

Justice and Peace at St. Peter's

St Peter Apostle, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA

Meeting 128

July 23rd, 2018

Notes

Those present were: Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Jonathan Holden and Alan Pratten.

Apologies: Janice Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Anne Elson, Wilf Feely, Lynda Gould and Mary Wilde.

The meeting opened with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on Matthew 12: 38-42.

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 25th June.

- Brian had not yet checked the room availability for a visit from Matt Western MP in October pending some clarification of possible dates of that visit.
Brian to check with Western's constituency office towards the end of August and then investigate room availability.
- Jenny had not yet had an opportunity to ask Anna Godwin to report regularly on the Night Shelter.
Jenny to contact Anna.
- Brian reported that the 'Share the Journey' walks in Catholic Leamington had amounted to 190 miles.
- Alan pointed out that the St Anthony's school mass (discussed under CAFOD and LiveSimply) was not a Sunday but a weekday mass.

2. Rosary intention for August.

- 'We pray that genuinely held political differences do not lead us to bitterness, anger and hatred of our neighbours.'
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

- Alan reported that Chris Johnson had now retired from all involvement with the Leamington Night Shelter for health reasons.
- Brian was helping the Saturday Friendship Group put together a bid for a grant from the Town Council, with input at the last Planning Group meeting from Yvonne McKinnon. He reported that Orbit, who had provided significant funds to the Way Ahead project on a three year basis in the past, were renegotiating an annual contract in future. The Salvation Army management had expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the Way Ahead Project in rehabilitating its clients.
Brian to ask Janice to report in September on her progress in integrating the Poverty Forum Services Directory with existing Catholic Leamington services for the use of our clergy.

4. CAFOD and LiveSimply

- Jenny reported that the walk round Newbold Comyn had added 45 miles to the 'Share the Journey' total; Brian felt that the pauses to read CAFOD stories about migrants had been well received.
- CAFOD Harvest Fast Day would be on Friday 5 October (with mass collections on 6/7 October).
- Brian said that Fr John had agreed that the LiveSimply mass in solidarity with the poor should be celebrated on Sunday 28th October at Our Lady's.

5. Annual Review of the Year

- Unfortunately Fr John had said he would not be available on Tuesday 4 September for the Justice & Peace mass and annual review meeting. There was discussion whether to postpone the annual review until he could be available, but it was decided that the meeting should go ahead as planned and he should be asked to submit in advance any points he would like to make, and in particular to clarify his views on extending the Lenten J&P Stations of the Cross to Our Lady's and/or St Joseph's. It was thought important to invite personally to the meeting Frs Noel, Chris and Andy and Deacon David (or someone representing him), as well as key lay people in Lillington and Whitnash parishes. Jenny offered to deliver a short talk at the end of mass reviewing the past year, as she did last year.

Jenny to ascertain who will say the mass on September 4th and any additions to it including her final talk, and also to issue the personal invitations as above.

6. September Season of Creation

- Lynda had sent an email reporting on her assessment of the Australian Columbans' material ('a Catholic Season of Creation Sundays in September (Year B)'): she felt that some of the themes were more relevant to Australia and that most of the material was 'priest-led', requiring collaboration with the priests saying masses throughout the Season – she thought there might be insufficient time to prepare this during August, when no meetings were scheduled.
- Brian had chased the CaFE organisation preparing material (entitled 'Global Healing') at the request of the Bishops of England and Wales; they admitted it would not be available for use at the beginning of September and had suggested using it in Advent. It was agreed that this missed the whole point of Pope Francis' initiative.
- Brian offered to prepare and put up (subject to Fr John's agreement) some posters on the pillars in St Peter's church representing key themes for the Season (to remain up from September 1st to the Feast of St Francis on October 4th).

Brian to agree with Fr John and prepare the posters – additional help welcome.

7. Any Other Business

- Alan had contacted Erin about possible contributions from Trinity or from her Youth Group at the time of the Peace Festival, but they had not been able to agree concrete action. It was felt that we should still explore with her ways to involve young parishioners in J&P-related activities, possibly connected to the environment.
- Jenny to seek a meeting with Erin to discuss this.**
- Brian had emailed all on the J&P circulation list seeking consent for them to remain on the list, as required by the GDPR, and had followed up those who had not replied in the correct form. After discussion it was decided that Parish Offices on the circulation list need not be treated like individuals for GDPR purposes requiring their specific consent.

8. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday September 4th **in the Davenport Room** (upstairs in the main Parish Centre building) to review the activities of the past year.
- Subsequent meetings in 2018 will be at 7.30 pm on September 24th (in St Joseph's church hall, jointly with the St Joseph's J&P Group), and at 7.30 pm in the Davenport Room on October 29th and November 26th.

The meeting closed with the Pax Christi prayer.