

## Monthly Update **November 2017**

**Welcome** to the November 2017 Monthly Update. Subjects covered this month include:

- Christmas appeal for funds
- Update on Lichfield Carol Service 15 December 7.30 pm
- Chairman Jim Quinn in the Holy Land
- Sponsored Cycle Pilgrimage to Holy Land for FHL, 16-30 November

Any comments or questions please contact the office 01926 512980 or email

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### **Christmas appeal for funds**

Each year FHL distributes around £96,000 of medical grants in the Holy Land. Since forming in 2009,



we have enabled hundreds of Christians to have medications, operations and investigations that would have been beyond their means otherwise. Our Bethlehem office regularly identifies upwards of 200 cases a year needing urgent medical attention, many of whom also lack the income for the most basic essentials of life. With one of the UK's Management Committee in the Holy Land every 8-10 weeks,

FHL is becoming better recognised among the clergy and the Christian communities over there as meeting a need that few others can fulfil. As well as cases in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, we are receiving more applications to support Christian refugees who have fled Iraq and are now living in Jordan. It is against this backdrop that we are making an urgent appeal for extra donations at this time. To make an immediate on line donation to support our work please visit our website

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or call or email the office for a standing order or gift aid form

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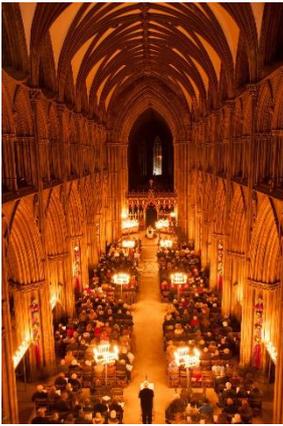
## Christmas Cards and Olive Wood Products



With Christmas just 6 weeks away please don't forget FHL's range of Christmas cards and olive wood products. All orders can be posted to your home address. For full information please see the attached order form or visit our dedicated web page at [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/what-we-do/fhl-at-christmas](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/what-we-do/fhl-at-christmas). Sales from our cards and olive wood products help provide employment in the West Bank and support our work in the Holy Land.

## FHL Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral

In just over 4 weeks we will be holding our first FHL dedicated Carol Service at the splendid venue of



Lichfield Cathedral. This unique occasion, with singing led by the Cathedral Choir and special FHL flavour provided by Bethlehem's Olive Branches Choir, costs just £10 and includes refreshments. All profits will help our work supporting Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. What better time to raise awareness of the plight of Christians living in the Holy Land than Christmas when hearts and minds turn naturally to Bethlehem? Can you help us fill the Cathedral with UK Christians standing in solidarity with their family in the Holy Land? Perhaps you could arrange travel for a number of parishioners

to attend, or make a day trip to the historic town of Lichfield and join us in the evening? A poster to promote the event is attached; further copies can be downloaded from our dedicated Carol Service web page [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/files/carol\\_service\\_poster.pdf](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/files/carol_service_poster.pdf).

Tickets can be booked: [www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/friends-of-the-holy-land-carol-service](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/friends-of-the-holy-land-carol-service).

For help with bookings please call Lichfield cathedral on 01543 306100 or email [enquiries@lichfield-cathedral.org](mailto:enquiries@lichfield-cathedral.org).

## Fundraising on Two Wheels

We have recently heard news of two energetic supporters from the Diocese of Leeds undertaking a



sponsored cycle around the Sea of Galilee and fundraising for FHL. You can support Paul Sullivan and Nigel Cawthorne by visiting their sponsorship page [www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/dioceseofleeds/cycling](http://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/dioceseofleeds/cycling) . Please let us know about your fundraising activities for FHL, supported by photographs where possible, our Communications Manager Marion Homer would love to hear from

you! You can email her at [marion.homer@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](mailto:marion.homer@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

## **FHL Chairman meets Apostolic Administrator**

FHL Chairman Jim Quinn has just returned from a busy 5 day visit to the Holy Land, meeting with FHL partners and beneficiaries. The pictures below show just three of his many appointments, which included a meeting with the Archbishop Pizaballa to update the Latin Patriarchate on the work of FHL, presenting the work of FHL to UK pilgrims in Jerusalem and meeting new students at the School of Joy. For more on his visit please look at our news page which you can find at

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/news/news/fhl-chairman-in-the-holy-land](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/news/news/fhl-chairman-in-the-holy-land)



## **Diary Dates**

**FHL Carol Service Friday:** 15 Dec 7.30pm Lichfield Cathedral. Please help us organise group visits to attend this special event. Tickets at £10 each can be booked on line by visiting this website:

[www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/friends-of-the-holy-land-carol-service](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/friends-of-the-holy-land-carol-service).

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