

## St Stephen's Justice & Peace Group Meeting

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – St Margaret Clitherow, Threshfield

The meeting opened with a CAFOD Prayer

<b>Present:</b>	Sheila Gregory	<b>Apologies:</b>	Audrey Yates
	Mark Bentley		Maureen Keep
	Andrew Thomson		
	Marita Thomson		
	Rose Pierce		
	Fr. Andrew		
	Rachel Dennison		
	Peter Vetch		

- Minutes**
- The minutes of the last meeting were agreed
- Advent Campaign:**
- Advent campaign will be in support of the Holy Land
  - Last meeting had agreed it was necessary to identify a charity to support;
  - Andrew had investigated Caritas Jerusalem and Aid to the Church in need. Of these he favoured caritas Jerusalem.
  - Sheila had spoken to Sheila Fawcett at Leeds J&P who had suggested a number of options including Caritas Jerusalem and a number of smaller “single purpose” charities. Sheila also favoured Caritas Jerusalem.
  - Some details from the Caritas Jerusalem website were circulated and the meeting agreed that this was the best option.
  - Nature of the campaign:
    - Possibility of using peace lamps as Advent Wreaths
      - Andrew T to investigate costs
      - Fr/ Andrew to discuss with Florence
      - Peter to discuss with Audrey
    - Talk: Second Sunday of Advent (weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> December) – ideally from external speaker with first had experience – either from Caritas Jerusalem or the Sisters of Zion. Andrew to approach Caritas Jerusalem. If not possible will contact Rose to approach the Sisters of Zion. 5 masses to be covered.
    - Andrew to ask Caritas Jerusalem if they can supply envelopes / boxes
    - It was agreed there will be no virtual Christmas card campaign this year.
- East Timor:**
- Sheila has had a reply from Fr. Pat explaining the situation and confirming that the money raised is still under the control of the Peter Trust. Due to problems at the school Fr. Pat proposed that the money should be spent on an alternative project. The meeting felt this was not possible, given that it had been raised for a specific cause.

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- Sheila proposed that she should write back to Fr Pat explaining this and requesting that one of the Sisters should be nominated to spend the money on priority items needed by the school without involving the priest who is causing the problems. If this is not possible Sheila to ask Fr Pat to explain why not.
- Rose agreed to get the cross and tais material for St Stephen's

### CAFOD Update:

- Next programme will be "Hunger for Change" – starting now but focus at Lent next year
- World Food Day in October
- Campaigning and fundraising activities at Cafod are now increasingly aligned which is proving very effective
- The meeting reflected that the recent cabinet reshuffle was unlikely to have a positive impact on government aid programmes
- There has been a limited response to the appeal for a Cafod rep.

### Newsletter

- All copy received except of Fr. Andrew's input – 2 pages on "Vatican 2 50 years on"

### Traidcraft:

- St Stephens is slowly adopting Fair Trade products for the catering
- The possibility of moving away from the focus on the stall was discussed, in the light of Fair Trade products increasingly becoming available in supermarkets. Stall could focus on "niche" items and undated products not generally available
- There should be an increasing focus on information and awareness.
- Potential for a Fair Trade baking activity in school was discussed.
- More help is required. It was agreed that there should be an insert in the newsletter seeking
  - Help with Fair Trade
  - A Cafod rep
  - More members for J&P group

### A.O.B.

- None

### Next meeting:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – 2.00 p.m. – St Margaret's

The meeting closed with a "Live Simply" prayer