

**Justice and Peace Group
Minutes of the Meeting
of Wednesday 2nd October 2019
St Augustine of Hippo, St Austell**

Present Jackie Foster, Angela Alderman, John Ballard, Judith Pollard, Pat Whitehouse, Diana Cross, Anna Barrett, Patricia Kotwinski. Also present were Jenny Kwee and John Cousins from Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran parish, Truro.

Apologies none

JB welcomed our visitors and it was agreed to run the meeting as normal, finishing at 7.00 pm with time afterwards to discuss matters of interest to both parishes for those who could stay.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted

1. CAFOD

- **2019 Creation Celebration** It was generally agreed that the numerous events that had been organised over the Celebration Month had been largely successful. Where improvements could be made lessons had been learned, particularly in the need for early planning. The involvement of other parish groups had been very successful and their involvement in future planning at an early stage would be most beneficial
- **Harvest Fast Day Fri 4th Oct.** The short talk due to be delivered after Masses the previous weekend could not be given as Fr Peter wished to say a few words on his departure. AA would redraft the talk, which would be delivered the following weekend.
- **World Day of Prayer for the Poor 17/11/19** AA spoke of the need to mark this important day. As it fell on the day after the annual Autumn Fayre it would be difficult to arrange any activity (e.g. a soup or 'bread and cheese' lunch) to raise funds for the poor. There was a need to coordinate parish activities well in advance. She asked for ideas such as an extra-large basket for the poor at the offertory. JB suggested suitable bidding prayers be included
- **Contacts Meeting 21st Sept** AA reported on the meeting which had been well attended by J&P members. The next meeting would be in Newquay on Saturday, 8th February 2020
- **Recycling** The latest sack had raised £71.90 with the extra cheque for the cameras. Over £200 had been raised for Cafod through the recycling project.
- AA reported on her **visit to Steve Double MP** together with JB. He had agreed with the points made but stressed that Britain was only one small voice in the world protesting against climate change. This argument was not used when he spoke in favour of Brexit when the strength of Britain as the "fifth biggest economy in the world" was put forward! His written response had been circulated with the agenda.

2. Refugees JP and JF had taken up another big load to Plymouth. JF would request an email thanking the parish and would supply DCRS with the parish email address.

3. Homelessness

- JB had been asked to remove the food box from ASDA as the store had agreed to support the Foodbank and said that they could not do both.
- PK and JB (volunteers with St Petrocs) had been invited to meet with Steve Ellis, CEO of St Petrocs. He had been invited to join the Caritas Plymouth board dealing with homelessness and it is presumed that this would form the basis of the discussion. PK and JB would report back.

4. Fairtrade. It was noted that the fact that the 'Fairtrade Stall' after the 6.00 pm Mass on Sat 21st Sept had taken £57.30 in a short time indicated its popularity and Fr Michael would be asked about a regular quarterly stall.

5. Action to combat climate change AB led the discussion. She had already provided information available online about

- green energy providers and had cited Ecotricity
- a search engine - ecosia.com – which uses its profits to plant trees and has the added advantage of being 'transparent' and non-intrusive.
- an article urging us not just to feel guilty about our use of plastic bags but, in addition, to campaign against the 'big' issues such as deforestation and the use of fossil fuels in transport – particularly aviation. This led to the question of who supplies the diocese of Plymouth with electricity and gas. It appears to be British Gas. JB would confirm this and supply AB with the address of Bishop Mark so that she could pursue the matter.

6. AOB

- **CAFOD Meeting at Buckfast on 9th Nov.** JB and PK were committed to attend another event on that day but JF said she would drive and offered a lift to AA. AA offered to book a place for anyone who wished go.
- It had been agreed at the last meeting that our new parish priest, Fr Michael Brandon, should be invited to attend our meeting on Wednesday 6th November. JB would invite him once he had settled in.

6. Date of next meeting – 6.00 pm. Wed 6th November