



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 85 Northway
Present: Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Fr. Matthias, Viera Hamid, Marie Bullard

Meditation: Beryl led a meditation on the reading from Philippians 1:27-30, talking of persecution of Christians. This ended with the suggestion that we “find out more about a country where the church is under pressure and commit yourselves to supporting in some way the Christians there”. Beryl will ask Fr Matthias if Aid to the Church in Need might provide a speaker who could talk specifically about the position of Christians in Iraq and how we might support them.

Food Collections: This month’s collection for Christian Care was very good.

Fairtrade Fortnight - Monday 26 February - Sunday 11 March

The planned Fairtrade Sale had to be postponed because of the weather. It will now be held after 9.30 and 11.00 Mass on **Sunday 18th March**. Mike and Peter will come to the hall at 8.45 to help set up. Sandra will help sell after 9.30 Mass and Julie after 11.00. People will also be encouraged to have coffee. Julie will ask Fr. David to announce the sale at 9.30 and 11.00 Masses.

Ethical Actions:

April: Buy and use a reusable coffee cup
May: Avoid using disposable wipes, use cotton wool or washable flannels
June: Grow your own salad - cress, lettuce, tomatoes, radishes etc.

Charity of the Year 2018: St Anthony’s School for Deaf Children in Uganda.

Father Matthias has returned from Uganda with photos of the school and children. He has written an article about the school, which John has published on our website with all the photos, and which will also be published in Talkabout, with fewer photos. <http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>
We will consider a fundraiser in the summer, possibly with scouts or guides.

Treasurer’s report: There was no report.

Any Other Business:

Merton Citizens is to launch on Thursday 19th April at St Mark’s Academy, Mitcham, CR4 1SF from 7 – 8.30. All are welcome.

May elections: If candidates come canvassing for local elections we might ask:

1. How they would provide social housing
2. How they would ensure the Council pays all its contractors the Living wage
3. What is their attitude to providing accommodation for refugees

We will publish these suggested questions on our notice board and ask if they might be included in the newsletter in April.

Doctors are being asked to police whether immigrants qualify for healthcare and to ask for payment. We should find out more and support them in asking not to be given inappropriate extra work.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Meditation: Beryl
Chair: Peter

We prayed for sick group members, their families and friends.
Grace was said.