

Justice and Peace Group
Minutes of the Meeting
5th December 2018
St Augustine of Hippo, St Austell

Present Patricia Kotwinski, Judith Pollard, Jackie Foster, Pat Whitehouse, John Ballard, Angela Alderman

Apologies none

Minutes of Last Meeting were agreed

CAFOD

- **Recycling** The box to receive recycled items had been set out. Unfortunately, there had not been room in the newsletter to announce its presence but that would be put right the following week. The 'welcomers' had agreed to supervise the safe stowage of the box between masses. AA had set out explanatory leaflets.
- **Share the Journey** AA asked if anyone had undertaken a walk. Two names so far. Others committed to doing a walk.

Caritas Plymouth A consultation meeting in Plymouth had taken place the previous Saturday which AA and JB had attended. They reported on the meeting. The focus would be on the isolated elderly; young families; the homeless; immigrants. Bishop Mark would launch the project in May 2019. All hoped that this would raise awareness of the need for social action in the parish community. Fr Peter had said to AA that he would be willing to meet with members to discuss implications.

The World Day of Prayer for the Poor (18th Nov). It was hoped that this would become a regular event in the parish

Holocaust Memorial Day was on 27th Jan 2019 (a Sunday). We would need to discuss with Fr Peter what liturgy could be used.

Refugees JP and JF had taken a carload up to Plymouth the previous week. This had been much appreciated. JF had requested a letter of thanks for use in the parish.

The Advent Giving Tree (for Homeless and Refugees) was well in hand. It was stressed that this had always been the single focus of giving during the Advent season.

Mevagissey Choir Concert for St Petroc's This would take place on Sat 15th Dec. The raffle and refreshments would be organised by Friends of St Petrocs in St Austell.

The Fairtrade Stall run by Kathy Pope would again take place at the weekend 8/9 Dec. J&P members would assist as last time.

Parish Website JB was pleased to announce that the Justice and Peace page had been given due prominence and was now easily accessible. Minutes of monthly meetings of the J&P group were now posted on the site.

Any Other Business Bishop Mark had written a moving letter in support of St Petroc's Christmas Appeal. It is attached to these minutes.

Date of next meeting 6.00 pm Wed 2nd Jan 2019 in Cuthbert Mayne

Bishop Mark's Letter

Christmas 2018

Dear friends

For most of us Christmas is an extra-ordinary time of year with an almost magical quality. Perhaps we eat and drink a little more than usual, we sit around in our slippers and stop in the comfort of our homes.

We can forget that the first Christmas was very ordinary, very normal. The Son of God did not enter this world in a great blaze of glory, he was not born in the maternity suite of a grand palace, there was no special place prepared for him and no fuss.

This is the kind of world that God enters. This is the kind of world God cares about. He comes to be with the poor, the homeless, and into the circumstances of each of our lives.

Thank God for the St Petroc's Society, who make this truth reality in the lives of so many people for whom Christmas is like any other day on a cold street, on a wet and windy night.

I am proud to be associated with their wonderful work and gladly commend their annual Christmas appeal to your generosity.

With my very best wishes and prayers

Yours devotedly,

+ Mark O'Roole .