



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: 12th December 2017 at 8:00pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Sandra Carolan, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Mike Carolan, Viera Hamid, Marie Bullard, Barbara Harnett

Meditation: Peter led a meditation on next Sunday's gospel, the preaching of John the Baptist, which led to much discussion.

Food Collections: We continue with the food collections.

Christmas Cards for Prisoners: 25/26th November: Unfortunately this clashed with the Parish Council elections and we had 30 cards left. However, many people were pleased to take cards and praised the initiative.

Peace Service: Monday 1st January 2018 at 7.30 pm.
Fr. Matthias will lead the service. The theme is "Migrants and Refugees – seekers of peace". Julie, Beryl and Teresa met with Fr. Matthias to plan the service. This will include an activity with the children meditating on the letters of the word peace in the context of Refugees and Migrants. Sandra and family will make A4 size posters with the letters of the word PEACE. Teresa will write thoughts on the letters A and E, which Julie will coordinate. Julie will write an A5 handout including the prayers, which Sandra will print 50 copies of. Julie will email invitations to Churches Together in Merton Park, the Deanery and Salvation Army. We will also send invitations to Bishop Tripp and Canon Acton. Julie will confirm that the Guides will read the lessons, and invite Graham Bennett to read the responsorial prayer. Margaret and friends will serve the refreshments.

Charity of the Year 2018: We will support St Anthony's School for Deaf Children in Uganda. Fr. Matthias will visit the school in January and bring back photos and a write up.

Treasurer's report: We circulated the bag.

Any Other Business: We continue to pray for Sheila, Liam, John and for Barbara Desmier, all happily out of hospital. We hope they will continue to pray with us for Peace.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.00 pm
Venue: 30 Eastway
Meditation: Julie
Chair:

Grace was said.

Many thanks to Sandra for her hospitality despite a houseful of visitors, and for the Panettone.