



MISSION & ACTION GROUP

Meeting held on Wednesday 28th June 2006

Present: Wilbert, Nancy, Pearl, Edna, Muriel, Carmen, Jean, Stephen, Leah, Rudolphus, Denzil, Beryl

Apologies: Doreen

1. Amnesty

Denzil and Stephen had attended the Manchester Amnesty Meeting and joined up. We offered to join their campaigns on a 'group' basis rather than just as individuals.

2. Water Aid

The PCC were keen to take forward the discussion held at the last SAMAG meeting and so nominated this year's harvest theme as Water. To collect more stories from church members and suggest ways of developing the water/harvest theme there will be an afternoon open meeting on Tuesday 1st August, 2pm in the Rectory garden. Stephen has sent off for the Water Aid harvest resources.

3. Gold Mining

CAFOD are organising this campaign and suggest that people write their name in support of the project on a gold link paper. These are joined together and then locked with a gold paper padlock with information on and the whole 'bracelet' either presented to a local jeweller or sent to London to join the big national bracelet. We decided to link this gold chain idea with our Advent/Christmas preparation when people were possibly buying gold anyway as gifts. The final chain could be used as part of the Epiphany-tide festival linking in with gift of Gold given to Jesus. Some larger Jewellers have already signed up to this agreement for fair-trade gold from Honduras.

Suggestion that we invite other local churches to join us and create a bigger gold chain to send down to London and put on an evening event and presentation to explain to churches what the issues are.

There was still no more news on the petition letter. Denzil to find out more.

4. Christian Aid Goat

A card showing how the gift of a goat works was circulated. Decided to put this in the parish magazine.

5. Church Urban Fund

A leaflet and poster about the newly launched CUF was passed around. Wilbert offered to take it away and read it.

6. Henry Mayor

The Revd Henry Mayor has just returned from a three month trip to Kenya where he was finding out about HIV/AIDS, poverty, homosexuality and the Kenyan churches action/reaction to them. He is touring now with his presentation of his findings and wishes to come to St Agnes. It was agreed to ask him to come either for an evening in the week (if light nights) or a Sunday afternoon (perhaps after a lunch) and for him to choose the topic of his presentation. Stephen to contact him.

7. The Beat Goes On

Denzil brought information about a national event to break the drumming record - banging drums, tin lids - anything - in order to refresh the Make Poverty History campaign from last year. The event is on Saturday 8th July at the Cathedral.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st August, 2pm