



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 8.00 pm

Venue: Zoom
Present: Peter Nash, Tom Kavanagh, Julie Sheahan, Margaret Redding, Christine Davis, Teresa Pollard, Gloria Paszek
Apologies: Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan,
Chair: Peter
Minutes: Julie

Food Collections: The food collection was very well supported, despite the Church having been closed and small numbers at Mass. Publishing the information on Facebook is very helpful. We will collect for Christian Care on 6/7 February.

Father Matthias received a lovely letter from Christian Care, with photos, thanking us for the Christmas collection. This can be read on our web site at:

<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/jp16/tksfromcc.php>

Peace Service: As the Church was closed, it was not feasible to hold the Peace Service on 1st January, and given current restrictions, we felt it should not be held on Peace Sunday either. We hope to hold the service later in the year, possibly around Trinity Sunday, or even in September.

Peace Sunday 2021: We will ask Melissa to include a mention of Peace Sunday in the newsletter. We might suggest the priests use the Pax Christi Penitential rite, and draw their attention to the homily notes.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 22 February – 7 March

We will ask Melissa to include this in the newsletter and encourage people to support Fairtrade at least that fortnight. This is also our "ethical action" for February.

Any Other Business:

John updates the **website** regularly and all are encouraged to look at it (see address above). The link on the parish website is no longer there. We will ask John to update our "Active members" page.

Julie received a letter addressed to Merton's faith leaders, suggesting voluntary closure of places of worship "while the number of cases remains dangerously high." She will forward this to Father Matthias. Members feel it should be stressed that those receiving Communion should keep their distance both before and after receiving. Some people go in to the Day chapel after Communion; this should be discouraged, perhaps by closing the doors.

Julie had heard from Bishop Tripp, Cathie Honour, Kirsty Thomas and Barbara Harnett at Christmas. All send their greetings to the group and say they enjoy reading our minutes.

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 8 pm via Zoom, **Chair:** Teresa