

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
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Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 9.30 am
In the Presbytery

Minutes

Chair: Peter

Apologies:

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Meditation: Stations of the Cross –Fourteenth Station: Jesus is buried in the tomb
We finished our meditation on the Stations of the Cross.
For next time, we will look at Finding God in a Leaf, a series of meditations on Laudato Si.
Julie will buy six copies.

Informing Ourselves: Called to be Peacemakers – Foreword and Introduction, pages 2-7.
We discussed the introduction and foreword, and commented on how little publicity this important document has received. Next month we will study Part 1, pages 9-12,

Reports:

Peace Service: This went well and was seen as very good. The format of the last two years is successful and should be continued. About 40-50 people attended, most stayed for tea after. The collection for Pax Christi will be added to that collected on Peace Sunday and sent off.

Food Collections: The Christmas collection of 15 bags for Christian Care was very well received and we received letters of thanks both from Jenny, the Manager, and Jane, Chair of Trustees.

The January collection was good and taken to the Foodbank by Christine, with £120. In future we can leave the collection in the hallway till 9.30. We might bring sheeting to cover it. Next month is Faith in Action so it will need to go in the confessional again.

Red Wednesday/Christmas cards

It was good that the red lighting was left in place until the weekend so it was seen by many parishioners. Next year we might consider something on the sanctuary such as a red candle, or red cloths on the lectern and front of altar.

All the Christmas cards were taken and many parishioners expressed appreciation of this.

Planning:

Peace Sunday: Julie will put up the poster and there will be a collection for Pax Christi.

Charity of the Year: We await publicity material from the De Paul group.

Treasurer's report: £144.52. - £10 spent on Peace Service prayer cards.

Any other business:

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th February

Chair: Christine