

Jan—Feb
2010



Upcoming Events:

The Harbour Project Quiz Night

Sat 6th March, 7 for 7:30pm
St Joseph's Catholic College

Tickets £10, which includes a fish & chips supper (vegetarian option available) from The Harbour Office: harbouroffice1@aol.com or 611682. Teams will be of 6~8 people.

London Marathon—can you sponsor Julie?

Julie Burchall from St Peter's Parish will be running in **Team CAFOD** in the London Marathon on April 25th. She aims to raise £2,500. Website: www.justgiving.com/julieburchall

Fairtrade Fortnight 2010 22nd Feb to 7th Mar

This year's theme is "The Big Swap": join in by swapping your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff.

Lent 2010: Give it up!

This year will mark the 50th Anniversary of Lent Fast Day. CAFOD will be encouraging us to give up something this Lent and donate the money saved to people living in poverty. Details in the next J&P newsletter and in school & parish bulletins from mid-February.

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- **Holy Rood**
Julia Starczewski (Chair)
Noreen Bint (CAFOD Rep)
- **Holy Family**
Jean Roberts (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Thomas More, Marlborough**
Matthew Devlin (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Joseph's, Wroughton**
Steve Aftelak
- **St Mary's**
Roger Dyson (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Peter's**
Elizabeth & Robert Barrett
John Bennett (CAFOD Rep)
Clare-Marie Burchall
Louise Burke
Gitti & Eric Hayes
Hugo James

Deanery CAFOD Representative:
Mark Donovan, 01793-522709

Next J&P Group meetings:

Next meetings: Tues 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar,
13th Apr and 4th May at Tovey Road
Presbytery, 7:30-9:00pm.

Pantomime trip for Harbour visitors

J&P Group members and friends took 20 people including children from Swindon's Refugee and Asylum Seeker community to the pantomime at Immanuel URC Church in January. The trip was organized with The Harbour Project, which supports this community in Swindon. Sharon, a Harbour visitor, had this to say:

"We were taken to Immanuel Church by Julia to watch a production of Cinderella. There was myself, my friend and 7 children between us, ages ranging from 2 up to 12. Unfortunately the weather was awful so the turn out wasn't as good as was expected but we sat down ready for the show nonetheless!

I have to say honestly I wasn't expecting much, but the adults and children had an absolute blast, lots of laughs, especially from the character of the Nanny who really got the crowd interacting especially the children, they were even taken up on stage at one point, which they were thrilled about! The only down side was a small one— sugary drinks for the kids.

Overall a wonderful evening and to organise something like this for the community is brilliant, we would definitely be grateful to be invited again."



*"Die of service, not of rust"
... from a school song.*

*"Aspire not to have more but
to be more"... Cardinal Oscar
Romero.*

*"If you think one person
can't make a difference,
you've never shared a
bedroom with a mosquito"
... The Dalai Lama.*



"If you want to cultivate peace... Protect the earth"

This was Pope Benedict's message for Peace Sunday 2010, on January 17th. Twenty-five people from across Swindon came together for an hour on the day at St Michael's Convent next to Holy Family Church, to pray for peace. This is an annual event organised by the Justice & Peace Group. It was a peaceful, gentle atmosphere, much appreciated by the participants. We remembered Frank Buchanan RIP who was a stalwart organiser of all our previous Peace Vigils. Thanks go to Julia Starczewski and Mark Donovan for organising this event.

To quote from the Prayer of Commitment which we read aloud: "We promise to work to bring the Peace of the Gospel to a divided world." Amen.

