

St Joseph's CAFOD Group
Minutes of meeting on 12 November 2019 at 27 Worgret Road Wareham

1. Present: Angela Gray, Eileen Clare, Carol and Christopher Donaghy, Jim Wetherill, Liz and Bernard White.

2. **Livesimply**

- a. Clothing for children in need overseas – (see minutes 10 September) Angela showed us a dress which she had made up, which looked lovely. Going forward, it was agreed that Angela will make up patterns for such dresses, and pantaloons for boys, with a view to asking parishioners to make further items from them, as a Lent project.

Action: Angela

We will acquire cotton pillowcases (from home, Charity shops) and parishioners.

Action: All

Bernard will ask Cafod where we can send up to, say 50 items and whether there are other items of clothing we could make?

Action: Bernard

- b. There will be a "Nearly New" sale in the Spring of 2020. The proceeds will be given to "Care for Carers" at the request of Eileen Franklin. The suggested date 25 April.

Action: Liz

3. **Cafod overseas projects**

At our previous meeting, we had agreed to have an exhibition showing details and pictures of various Cafod overseas projects. Fr Tim has agreed that we can have the exhibition at the front of the church during mass. This will now take place on 16 February 2020, with a soup lunch in the narthex after mass. This date precedes Fast Day on 6 March.

- a. Bernard will ask Fr Tim whether this will be okay in view of the planned visit by Bishop Mark. He will also source posters and stories from Cafod and organise facilities to display them.

Action: Bernard

- b. Soup lunch.

Action: Liz, Angela, Carol

4. **Plastic-free Advent** - We shall promote a plastic-free Advent in the newsletter for 1 December, when there will be a leaflet, newsletter and noticeboard. We shall provide some ideas how to live as far as possible without new single use plastic and, if we can, a help sheet showing where to find common purchases not wrapped or contained in plastic. Carol and Jim mentioned Down to Earth, Trinity St, Dorchester and Bare Necessities, Wareham.

We decided to put forward the following ideas in the leaflet/noticeboard:

- a. Shop at Down to Earth and Bare Necessities, Wareham (where you can buy loose cereals etc).
- b. Buy fresh vegetables – no plastic containers – cloth bag or Bag for Life
- c. Make your own Christmas wrapping paper from, e.g. brown paper & decorate it using plastic-free paint – recommend brands if we can.
- d. Use loose leaf tea or plastic-free tea bags. Both available as Fairtrade. Our Church will use loose leaf for after-mass tea. (note – we shall buy a metal tea strainer.

**Action: Leaflet – Angela
Newsletter – Bernard**

Noticeboard – Liz and Angela

5. To introduce the “plastic free” Advent, we shall organise the offertory procession on 8 December which will include:

- i. Christmas wrapping paper; (**Liz to provide**)
- ii. Wooden Christmas decorations; (**Angela to provide**)
- iii. Making flowers from wood shavings; (**Carol to provide**)
- iv. An environmentally friendly wreath; (**Liz to provide**)

Liz will write an offertory commentary which will be read by two young people.

Action: Liz to provide

6. **Launch of Cafod “Hands On” programme supporting the local people in the Magdalena Medio region of Colombia, South America.** We will launch 23/24 November with an item in the newsletter. Liz will hold a wreath making session on 7th December and the amounts raised will go to Magdalena Medio.

Action: Bernard

7. **Climate crisis (minutes 10-09-19).** Bernard reported that most parishioners signed the petition which he will now send to Cafod, and to MPs after the election.

Action: Bernard

8. **Documents by the Bishops of England & Wales** – We agreed to defer further action.

9. **Review of Harvest Fast Day** – Bernard reported that the amount contributed by our parish was £1380 which was magnificent.

10. Christmas

- a. Cafod has asked parishes to send cards to defenders of vulnerable people around the world and of our common home. Angela will buy 4 cards which the Cafod group will sign

Action: Angela

- b. CAFOD World Gifts will be handed out with newsletter this Sunday or the following week.

Action: Bernard to ask Cafod for the brochures

- c. Christmas tree at St Joseph’s – **Angela will arrange the sale of baubles**

11. Date of next meeting 28 January at Angela’s, with takeaway pizza from The Italian Kitchen.