such contributions.

Teresa also asked for prayers for a parishioner who is very ill.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th January at 8.00 pm

Venue: Sheila's Meditation: Teresa

It was suggested we keep the meeting short and we all bring something to share for a little celebration.

Grace was said