

St Stephen's Justice & Peace Group Meeting

Saturday 25th August 2012 – St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield

Present:	Sheila Gregory	Apologies:	Mary McMahon
	Mark Bentley		Florence Begley
	Maureen Keep		Audrey Yates
	Andrew Thomson		Rachel Dennison
	Marita Thomson		Fr. Andrew
	Peter Vetch		
	Rose Pierce		

Thank you to Maureen for providing refreshments

The meeting opened with a CAFOD Prayer

Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting were agreed

Advent Campaign:

- Proposal is a campaign in support of the Hold Land
- Need to identify a charity to support; the suggestion of supporting the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre had been investigated by a number of those the general feeling was that this was not the right route.
- Preconditions:
 - Must be an organisation acceptable to Fr Andre
 - The aims and ethos must be acceptable to the group
 - It should not be over politicised
- It was agreed that Sheila would approach Sheila Fawcett at Leeds J&P while Andrew would investigate Caritas.
- There was a discussion about the nature of the campaign; it was concluded that a speaker followed by a collection was probably best. The possibility of a related Christmas card campaign was also discussed. Andrew agreed to talk to Pax Christi.

CAFOD Update:

- The Lent Campaign "Thirst for Justice" raised £9.4m (target £2m) with "matched" funding in excess of £5m to be added by DFID (Dept. for International Development). Contribution from our parish in excess of £5000.
- Harvest Fast Day – focus is on getting people thinking about regular giving. It will also be the start of an 18month campaign – "Hunger for Justice". This campaign will be a joint campaign with BOAG – the British Overseas Aid Group consisting of Christian Aid, ActionAid, CAFOD, Oxfam and Save the Children.
- The Hunger for Justice campaign will be focus of the Lent Campaign. Ideas of an Emmaus meal, possibly a breakfast after Mass, were discussed. The school should be involved if possible.
- There will be a Prayer writing workshop on Thursday 13th September. Rose to discuss with Frances Hastings and advise Andrew.

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- East Timor:**
- Worrying changes have occurred in the running of the school. Sheila to approach Simon Myers – the Chair of Trustees.
 - Tais sales have gone well
- Traidcraft:**
- Marita suggested the idea of a bulk order for Christmas. Andrew and Marita to discuss with Rachel
 - The “product of the month” idea discussed at the previous meeting was revisited. The idea of Christmas focused products was suggested – e.g. Cake ingredients
- Growing Justice & Peace Group**
- Need for a CAFOD rep was discussed. Notice to go in newsletter seeking enthusiastic individual. Expressed as opportunity to lead the Lent Campaign with support of the J&P group.
- Newsletter**
- Contents reviewed. Copy to go to Mary & Florence
 - To be published in October
 - Opportunity to use content to create J&P pages on the St Stephens and SMC websites.
- A.O.B.**
- Fr John Deer to speak at Garforth on 7th September. Andrew has the details.
- Next meeting:** Saturday 6th October – 2.00 p.m. – St Margaret's