



Justice and Peace at St. Peter's
St Peter Apostle, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA

Meeting 127

June 25th, 2018

Notes

Those present were: Jenny Armstrong, Wilf Feely, Lynda Gould, Jonathan Holden and Alan Pratten.

Apologies: Brian Austin, Janice Austin, Anne Elson, Anna Godwin and Mary Wilde.

The meeting opened with the CAFOD prayer 'Distant Sounds', and a reflection on the gospel for the 13th Sunday of Year B, Mark 5: 21-43.

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 23rd April.

- Chris Johnson had informed us that his report to the SPAN meeting on the Leamington Night Shelter had not included any reference to Stratford, Rugby or Nuneaton District Councils.
- In a review of the Leamington Peace Festival, thanks were given to Jean Daly and her friend Janet for welcoming visitors to the church and providing refreshments over the weekend – about 20-30 visitors came in – also to Alan and Jonathan for speaking at the Festival, and to St Anthony's School children for their peace display in the back of the church, which was praised.
- An email dated 20 June from Matt Western's constituency office confirmed that he could not attend a meeting around the end of July as he would be in Washington then, and that his marriage and honeymoon this summer, and commitments to the International Trade Select Committee and the House of Commons Labour Group made it impossible before October; but he invited us to suggest some Thursdays in October.

Brian to check room availability and reply.

2. Rosary intention for July.

- 'We pray that migrants will be given food, water and comfort on their journey.'
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 mentioned that he had resigned from volunteering with the Leamington Night Shelter and expected to spend more time helping in the Salvation Army Centre. It was suggested that Anna Godwin be asked to report on the Night Shelter from time to time to this meeting.

Jenny to ask Anna.

4. CAFOD and LiveSimply

- Jenny reminded people that there would be a '**Share the Journey**' walk in solidarity with migrants and refugees on Saturday 30th June starting at 5 pm beside the Newbold Comyn Arms. She offered to send a reminder of this to all on the J&P circulation list. She reported also that St Mary Immaculate, Warwick, parish had already held a number of 'Share the Journey' walks.
- As reported last month, the LiveSimply team had written to Fr John asking for a **LiveSimply mass in solidarity with the poor** possibly on October 28th or November 4th, and were still awaiting a response. Alan pointed out that the largest area of poverty in the parish was in Sydenham, and this seemed to include a particularly large number of Catholic families who no longer attended mass and a Portuguese community. He wondered what St Peter's (or possibly other parishes like St Joseph's) could do to reach out to them. Wilf noted that St Anthony's School held a Sunday mass for school families which was in theory open to the local community, but believed it was not attended by many of them.

7. **Any Other Business**

- Fr John had passed to Brian a poster about resources to be issued by CaFE during August under the title 'Global Healing' to celebrate Creation Day on September 1st and over the following five weeks based on *Laudato Si'*. Although he considered that the material might not be available in time to use it effectively on September 1st, he had emailed CaFE to find out how to obtain it. He had passed on also a website address of 'A Catholic Season of Creation' resource available from the Columbans in Australia aimed at adapting the Sunday liturgies throughout September with the cooperation of the celebrant priests.

Lynda to evaluate the Columban material.

8. **Future Meetings**

- The next monthly meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 23rd July **in the Davenport Room** (upstairs in the main Parish Centre building), when the reflection will be on the gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday of Year B, John 6: 1-15.
- Subsequent meetings in 2018 will be at 2 pm in the Davenport Room on: September 4th (review of the year), 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 a prayer for peace in Syria.