Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

http://www.sif-justiceandpeace.org.uk/

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 8:00pm

Venue: 30 Eastway

Present: Sandra & Mike Carolan, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon (Chair),

Julie Sheahan, (Minutes)

Apologies: Fr. Matthias, Fr. Uche, Viera Hamid, Hazel Pucino,

Meditation: Teresa led a meditation on Knowing Jesus personally by Jean Vanier.

Informing ourselves: We read and discussed the final Chapter of the Laudato Si Study Guide, "Ecological Education and Spirituality"

For next month we will look at the final statement of the Non Violence and Just Peace Conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. This can be found at: http://www.paxchristi.net/news/appeal-catholic-church-recommit-centrality-gospel-nonviolence/5855#sthash.gkwwi9UP.dpbs

Informing others and Action

Food Collection: The response was again excellent. David took a carful of goods to Christian Care who were very grateful.

Next month's collection will be for Faith in Action. Julie will contact them for a 'shopping list.' Julie has written a short article for the Parish magazine, explaining that this will be a monthly collection, the first weekend of each month.

Fairtrade: Sandra has spoken to Catherine who organised the Fairtrade Breakfast at the school. We might be able to organise something similar in the Parish, possibly linked with a Fairtrade Sale.

Charity of the Year – Jesuit Refugee Service

Sandra will host a coffee morning on Tuesday 5th July from 9.30 to 12.00 for JRS. All should bring a cake. Beryl will ask JRS for leaflets with information. The morning will be advertised in the newsletter and on our noticeboard and website.

Communications: The Facebook page has been suspended because of lack of use. Julie will check with Fr Uche that he is happy for us to move the noticeboard. Mike is willing to rehang it.

Future Plans:

Sandra will meet the Night Shelter organiser to hear more about their project and how we might be able to help.

Any Other Business:

Beryl's daughter, Mary, is driving to Calais this weekend as part of a convoy bringing help to refugees there. Mary will write up the trip for the parish magazine. Beryl will forward the email about this convoy to the group.

Treasurer's report: None

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th July at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway Chair: Mike Meditation: Julie

Grace was said.

We thanked Sandra and Mike for their excellent hospitality.