



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 9.30 am

Venue: Parish Hall
Present: Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan, Margaret Redding, Christine Davis, Teresa Pollard, Tom Kavanagh, John Golden,
Apologies: Gloria Paszek, Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Beryl Shannon,
Chair: Peter
Minutes: Julie

Following the prayer to the Holy Spirit we took a moment in silence to thank God for the fact that we are able to meet physically face to face?

Food Collections: The food collection was very well supported again. Rehana and Mary from Christian Care came to the hall on Monday morning to collect the donations and cash and were delighted with the response.

Next month we will collect again for Faith in Action. They are very appreciative of this. As they are offering pack lunches rather than a cooked meal they are asking for: *Cereal bars and protein bars, *Multi-packs of crisps, *Multi-packs of small juice cartons, Sugar, Small ring-pull tins of sardines or mackerel fillets, Tins of corned beef, Tins of sweetcorn, Jars of peanut butter. The list has been sent to Talkabout and will be advertised in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Talkabout: Julie has sent the food collections and ethical actions to Talkabout. Teresa has written an article about Aid to the Church in Need, focusing on Africa. Christine has also sent an article about Life and the challenges to Life which we should be aware of and take action on. There will again be only limited copies of Talkabout but donation boxes will be left and people should be encouraged to make a donation – suggestion £2.

Publicising the Group:

John outlined the importance of publicity both to gain new recruits, and for a general understanding of who we are and what we do. The principal means of publicity are:

- 1 – Notice board, notices in the parish newsletter,
- 2 – Parish Facebook page, our website, reference from the parish website

Suggested Actions –

- Familiarise yourselves with the Means listed
- Find the J&P website access on the parish one.
- Make sure the group is always recognised for all that it does, carefully scan the newsletter and Facebook page and write to seek a correction, or write a reply on the Page.

It was agreed that the best publicity was word of mouth, most members had joined as a result of a personal contact.

It is not easy to find the link to the J & P website under Pastoral activities on the Parish website.

Julie will ask Melissa if the link could be placed under the Links tab.

We could highlight the ways the Primary School practises Justice and Peace.

Survey on Social actions:

Tom has been asked to complete a survey on groups in the parish which carry out Social Action, e.g. Justice and Peace and SVP. Parishioners are also involved in Christian Care, Faith in Action, Wimbledon Foodbank, Dons Local Action Group and Friends of Life.

Time and Place of next and future meetings:

We will hold our July meeting in the Hall at 9.30 again. We will consult other members about future meetings, those present like Tuesday morning, but those who work are excluded. We might alternate a morning and an evening from September, possibly always in the hall or presbytery.

Any Other Business: Julie wrote to Stephen Hammond MP about the government reduction in foreign aid from 0.7% to 0.5%. He is opposed to this and has spoken against it. He hopes the House of Lords may be able to table an amendment.

Grace was said

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall

Chair: Teresa