



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 8.00 pm

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Beryl brought an article from *The Tablet* by Richard Leonard SJ on the subject of a report on suicide among young people in Australia and Pope Francis article *Christ is Alive*. This led to much discussion on the importance of Hope and Joy in our lives and in our faith. Members also mentioned the recent Thy Kingdom Come novena and rallies, including in Trafalgar Square on Pentecost Sunday.

Food Collection: The response to the Food Collection remains good, and several additional donations have been left in the basket at the back of the Church each week. Julie has taken these to the Foodbank, currently at St John the Divine. Others will assist.

Climate change: The Time is Now.

Jesuit Missions will be joining the Climate Coalition and hundreds of other organisations and individuals as they come together en masse to speak up against climate change. Members are asked to pick up the leaflet in the Church, sign the petition and consider joining the Mass Lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 26th June.

Charity of the Year 2019 – The Passage – Homelessness

Tom had reported to the group that “we had a long discussion at this week’s Churches Together meeting about provision for the homeless in the Borough. Apparently Fr Jim at St James’s Church has had a number of people seeking his help having been evicted from their accommodation. The group is intending to put together a list of what support is available and the J&P group might be able to help promulgate it.” Peter reported that “From one of the staff and volunteer briefings at FIA, I understand that Merton Council will be undertaking some work to identify all the homelessness services in the borough and then to seek to help them to work together better.” It was suggested that Tom be asked to write an article for the next issue of Talkabout, reporting on the Council/Churches Together findings.

Interfaith Pilgrimage: Julie and Teresa attended the first half of this visit to places of worship in the borough. It was felt that the literature given out at Ahmadiya Mosque on their beliefs about Jesus was not helpful to Inter faith relations.

August meeting: Traditionally we have not met in August. Last year, in place of a meeting we had a lovely House Mass, celebrated by Bishop Tripp. We would like to repeat this. Fr. Hyacinth (and Fr Matthias) will be away in August. Julie will ask Canon Acton if he might say a Mass for us, and

we would ask Bishop Tripp to concelebrate. Failing this, Fr. Hyacinth will say Mass for us in September.

Treasurer's report: Current balance: £142.60. No expenditure.

Any Other Business: The new Bishop of Southwark has been appointed, his name is John Wilson, currently auxiliary bishop at Westminster. He will be installed on July 25th.

Next meeting Tuesday 9th July 2019

Venue: 13 The Green

Chair: Mike

Meditation: Fr. Hyacinth