

## Monthly Update **July 2017**

### 2017 FHL National Gathering

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am to 4.30pm**

**Parish Centre at St Francis of Assisi Church, 110 Warwick Rd, Kenilworth CV8 1HL**

Whether you're a long-standing FHL supporter, or want to learn more about the challenges facing Christians living in the Holy Land, this year's National Gathering promises something



for everyone. There's no cost to attend, other than personal travel expenses, and lunch is included, so please gather up some friends and help us spread the word.

The agenda will be packed full of news from the Holy Land, as well as practical advice, tools and ideas that can be

immediately put into action. A registration form is attached or you can download a form and full event details at <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/national-gathering->

Alternatively, contact the office on [01926 512980](tel:01926512980) or email

[office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk).

More information will be shared in our August update.

### Update from Nablus

Nablus is situated in the West Bank 30 miles north of Jerusalem. Through the Diocese of Jerusalem FHL subsidises two significant Christian projects in this city. More than 600 Christian patients a year, visiting St Luke's Hospital, have some or all of their medical costs

met by FHL. Vouchers issued by local parish priests verify qualifying patients. Secondly, FHL supports the July summer camp run by the Nablus parish of St Phillips, contributing a third of the costs. The camp provides activities, spiritual support, food, trips and evening events for young Christians. The camp is especially important as many Christians living in Nablus do not have the freedom or resources to take a summer holiday, offering them a welcome diversion from their daily difficulties.

## **Some Sad News**

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Tony Wilson, husband of Lindy Wilson, FHL's Coordinator for the South of England. Tony's funeral was held at Christ the Prince of Peace, in Weybridge at 10.30am on Monday 3rd July. We would ask that you remember Lindy and her family in your prayers at this time.

## **Summer Fundraising**

The arrival of summer means opportunities for 'outside fundraising' and FHL supporters have been busy making the most of the weather. The Kenilworth group held a successful afternoon tea party in June raising over £1,000. Philip Jones, a recent Holy Land pilgrim, invited fellow pilgrims and friends from Worcester's Anglican and Catholic community to join him for a garden party in the grounds of his beautiful Grade II listed house, and raised over £6,000. Supporters at Our Lady of Victories on High Street Kensington held their annual Garden Party on the forecourt of their church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Feel inspired by these stories? - it's not too late to plan your own summer get together - details on these events appear on our website and support in planning is available from the office: call 01926 512980 or email [office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk). We can share details of your event on our Facebook and website pages – if possible please allow two weeks' notice.



Photo caption: *Philip Jones with Archdeacon Robert Jones in his Garden at Claines, Worc.*

## FHL at Church of England General Synod

We will be setting up our new exhibition stand at the Church of England's General Synod



running from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> July at the University of York. On hand to answer question about the work of FHL will be Maria McCaffery (FHL Director of Development), Jim Quinn (FHL Chairman) and Marion Homer (FHL's Communications Manager). It's a great privilege to be permitted a presence at Synod, as it provides us with a unique

opportunity to meet with many of the most influential clergy and lay representatives of the Anglican Church in one location. Conversations at last years' Synod resulted in Advent, Lent, and Harvest appeals, and enabled us to give a renewed emphasis on sharing the FHL message. If you are going to be at Synod, please look out for us. A full report will be found on our website in due course.

## Crib Boxes and the new £1 Coin

Since the 28<sup>th</sup> March, a new £1 coin has been in circulation. As previously advised, we would be grateful if FHL Crib Box coordinators emptied boxes during September and returned monies before October 15<sup>th</sup> when the old £1 is no longer legal tender. A final reminder about this important date, along with Crib Box labels, will be sent out in August.

## Diary Dates

**FHL at General Synod:** 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> July - look out for our stand!

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**FHL Carol Service Friday:** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

Lichfield Cathedral - a ticketed event with proceeds to FHL – more information to

follow <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/news/news/2017-fhl-carol-service>

## **Please support us**

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