



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 8.00 pm

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Teresa read from Sieger Köder's The Folly of God, a meditation on the ninth station, Jesus falls the third time. The meditation was followed by a reading of psalm 121 and a reading from St Luke, and also accompanied by a painting by the author. This led to very interesting discussion on suffering, and on Sieger Köder.

Food Collection: We received a note of thanks from Christian Care for the recent collection. This will be published in the newsletter. We might also ask the clergy to highlight this in the notices. There was discussion on how to stimulate participation in the food collection, which is generally good but could be better. Ideas included inviting children to bring forward their contributions at the offertory, and asking if a child could write up an article of how the food parcel helped their family.

Mary's Meals: this collection was again well supported by the Parish with many bags of clothes and a cash collection of about £640. Teresa read the appeal at 6 pm Mass and there was no appeal at 6.30. Another year, we might offer to make the appeal at the two evening Masses.

Charity of the Year 2019

The Passage will make an appeal at all Masses next weekend. Following this we will write up The Passage in Talkabout. Paddy Beynon is also writing an article on the Knitting Group and their support for the Homeless. We will consider a coffee morning in the early summer.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 25 February – 10th March

This was advertised in the newsletter. In April we will recommend Fairtrade chocolate for Easter. It was noted that some firms use their own logos for fairly traded items such as Rainforest Alliance, Cocoa Life etc. It was felt that any indication of ethical trading is to be supported.

Cafod: During Lent two parishioners are offering a "frugal lunch" every Friday from 12 to 2 pm with donations to Cafod. We highly recommend this ethical and sociable event. In addition Family Fast Day is on Friday 15th March.

Ethical activities April to June 2019 will be advertised in Talkabout. Suggestions for the future needed by May.

Aid to the Church in Need: Teresa has a Lenten prayer card from Aid to the Church in Need with weekly reflections for Lent. She will try and get copies and/or a poster for the notice board.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: £121.50. No expenditure.

Next meeting: Three of the group will be away on Tuesday 9th April. We will therefore bring the next meeting forward to Tuesday 2nd April.

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Venue: 13 The Green

Chair:

Meditation: Peter