

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
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Tuesday 8th October at 9.30 am

In the Presbytery

Minutes

Chair: Christine

Apologies: Teresa

Meditation: Stations of the Cross –Thirteenth Station Jesus is taken down from the Cross, Members found this meditation very moving, especially the link with the photo of the drowned refugee boy, and the amazing prayer by a prisoner at Ravensbrück.

Informing Ourselves: Called to be Peacemakers – We agreed that we should study this document. Julie will ask Melissa to print 7 copies of pages 1-24, and for next month we should study the Foreword and the Introduction, pages 2-7.

Reports:

Food Collections – Wimbledon Foodbank were again very grateful for this month's collection. Next month we collect again for Faith in Action. After each Mass if members present put donations in the confessional, they can be left there till Wednesday morning. In December we will collect for the Christian Care Christmas hampers. Assuming the exercise class is still in the hall on Monday morning, the food will have to be stored in the bar till Tuesday. We will then make up the hampers after our meeting on 10th December. They may then need to be stored at Julie or Christine's.

Fairtrade Sale – although the number of people who came into the hall was relatively small, those who did spent and donated generously. We took £373, with a profit for Christian Care of almost £34. Many thanks were expressed to Christine for all her work making this happen.

Planning

Red Wednesday – 20th November, In Church we will wear red, say the rosary and attend Mass. In the evening Canute will light the back of the church in red. Julie will contact the Scouts who meet on Wednesday evening to suggest they draw the scouts' attention to the persecution of Christians.

Christmas cards for Persecuted – Julie will buy 240 cards, possibly from Leprosy Mission. We will ask if we can distribute these on 16/17th November.

Charity of the Year 2025 – We need to decide if we continue with Christian Care, repeat Aid to the Church in Need or seek another charity.

Peace Service 2025 – This has been booked for Sunday 5th January. We will ask if we can change this back to our normal date of 1st January at 4 pm.

We will meet on Tuesday 3rd December to plan the service.

The theme for the 58th World Day of Peace on January 1, 2025 is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace". The theme highlights the importance of forgiveness, hope, and conversion to promote peace

Treasurer's report: £192.57, This will be more than enough to cover the cost of Christmas cards.

Any other business:

This year the **Service of Light on All Souls' Day** will be at 3 pm. Cathie Honour will be remembered, having died this year. Barbara, Christine or Julie will be happy to light her candle.

Thanks were expressed to the clergy for the prayers and meditation for Peace in the Holy Land, on Monday, the Feast of the Rosary,

Time and Place of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November at 9.30 am in the Presbytery.

Chair: Barbara