



Meeting 118

July 24th, 2017

Notes

Those present were: Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Janice Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Lynda Gould, and Jonathan Holden. Jane Knight joined us for item 1 only.

Apologies: Anna Godwin.

The meeting opened with the CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2015 prayer and a reflection on the gospel for the 17th Sunday of year A, Matthew 13: 44-52.

1. Closure of Children's Centres

- Jane Knight reported that Warwickshire County Council were holding a **public consultation until 11 September** on plans to 'reshape services for children and families' under pressure of budget cuts by central government. She stressed the value of the work of the 9 local children's centres in Warwick District, helping families and single parents in need without social stigma, which could be lost if they were reduced to 3 'family hubs'. She belonged to an 'Early Years Action Group' preparing responses to WCC, and she urged as many people as possible to take part in the consultation through a 12-page questionnaire or emails or letters to the Council.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Brian reported that he had not yet received a reply from **Matt Western MP** to his letter.
- Lynda had studied the Columbans' magazine and website, which provided a lot of **resources for 'Creation Time'** (1st September to 4th October), including a mass for 1st September (Pope Francis' World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation). It was proposed that we use some of them in the J&P mass at 12.30 on Tuesday 5 September, which might even be a 'mass for various occasions' (or a votive mass) for peace & justice; Brian suggested also that we provide bidding prayers for the 5 Sundays of 'Creation Time'.

**Lynda to draft bidding prayers for the 5th September mass.
Jenny to offer them to Fr John with the added suggestion of a special mass for peace and justice, and agree with him that she should give a brief talk at the end of mass.**

**Lynda to put some of the Columbans' resources on the J&P notice board.
Brian to draft bidding prayers for the Sundays of Creation Time and offer them to Fr Noel.**

3. Rosary Intention for August

- 'We pray for young people facing change at this time of the year, that their future may be one of peace, growth and concern for others.'

**Lynda to put the intention on the J&P noticeboard and in the Prayer Intentions Book;
Jonathan to include in the newsletter.**

4. Poverty and Homelessness

- Janice reported that the **Salvation Army hostel** had reopened with 10 beds, and that referrals must be made to Yvonne (of the Way Ahead Project) who would allocate rooms. The **Helping Hands 'Lighthouse'** drop-in centre and soup kitchen would be open from 7 to 9 on Mondays, 10 - 12 and 6 - 7 on Tuesdays, and 6 - 7 on Thursdays.

5. Climate Change / LiveSimply

- Brian had proposed to the parish CAFOD team support for the new **'Power to Be' campaign** by making available at St Peter's (and hopefully Our Lady's) CAFOD cards with a tear-off

page asking the UK executive director at the World Bank to allocate a higher proportion of their existing funding of energy in developing countries to local renewables.

Brian and the parish CAFOD coordination team to organise and advertise this initiative.

- Jenny announced that the planned **LiveSimply grandparents' picnic** would be delayed as the original date clashed with another parish picnic.

6. Christmas cards for Prisoners of Conscience

- Jenny and Diana O'Reilly had talked to 5 members of Mary Grayling's **confirmation group** about the card signing later in the year. They had shown interest and asked questions, At their next meeting on 4th November they hoped to design some cards for this event.

7. Any Other Business

- It was suggested that selected people or groups (such as Kindaid) in Our Lady's and St Joseph's parishes should be **invited to the review meeting** on 5 September.
Jenny to send invitations.
- Brian noted that **Joanna Hewitt** would be taking over Trudie Pabor's job at Trinity College from next term.

9. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday 5 September (Review of the Year, in the Davenport Room) following the mass at 12.30. ***The meeting on 25 September is cancelled*** as several key people will be unavailable at that time, but a special meeting might be convened on Thursday 28 September if an urgent need for it is identified in the 5 September review.
- Subsequent meetings (in the Flint Room) will be at 7.30 p.m. on Mondays 23 October and 27 November 2017.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.