

## **Minutes for NE Area CAT Meeting (5) – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Venue: St Mary's Parish Hall, Burnley

Present: Fred Uttley (FU), Janet Hodgeon (JH), Kathleen Armfield (KA), Teresa Preedy (TP), Betty Ball (BB), Monica Atherton (MA), Eileen Ennis (EE), Catherine Hayes (CH), Dominic Aunger (DA).

Apologies: Peter Dunleavy (PD), Anne Marie Coppock (AMC), Jackie Hindle-South (JHS), Ann Marie Wrigley (AMW), Julie Wadsworth (JW), Barbara McCarter (BM), Catherine Brady (CB).

**1.1 Welcome & Opening Prayer** – DA welcomed everybody to the 5<sup>th</sup> NE Area CAT meeting and opened the proceedings by inviting everybody to say together the new Harvest Fast Day (HFD) Prayer: "A place at the table". DA apologised for any mix up caused by bringing forward the CAT meeting to 19<sup>th</sup> September from 26<sup>th</sup> and the change in start time.

### **2.1 Feedback for Lent Fast Day (LFD):**

**2.1.1 CAFOD in England & Wales** - DA informed meeting how CAFOD nationally had raised over £9 million and was in discussion with UK Government over how much they would match. They had previously said they would match fundraising up to £5 million. News on the outcome of these meetings with the Government should be available by end of this month, keep up to date by visiting CAFOD website: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/News>. DA handed out information sheets on how some of the additional monies would be used on CAFOD funded programs. This can be downloaded on CATchat Blog: <https://catchatsalford.wordpress.com/> or copies requested from DA.

**2.1.2 CAFOD Salford** – DA then told group how CAFOD Salford parishes had nearly doubled what they normally raise for LFD: £132,763 (2012) compared to £70,310 (2011) and passed on the thanks form Salford Office and Head Office. CH Commented on the fact that the extended period of fundraising for Lent, February to near end of May, had helped push up the monies raised.

**2.2 Parish Activities** – Feedback from different parish groups and how CAFOD work has gone since LFD:

**2.2.1 St John the Baptist's (SJB's) & St Philip's (SP's) Padiham** – FU/KA/JH told the group that their Outreach to the World Group had raised around £4,000 for LFD. They had done this through the LFD envelopes, the "Walk for Water" sponsored walk along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in April (approx £1,800), a Soup Kitchen on the weekend of LFD and by holding a stall selling various goods including delicious cakes at SP's Church. They had also held campaign card signing sessions for the "thirst for change" campaign.

**2.2.2 St John the Baptist's (SJB's) Burnley** – CH informed the group that SJB's had raised £4,487.93 for LFD. MA/CH/EE/BB told the meeting that the parish had raised this through the LFD envelopes, "Give it Up for Lent" collection boxes, a Lenten Soup Kitchen every Friday in Lent (approx £1,000) and individual donations. SJB's CAFOD group also held postcard signing sessions for the "thirst for change" campaign after some Masses during Lent.

**2.2.3 Christ the King (CtK) Burnley** – TP told the meeting that CtK don't specifically use the LFD envelopes for LFD. The envelopes are left at the back of church for people to use if they wish. However, the parish donates the whole of a Sunday collection to CAFOD around LFD, which this year raised around £2,000. TP also informed the group that CtK parish raised about £500 from their Traidcraft stall which they hold once a month.

**3. Feedback from CAT Communicators Day** – DA reported back on the Communicators day held the previous Saturday. Informed group that theme of food goes right across CAFOD materials for HFD for parishes, schools, young people and the new campaign.

**3.1.1 HFD Envelopes** – DA showed the group the HFD envelopes and poster from the Parish HFD packs. He gave some background on the family of the boy, Gift, featured on the front of the envelopes and how CAFOD had transformed his family's and his community's life by repairing the water-pump and providing tools and seeds for a food garden.

**3.1.2 Theme of HFD** – DA shared with meeting the theme for HFD: "Room for one more? Give a child a place at your table". How CAFOD are encouraging us to make room at the table for our sisters and brothers in the developing world who go without food. Could we spare £1 per week to help feed our fellow brothers and sisters? They could then share the world's harvest, which is big enough for all, see the CAFOD website for more details: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Harvest-fast-day-appeal> .

**3.2 CAFOD Day** – DA told group of the planned CAFOD Day at the Cathedral Centre in Salford which was being organised for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November by CAFOD Salford. This day is aimed not just at current CAT members or CAFOD supporters, but at anybody interested in CAFOD, young or old. DA encouraged members to invite people in their parish who may wish to attend. Posters and details of the day to follow, keep informed by following CAFOD Salford Blog: <https://cafodsalford.wordpress.com/> or contacting the CAFOD Salford Office in early October: 0161 705 0605.

**4.1 "Hungry for Change" Campaign** (<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/Hungry-for-change> ) – this is the current postcard campaign, which is urging the prime-minister, David Cameron, to take the lead on tackling hunger at the G8 meetings in 2013 during which he will be president of the G8/G20.

As Christians we believe that God created an abundant world. If we use the earth's resources with care and share what we have been given, we will have enough for everyone's needs. But our food system concentrates power in the hands of global companies, investors and governments, and sidelines small-scale producers and consumers across the world. This is why CAFOD's "Hungry for Change" campaign is calling for:

- Empowering aid for small-scale farmers, especially women, to help them access markets and increase their income, bargaining power and voice in decisions.
- Checks on the power of global food companies, requiring them to report on the lobbying they do and their impacts on human rights - and to ensure that workers in global supply chains get a fair deal.

CAFOD is also focusing on the choices we make about what we eat and buy. To change the global system, we need to recognise our part in it and live out our desire for a fairer food system. We want to see fundamental changes so that power is justly shared between rich and poor. It's a big task, so we're going to take it one bite at a time. From September 2012 to

October 2013, we're asking you to call on Prime Minister David Cameron for a fairer food system.

**4.2 Campaign Postcards** - DA showed the group the new campaign postcards and how they use the idea of the loaves and fishes being multiplied from the Gospel story of the "feeding of the 5,000". The "fish" section of the cards are meant to be signed by one person who writes a message, prayer or pledge on the fish and then shares the other half of the campaign card, the "loaf" section with a friend who does the same on the loaf, so multiplying the action!

**4.2.1** – Various members of group commented that this type of campaign card would be difficult to manage practically, in that they usually get parishioners to sign the cards after mass to be collected immediately. However, DA suggested they could sign one half of card to be collected straight away and take the other half home to give to family member or friend, encouraging them to bring it back to church or post direct to CAFOD, as cards are freepost.

**5. Future NE Area CAT Events** – the group discussed the possibility of holding NE Area events:

**5.1 CAFOD Quiz Night** - FU informed the meeting of a CAFOD Quiz Night being held at St Philip's Parish Hall, Padiham, on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**. The expert CAFOD Quiz Masters of Greg Clark and Mike Bath will be posing the questions; tickets are priced at £5 and include a Hot Pot Supper. FU encouraged parishes within the North East CAT Area to send teams to take part and DA said he would advertise the event by e-mail and on the CAFOD Salford Blogs. FU also reminded group of the **Carols by Candlelight** CAFOD fundraiser held in December at SJB's Padiham, details to follow.

**5.2 Half Day of Reflection for NE Area CAT** – all members at meeting discussed the idea of holding a spirituality event for the NE Area. It was decided to hold a half day of reflection near beginning of Lent on the theme of food and the "Hungry for Change" campaign. Provisional date for this is **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00am – 1.00pm** and would finish with a shared lunch. DA to contact spirituality team at CAFOD Salford, but if they are unavailable it was suggested NE CAT Team could organise it themselves. It is hoped that it will be held at St Mary's Parish Hall in Burnley, however, there are many events being held at St Mary's due to Year of Faith (Oct 2012 – Nov 2013) and so there may have to be a change of venue. DA to keep members posted of any changes.

**5.3 CAFOD Quiz Night at KSC 110 Club** – DA informed group of a CAFOD Quiz Night being held at the Knights of St Columba 110 Club opposite St Mary's Church on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Greg Clark & Mike Bath are posing the questions. More details and tickets, priced at £3 including supper, available from James Capstick (01282 454380).

**5.4 CAFOD Concert for Local Schools** – not discussed in the meeting, but please support this event to celebrate CAFOD's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There is to be a CAFOD Concert for Schools in this area on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Alban's Church, Larkhill in Blackburn. A copy of a poster for this concert can be downloaded from the CAFOD Salford Blog: <https://cafodsalford.wordpress.com/2012/09/21/cafod-school-concerts-for-50th-anniversary/>. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD. Please advertise in your parish newsletters and display on noticeboards. If your parish school choir is not already involved it's not too late, please contact the CAFOD Salford Office: 0161 705 0605 or [salford@cafod.org.uk](mailto:salford@cafod.org.uk).

## **6. Any Other Business (AOB) & Date of Next Meeting**

**6.1 Date of Next Meeting** – It was agreed that the next meeting would be **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in St Mary's Parish Hall, Burnley. Back to the normal time!

**6.2 50 Fairtrade Favourites** – DA reminded group that if they required more copies of the CAFOD Salford's "50 Fairtrade Favourites" recipe book, which includes recipes from members of the NE Area CAT, then please contact him: [dominic.aunger@btinternet.com](mailto:dominic.aunger@btinternet.com) or 07999 512102. It would be a great little stocking filler for Christmas, costs only £6 and any copies sold now would mean the whole £6 would go towards the work of CAFOD, as the costs of producing the book had been covered.

**7. Final Prayer & Goodbyes** – An Our Father was said together as a final prayer to send us out to spread justice and bring hope and food to the poor. DA thanked everybody for coming and wished everybody good luck for HFD.