

St Stephen's Justice & Peace Group Meeting

Saturday 1st October 2011 – St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield

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Lent Project 2011 – Connect 2:

- Objective was to increase level of engagement with other countries
- Linked to Lent Stations at St Stephen's
- Was useful – provided information and awareness
- However - total of only 26 votes from 2 communities
- Conclusion – not an approach which the parish wanted to adopt
- A number of possibilities were discussed coming out of the project however including:
 - Possibility of repeating "Walk with Us" Stations during Lent 2012
 - Possibility of using the "Walk with Us" Stations at St Margaret's
 - Possibility of inviting Churches Together to participate

Forthcoming Advent Campaign:

- A number of ideas were explored for the advent campaign. Two themes emerged:
 - East Africa / CAFOD emergency Fund
 - Peace in the Holy Land / Christians in Palestine
- A vote was taken and East Africa was selected. It was agreed that the "Peace in the Holy Land" topic should be considered for the Lent campaign.
- Next steps for the East Africa campaign were discussed including:
 - A speaker to talk at all Masses on 4th December. Andrew to approach CAFOD to find a speaker.
 - Andrew to investigate the possibility of a campaign card to raise awareness and increase engagement

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- The possibility of showing a DVD after Mass at both churches was discussed
- The possibility of using virtual gifts was discussed
- There was a discussion regarding the possibility of involving the young people of the Parish in the campaign
- Fr. Andrew to explore how to incorporate the East Africa theme into the 4th December Mass with the catechists, the musicians and the school
- Final arrangements will be made at the November meeting

Fairtrade The Fairtrade account will be set up when the order is received. The possibility of having the Fairtrade stall at St Margaret's was discussed. Rachel is to send an order form to Audrey

East Timor A report was issued – see attachment

Harvest Day Will be the 7th October. Envelopes to be issued with the newsletter on 2nd October

CAFOD Representative: The St Stephen's census will include a request for a volunteer to be CAFOD representative for St Stephen's. Peter Vetch to review St Margaret's census to identify potential rep for St Margaret's.

CAFOD update:

- The opening of Myddelton Grange Environment Walk, which has due to be held on 4th October, has been postponed to the end November. It is a walk with a climate change theme
- Cards are to be supplied for people to send in to lobby government in advance of the Durban Climate Change talks in December.
- On 8th October there is a Diocesan Justice & Peace event – "Swords into Ploughshares". Andrew has the details

Justice & Peace Newsletter: It was agreed to aim to produce a Justice & Peace newsletter for Lent 2012, possibly based around a Peace theme – to be discussed at next meeting

A.O.B. A copy of the East Anglia J&P news Letter was circulated for info – copy attached

Date of Next Meeting: Saturday, 19th November at 2.00 p.m. at St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield