

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 8:00pm

Venue: 75 Leamington Avenue

Present: Barbara Harnett, Cathie Honour, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Mark Eaden, Liam Harnett, Sheila Johnstone, Beryl Shannon,

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Teresa read the story of Bartimaeus from Pope Benedict's Jesus of Nazareth, Part iii, Holy Week.

Informing ourselves: We read and discussed Chapter Two of the Laudato Si Study Guide, The Gospel of Creation.

The Study Guide is very practical and user friendly. Julie will send the introduction and Chapter One to Talkabout. We will also reintroduce our Ethical Actions: for this month it will be: 'Avoid Wasting Food – Use a Shopping List'

Cathie reported on her successful use of Ecotricity who provide green energy.

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

Informing others:

Homelessness Collection 2016 23/24th January

This was again very well supported by the Parish. After making up parcels for 4 families known to Sister Catherine, the rest was divided between Faith in Action, Christian Care and Wimbledon Foodbank and delivered to them with the help of David Poole between Monday and Wednesday. Lynda Davis from Faith in Action agreed to talk to the Cubs about this service.

It was suggested that we should hold collections more often, perhaps monthly with just one or two specific items. To be discussed with our new Parish Priest when he comes.

Fairtrade fortnight: 29 February - 13 March

Barbara will liaise with the Canon about holding a sale one Sunday morning, and contact Anne Towner to see if she is willing to do this. We should get a poster for the noticeboard about Fairtrade fortnight and make sure we have posters to encourage people to go to the hall after Mass.

Charity of the Year – Jesuit Refugee Service

The JRS works with refugees in their London Day Centre, and has projects in the Middle East and in European Countries through which refugees pass. More information at <http://www.jrsuk.net/> and <https://jrseurope.org/about>

Treasurer's report: Not available

Any Other Business

Julie will send a report of all our recent activities to Talkabout and the website:
<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk> , which has been updated.

Julie mentioned the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March, Praying for Cuba,
10.30 am Merton Park Baptist Church, Bushey Road, and
8.00 pm Holy Trinity Church, The Broadway,
Teresa agreed to read at the morning service.

We signed a card For Bishop Tripp who is in hospital having broken his hip and promised him our prayers.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th March at 8.00 pm
Venue: Sheila's,
Meditation: Cathie

Grace was said

We enjoyed Cathie's excellent hospitality, many thanks.