



Justice and Peace at Catholic Leamington

Meeting 138 Monday 24th June 2019 at St. Peter's

Those present were: Brian Austin, Janice Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Richard Gordon, Lynda Gould.

Apologies were received from Jenny Armstrong and Jonathan Holden.

We opened the meeting with the SPAN prayer, and then reflected on the gospel for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Matt 16:13-19

1. Minutes of the meeting of 20th May and Matters arising:

Richard had received an email from Diana reminding him to visit St. Teresa's School .

Praise in the Park has not taken place this year, probably because no church volunteered to organize it.

Brian asked if anyone had been at the Ethical Banking talk held in June.

Peace Festival. Despite appalling weather the two days were well supported. Jean Daly was happy to provide teas though not many people visited St. Peter's. Richard said it was good to see the "Welcome" banner so well displayed, although Brian commented that it was only after much searching that he managed to find the banner. Lynda had great difficulty finding display boards.

Lynda and Brian to check the large display boards, where they are stored and their suitability for future use.

Thanks were extended to Brian for providing bidding prayers and asking for a peace hymn to be sung at each mass .

2. Rosary Intention for July. Please pray that our leaders will step back from the threat of nuclear confrontation and resolve their issues peacefully.

Lynda to put it on the J&P notice board and in the newsletter.

3. Poverty and Homelessness. Janice said that keeping the Saturday Friendship Group facilities open even for one or two people is very important and can make a huge difference to individual lives.

4. Climate Change. Plans are ongoing to celebrate the Season of Creation in September.

Brian to liaise with the clergy for mass on September 1st re bidding prayers and a penitential rite.

Lynda and Brian to arrange a themed display.

Brian suggested that we support the CAFOD Climate Change petition in August. There was some concern about where such a petition could be sited at Our Lady's and St. Joseph's churches. The petition asks for the date of 2050 to be brought forward to 2045 for net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Brian to liaise with CAFOD reps at both churches to discuss and arrange the petition.

Global Healing. The hall has been booked for Wednesday September 18th 7-9pm. Film plus a follow up discussion about the parish response.

Jenny and Brian plan to attend the Climate Change March on Wednesday 26th June in London. Brian said it would be good to have more support.

5. Live Simply Group is to meet on Friday 29th June to discuss what ongoing work needs to be covered to maintain our Live Simply status.

A.O.B.

Richard spoke about the generosity of people who supported the refugee and asylum seekers in Coventry and his wish to get more advice and help from lawyers.

Notes for our diaries:

National Justice and Peace Conference, 19th-21st July.

Diocesan Conference, Saturday 12th October at St. Peter's School Solihull.

Search for a new CAFOD appointment.

Lynda to email Elizabeth Wiggins to send thanks and good wishes for all her work with CAFOD from J&P Leamington

The meeting finished with the CAFOD Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Monday 29th July at Our Lady's Lillington