



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Father Hyacinth, Deacon Tom, Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Teresa Pollard, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Beryl Shannon,
Minutes: Julie

We were very pleased to welcome Father Hyacinth and Deacon Tom to the meeting.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Teresa read from Jean Vanier commenting on the story of the Samaritan Woman at the well and how we approach 'those who are broken'. Interesting discussion followed.

Fairtrade sale Sunday 4th November

Anne Towner was pleased with the takings of more than £250. There was a wide variety of goods. We should ask her again at a similar time next year. St John Fisher School might ask her to run a stall at their School Fair next year.

Christian Care AGM: This was very well attended. The organisation is restructuring and Deacon Tom is now a trustee. The caring section of the charity continues to work with an ever growing number of families, offering support, food, furniture and bedding. Following the formal meeting Major Nick Coke spoke on **Merton Citizens**, an exciting social justice initiative launched in the borough in the spring of 2018, now campaigning on the housing crisis, refugee welcome and teenage mental health.

Faith in Action: have experienced their busiest August and September since the project began, feeding 75 – 90 people each time. A parishioner had offered to organise a collection of coats; she will be advised to contact Andy as storage is limited.

Future events:

Interfaith Week began on 11 November. The programme is on our website and on our noticeboard.

Cards for Prisoners of conscience: 17/18th. November

Ideally distribute cards before Mass
6 pm Teresa and Peter
8 am Julie
9.30 am Mike and Sandra
11 am Mike and Sandra before Mass
6.30pm Julie

Julie and Teresa will address cards and take to Church before 6 pm on Saturday.

Red Wednesday – 28 November: Organised by Aid to the Church in Need and Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Many church buildings will be lit in red to make a stand for Faith and Freedom. Assemble from 3.30pm at Parliament Square, Speakers and rally will start at 5.30pm, followed by a prayer walk to Westminster Cathedral for Church in Need Red Wednesday service with a live link up to Aleppo.

Food collection 1/2 December will be for Christian Care. They are making Christmas hampers for families and have provided a list of items. We will publish the list on our website and the noticeboard and a summary in the newsletter. We will ask the priests to announce this in the notices the week before.

Peace Service 1st January 7.30 pm

Theme: 'Good politics is at the service of peace'

Members will meet with Fathers Matthias and Hyacinth to prepare the service when the Pax Christi booklet is available.

Margaret will serve refreshments. Julie will ask Mary Farrell to provide music, and ask Matthew Poole to read.

Any other business: Website: Fr Hyacinth will provide John with a photo and a few words for the website. All are encouraged to look at the site.

Treasurer's report: £141.65 – Julie claimed £61.50 for cards.

Next meeting Tuesday 11th December

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Chair: Teresa

Meditation : Peter