

Justice and Peace in Catholic Leamington

The Presbytery, 3^A Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA

Meeting 133

January 21st, 2019, at St Peter's

Notes

Those present were: Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Anne Elson, Wilf Feely, Richard Gordon, Lynda Gould and Jonathan Holden.

Apologies: Ann Alison, Janice Austin, Anna Godwin, Diana O'Reilly and Alan Pratten.

The meeting opened with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Year C, Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21.

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 30th October.

- Brian mentioned that the distribution of CAFOD World Gift catalogues had been later than planned because the pack sent by CAFOD to St Peter's had remained unopened and unrecognised in the inner sacristy for a couple of weeks.
- Jenny thanked Brian for organizing the Peace Sunday liturgy and Holy Hour prayers; he commented that it was only after he had delivered all the materials to Fr John that he got any acknowledgment that it would be used.
- Brian said he had booked a room on 28th February for the meeting with Matt Western MP on climate change policy, but had not yet had final confirmation that Mr Western could manage that date.

2. Rosary intention for February.

- 'We pray that the country finds its way through the current political turmoil for the good of all.'
Lynda to put on the J&P noticeboard in the church; Jonathan to enter in the Newsletter and on the website.

3. Poverty and Homelessness

- Brian reported that the Saturday Friendship Group had received £385 from the St Peter's Choir, for which they were very grateful. The annual appeal and church collection for the SFG is likely to be in October this year.
- The new partnership agreement between Catholic Leamington and the Salvation Army relating to the SFG was to be signed by Fr John and Lieutenant Kelsey Pearce this week.
- Brian had noted a significant decrease in attendance at the Way Ahead Project over the last few months, possibly due to the Walsgrove House hostel.

4. Lenten Stations of the Cross

- Brian reported on a meeting held on January 12th to review the suitability of the 2018 pictures and booklet for use this year. Ten of the 14 pictures were to be retained, one had been changed, and alternatives were being sought for the others. Brian had transferred some of the passages previously read by the reader at the lectern to the leader moving from station to station, but further changes to the leaflets would be made by Jonathan when the new pictures had been selected. Wilf asked to have all the pictures available by January 31st so that he could get them printed and passed to his daughter Emma for mounting before he leaves for a holiday. Jane Rebika in the Parish Office had agreed to print the leaflets if we got the final text to her by March 25th. Janice Austin will finalize the rota of readers and leaders.

5. Easter Cards for Prisoners of Conscience

- Jenny said that ACAT should produce their list of Christian prisoners early in February. Diana O'Reilly had agreed to organize the signing. It was agreed that it could be just before Lent begins or on whichever weekend in Lent does not have an appeal or extended liturgy – in practice probably the weekend of the collection for the maintenance of the Cathedral.

Jenny to discuss with Diana which of the three churches should participate.

6. Initial plans for the Peace Festival (June 15th-16th)

- It was agreed that Brian should book a couple of speaking slots as last year, and that Lynda should email Emma Rayment to ask whether the youth group might prepare a peace display for the church. Further planning can be left until later in the year.

Brian to contact the festival organizers; Lynda to contact Emma Rayment.

7. Any Other Business

- Brian reminded people that Bishop Kenny would be speaking in the Parish Hall from 7.30 to 9 pm on Wednesday February 6th on his visits to Sudan and South Sudan; details were in the Newsletter on booking a place with CAFOD.
- Jenny announced that Fair Trade Fortnight would be from February 25th to March 10th and that, despite Traidcraft's cut back in the range of goods available for retail sales, there would be a fair trade stall at Our Lady's one weekend and at St Peter's another weekend during it. There was discussion of the fact that some parish groups still use non-fair-trade tea and coffee on the grounds that they tasted better than fair trade products. Jonathan suggested that, even if Traidcraft products were not available, we should be encouraging parishioners to look for fair trade products in the local shops and to make them aware of the range available there. It was agreed to conduct some research and to report on what fair trade goods were available in the local supermarkets before 25 February.

Jenny to research Lidl, Anne Morrisons, Lynda Marks & Spencer, Jonathan Tesco.

- Jenny announced also that there would be another Eco Fun Day on Sunday 5 May and a *LiveSimply* walk on Bank Holiday Monday 6 May.
- Jenny gave her apologies for having to miss the next meeting; Brian agreed to chair it.

8. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm in the Davenport Room on Monday February 25th, when the reflection will be on the gospel for the 8th Sunday of Year C, Luke 6: 39-45.
- Subsequent meetings will be at 7.30 pm on Mondays March 25th (in Our Lady's Small Hall), April 29th (St Joseph's Hall), May 20th and June 24th (both in the Davenport Room), July 29th (Our Lady's), our annual review meeting at 2 pm Tuesday September 3rd (Davenport Room), then 7.30 pm Mondays September 30th (St Joseph's), October 28th and November 25th (both in the Davenport Room).

The meeting closed with the *Pax Christi* prayer.