

T.W.I.G. Meeting Held on 14/01/2016.

1) Present : Shaun & Julia Radcliffe, Clare Howarth, Vivien Drake, Christine Acomb, Anne Trotter, Margaret Abbott, Helena Harrington, Paddy Spiller, Moira Smith.

2} Apologies : none.

3) Minutes of last meeting : agreed as a true account : proposed by Margaret & seconded by Shaun.

4) There were no matters arising.

5) Treasurers Report : The October Collection came straight on the heels of the Harvest Fast so the amount donated of £543.26 was pretty good. The amount to Mary's Meals would be equalled by the Government as a chosen charity for the Aid Match scheme. We still were able to send assistance to CAFOD to get aid to the many refugees moving away from the war in Syria. A receipt was received and Shaun read out part of the the information which was on the receipt.

Thanks go as usual to the money collected at Sunday coffee mornings.

6)Use of Funds : £750 held in the Account. £100 to be sent to CAFOD re Syria.

7) The CAFOD magazine "Side By Side" has been received and read by our members.

8) Lent 2016 : Our chosen charity this Lent is the "Sylvia Wright Trust". Speakers will address all Masses on 13th/14th February. - John Powley (6pm Mass) Tony Hartigan (9.30 & 11am Masses).Collections will be taken at each Mass throughout Lent.

9) Any Other Business : A CAFOD event will be held at Sts.Mary & Monica on Saturday 30/1/16 (10 am to 12 pm) Details are to be included on the parish bulletin.

Year 6 at St Joseph's Primary School produced hampers prior to Christmas and raised £60 to be sent to Traidcraft Exchange.

Anne mentioned that CAFOD'S website has requested that people do something on Valentine's Day for the planet : "For The Love Of....."

Anne also told us that a lecture will be held at Leeds Trinity on 17/2/16 by a priest from Buenos Aires at 6.30pm (Fr Augustini Zampini?) covering salient parts of "Laudato Si".

A talk on Palestine as seen through children's eyes will be held on a Tuesday evening in Lent at St Mary's .

CAFOD Correspondent : On 10/11/15, Shaun wrote to the minister in charge of the Dept of Energy & Climate Change ,the Rt Hon Sajid Javid M.P. His letter asked that our Government plays a leading part in talks in Paris & stressed the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels.The Government must also not support investment into fossil fuel projects overseas. A copy went to Philip Davies, our local M.P. A reply from the Department outlined the progress made in Paris and the importance of countries implementing their commitments. More money was promised for the International Climate Fund so that poorer countries could better withstand weather extremes and rising temperatures.

Date of next meeting : 14/4/2016 at 7pm (A.G.M.)