



Mission & Action Group

Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2007

Present: Beryl, Pearl, Edna, Nancy, Denzil, Doreen, Leah, Jean, Stephen.

1. Amnesty

The last meeting of this group had been in January to make paper roses as part of the Amnesty campaign to help women in Zimbabwe.

2. Gold Mining: Unearth Justice Campaign

The project had finished now and we had filled in cards and gold chains which had been sent off after our Advent and Epiphany celebrations.

3. Water Aid

The knitted river had been sent off and a few members had heard from Water Aid about the latest campaigns and news.

4. Micah Challenge

It is half way between the Millennium and 2015 – the date set for the millennium goals to be completed. The Micah Challenge takes up the theme of Micah 6.8: “And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” There are cards to send to the PM reminding him of the promises that have been made. We will get these and provide one each for the congregation. The cards also contain a pledge to sign up for the Micah Challenge and a personal reminder prayer/card. There is also a DVD which we could watch at our next meeting.

5. Convoy to Moldova

The Communication Workers Union are taking a convoy of 27 truck loads of equipment to a school in desperate need. The items needed are easily obtained. Again there is a DVD to watch and it may be a good project to involve Junior Church with. Stephen to find out an updated list of what is needed and then we can start collecting during June and July.

6. Christian Aid

It was agreed to run a retiring collection in church over the two Sundays of Christian Aid week in addition to the house to house collection in aid of the Darfur campaign.

7. Discrimination issues

A general discussion took place about concerns over the affect of some extreme Islamic customs and laws, especially those perceived as limiting and controlling women. This led to a related discussion on racism issues, especially in the church and in particular our own parish. Whilst other institutions had been looking at their own institutionalised racism and discrimination the church had perhaps been slow to follow this up. Perhaps we need, as a parish, to be more aware of any discrimination – especially given that it may be more subtle here at St Agnes than the more obvious examples from elsewhere. This issue should be raised with the PCC.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 6th June 2007