



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

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**Meeting 122**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Notes**

**Those present were:** Ann Allison (for the first two items), Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Janice Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Anne Elson, Anna Godwin, Lynda Gould, Wilf Feely, Jonathan Holden, and Alan Pratten.

**Apologies:** Sioned Hammond-Jones, Diana O'Reilly and Mary Wilde.

The meeting opened with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the gospel for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B), Mark 1: 29-39.

**1. Matters arising from the November 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Brian reported that on the weekend of **Pax Christi Peace Sunday** (January 14<sup>th</sup> 2018) we had a peace hymn and prayer and prayer cards distributed at every mass, and the Pope's New Year message of peace was available at the back of the church at St Peter's. He was disappointed that very few additional people and no clergy attended the Holy Hour for peace that afternoon, since it clashed with Fr Laurence's farewell party at Lillington.
- Brian distributed his revised version of the 'Justice & Peace programme for 2018 and beyond', which he recommended should be reviewed at least twice a year.

**2. CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February)**

- Ann Allison planned to speak about the Fast Day at all masses on the preceding weekend (February 17/18) subject to Fr John's agreement. (Alan confirmed that there were no SPAN or other appeals that weekend.) She had booked St Peter's Parish Hall for a soup and roll lunch on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and would invite donations. She would need volunteers to set out the tables and chairs. (It was noted that St Peter's church would be closed all that week, so that weekday masses might be in the Parish Hall.) She would also advise Mass Coordinators to hand out CAFOD envelopes at the beginning of masses on the weekend of February 24/25 for the second collection.

**Ann to check with Fr John whether she could speak at masses on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>, and check when the Hall might be available for setting out tables on 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**3. Lent Stations of the Cross**

- Alan reported that he had prepared a rota of leaders and readers for the Stations of the Cross at 11.45 on Wednesday mornings in Lent, which he distributed. Erin Doughty had not yet come back to him about her suggestion that year 5 schoolchildren should attend the Stations on one Wednesday in Lent and year 6 on another Wednesday. He had spoken to Fr Andrew Franklin who would like the J&P Stations to be held on Friday evenings in Lent at St Joseph's. Brian thought it would not be practicable to transport the pictures every Friday from St Peter's to St Joseph's and back, and he suggested projecting the pictures onto a screen or white wall at St Joseph's rather than fixing the physical pictures to the wall.

**Alan and Brian to visit St Joseph's to check the facilities there.**

**Alan to contact Erin about the schools.**

- Brian reported that four new pictures had been added and the text of the booklets amended to fit them. The A5 booklets had been transferred to Erin who had offered to reformat them to reduce the photocopying cost to the Parish; the A4 Reader's and Leader's booklets were ready also.

**Brian to chase Erin on reformatting the booklets as soon as possible, and to ask her to get 60 booklets run off plus (if St Joseph's goes ahead with their Stations) another 30 for them.**

#### 4. **Rosary intention for January**

- 'Let us pray for those who are anxious about their future because of unemployment or redundancy.'

**Lynda or Anna to put on the J&P noticeboard in the church; Jonathan to enter in the Newsletter and on the website.**

#### 5. **Climate Change**

- Brian said that, at Fr John's request, he was preparing a document to be available to parishioners throughout Lent suggesting actions to be taken at different times based on *Laudato Si'*, with each week devoted to a particular chapter of that encyclical on Care of Our Common Home. For example, he would like to invite people to the CAFOD Fast Day lunch on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and to a showing of the DVD of Al Gore's new film, *An Inconvenient Sequel*, from 4 to 6 one Sunday afternoon early in Lent. Brian welcomed more suggestions. Anne Elson suggested also inviting people to the Women's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Suriname on 'All God's Creation is Very Good!', at 2 pm Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Mary Magdalene church in Lillington. It was felt that the document should be issued before Lent begins to ensure people can plan their actions in advance.

#### 6. **Fair Trade Fortnight (February 26 – March 11) and LiveSimply Week (April 22-29)**

Jenny said she was planning to run a Fair Trade stall at St Peter's after masses on March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, and at Our Lady's on March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. The LiveSimply Team's plans included 'Walk to Church Sunday' on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and promoting the locally run 'Eco Fun Sunday' on 29<sup>th</sup> April. The plan is to invite parishioners to Live more Simply that week. There was discussion on the way in which we could encourage people to use less plastic or lobby supermarkets to cut down their usage. Janice mentioned that the Green Party are looking at this issue too and she will keep the group informed as to their activities which we could possibly mirror.

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#### 7. **Poverty and Homelessness**

- Since Fr John had asked for the appeal and church collection for the Saturday Friendship Group to be postponed until after the Lenten Alms appeals were finished, Janice had yet to agree a new date for it with Fr John: those present thought that it should be held soon after Easter as the SFG funds were getting low. She mentioned that she is looking for someone to shadow her as leader of the SFG planning group and take over from her eventually – she already had someone in mind.

#### 8. **Catholic Leamington Website**

- Jenny mentioned that Jonathan had set up and was maintaining the J&P page on the new [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/) website, which could be reached via the Parish Activities / Social Action / Justice and Peace menu or direct at [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/justice-and-peace.html](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/justice-and-peace.html). It was noted, however, that the current newsletter for St Peter's and Our Lady's and the last two newsletters for St Joseph's had not yet been published on this website. The old St Peter's website was no longer being maintained and may be closed down soon: it was felt that it should be kept open for many months more with a redirect to the new website.

#### 9. **Future Meetings**

- The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm. **in the Church Hall at St Joseph's, Whitnash**, at Fr Andy's invitation, when the reflection will be on the gospel for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B), John 2: 13-25.
- Subsequent meetings in 2018 will be at 7.30pm (in the Flint Room except as shown) on: March 26<sup>th</sup> (Davenport Room); April 30<sup>th</sup>; May 21<sup>st</sup>; June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> (Davenport Room at 2 pm - review of the year), September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with the Pax Christi prayer.