



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

“FRIENDS – SUPPORTING THE CHRISTIANS” November 2013 update from the FHL

- **FHL Olive Wood sales at Westminster Cathedral.** FHL will once again be attending the event Towards Advent held annually at which olive wood carvings made by craftsmen in the Holy Land will be available to purchase. By supporting these sales, employment opportunities are created amongst the Christians particularly in and around Bethlehem. The event is on Saturday November 23rd from 10 am at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW. Admission is free.
- **Fr Abusada from the School of Joy** will be in the UK this month, November 23rd to 27th talking about his work with the children attending the special needs school he runs. FHL is supporting his visit to Eastcote, Uxbridge, Weybridge and Tolworth. Information on times and places to hear first hand from one of FHL’s key projects is available from the office.
- **Fund raising success:** Popular ways of making friends, raising awareness and funds over the last month included a Bridge Drive (Kenilworth); A Pie and a Pint lunch with Wyre Forest Friends (Kidderminster). By far the most unusual is from the daughter of our supporter and Friend Geoffrey Budd, Rebecca Budd, who is walking the 800 miles around the island of Shikoku in Japan, a route which links 88 Buddhist Temples.
<http://www.sponsorme.co.uk/rebeccabudd/eighty-eight-temples-of-shikoku.aspx>
[Sean was in Japan on holiday this year and is very impressed by Rebecca’s initiative]
- **Management and Trustees Meeting** FHL celebrates the fourth anniversary of its launch this month and a meeting in London of Trustees and Management Team is scheduled to look at the way ahead and plan for future years and growing the support we have for our work. Please pray that our endeavours are fruitful, our ideas are good and the Christians in the Holy Land benefit from these outcomes.
- **Bethlehem ICON School:** Our Friend Ian Knowles wrote to me this week and said “You might be interested in this short media report from the Palestine News Network which appeared on the news this week. It gives you an idea about the Bethlehem ICON Centre and how things are developing”
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LejNv83nJKU>
- **Vitamins and Pain killers:** A collection of packets of tablets and supplements from parishioners in Fleetwood filled four large boxes! These will be sent to the ladies at

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St Martha's House and the children in the Holy land who will benefit from their generosity.

- **Sean's Travels this month will include:**
Westminster Cathedral Hall: Towards Advent; November 23rd; With Fr Abusada from the School of Joy in Weybridge, Monday 25th and Tolworth Tuesday 26th; Trinity School, Leamington (with Peter Rand);
- **Abingdon** A big thank you to Maggie Canning and Teresa Calnan for speaking at Mass in Abingdon (to say thank you for the parish support previously) and selling over £1,000 of Olive Wood items.
- **Christmas Cards:** Still available to order from Pam Highton at the office and by e-mail olivewoodproducts@btconnect.com. Design number 2 was so popular it has now sold out.

Welcome back from their pilgrimage to the Holy Land 150 parishioners from the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

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