

ST FRANCIS DE SALES JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Trying to fulfill the Church's mission to uphold the dignity of every human being, particularly the poor and oppressed

The J&P Group at St Francis de Sales exists as a 'mission of social concern' within our parish. Our focus is on fundraising for charitable causes, awareness-raising about issues of social justice around the world, campaigning where appropriate, and creating opportunities for people to come together to pray and reflect.

Thank you for your support this year! Below you will see a summary of our activities in the year September 2017-August 2018. As a parish group we represent YOU and we would welcome new members and new ideas. Please contact me via the parish office if you are interested in being involved, or if you would like to find out about joining the 100 Club or regular giving to the Special Projects Fund.

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1. Campaigning and awareness-raising

This year we have...

- promoted the Cafod Fast Day appeals in October 2017 and March 2018.
- highlighted the work of Aid to the Church in Need supporting persecuted Christians in countries such as Syria, Iraq and Nigeria.
- organized a 'Share the Journey' walk on Greenham Common, 17 June 2018, in solidarity with migrants and refugees.
- drawn attention to the ongoing peace process in Colombia through the sale of fruit juices from former conflict zones/zones of coca production in Colombia.

2. Fundraising

A total of £3163.18 has been raised in 2017-18:

	£
a. Regular monthly giving	720.00
b. 100 Club proceeds (receipts less costs)	603.00
c. Cake stalls (22 Oct 2017, 11 Mar 2018), Christmas Bazaar (10 Dec 2017)	484.14
d. Musical Jamboree, 12 May 2018	598.00
e. Donations after 'Soup and Stations' in Lent (Feb/Mar 2018)	330.06
f. Raffle/cake sale, 12 August 2018	114.40
f. Donations	313.58

3. Distribution

We made the following donations from funds raised (including funds raised in 2016-17):

a. Fair Close Centre, Newbury	870.00
b. Intercare Medical Aid for Africa	1220.00
c. La Asunción Orphanage, Mexico City	750.00
d. Aid to the Church in Need	580.00
e. Cafod (GF Candlelight Fund/Water filter programme)	461.00
f. Little Way Association (Mexico Earthquake appeal, Nov 2017)	337.28

4. Spiritual events

- Share the Journey walk, 17 June 2018, included reflections and prayers focused on the experiences of people fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty around the world.
- Justice and Peace themed mass, 12 August 2018, included particular prayers for persecuted Christians in Nigeria and Syria.

PLEASE SEE THE J&P BULLETIN (Aug 2018) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES