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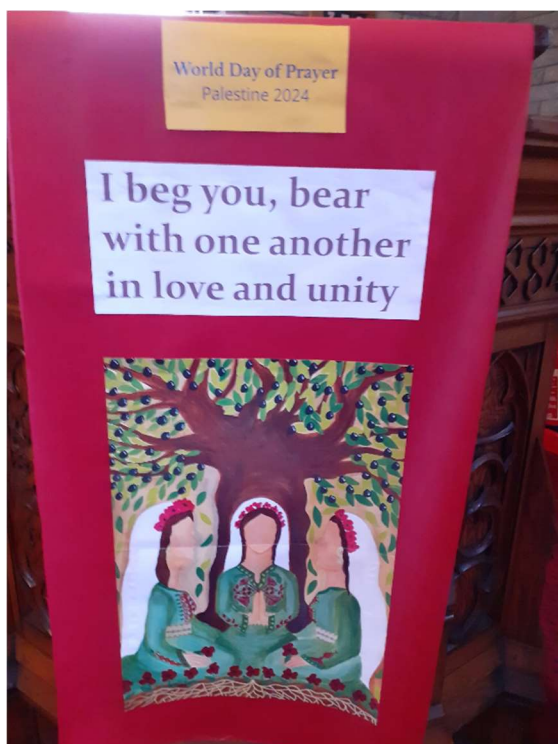


World Day of Prayer at Kearsley Church

Carolyn Kennion Writes:

On Friday 1st March Kearsley New Church hosted the World Day of Prayer Service for the Kearsley and Farnworth area. This year's service had been prepared over a year ago by Christian women in Palestine, before the current war in that area. In the present situation its themes of 'bearing with one another in love and unity' and 'giving and receiving peace' were particularly meaningful and poignant.

Olive trees have long been an important feature of Palestine, useful for both their fruits and oil. It is believed that some of the trees growing there today have survived from the time of Jesus. During February's Sunday School sessions we learnt about Palestine and made a large collage picture of an olive tree to decorate the church. We also made bookmarks decorated with olive leaves and the opening lines of a hymn by Fred Kaan, 'Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it'. These bookmarks were exchanged during the service as a symbol of giving and receiving peace.



Before the service a table was arranged at the front of church, decorated with citrus fruits, olive leaves, fruits and oil, with the open Word and a candle in the centre. There were also poppies as these grow in Palestine and, like here, are a symbol of remembrance. A banner on the pulpit showed a verse from Ephesians 4 and artwork by Palestinian artist Halima Aziz, using motifs and symbols representing the origin and cohesiveness of Palestinian women.

During the service members of both our church and other churches in the area read Bible passages, prayers and the life-stories of three Palestinian women, which were very moving. In addition to the service booklets, a CD of music for all of the hymns was provided by the World Day of Prayer organisation. They also provide children's activity leaflets, background information etc

About thirty-five people attended the service and I think that we all found the experience very moving this year. With the turmoil and suffering in Palestine at the moment our prayers seemed especially needed. However, it was also uplifting to join in worship with people from different denominations and we enjoyed chatting with friends old and new over refreshments afterwards.



News from Purley Chase

Rachel Gilsenan Writes:

We have been looking for a chef to join the team at Purley Chase for some time, and after 18 months we have found one.

Jack Liveley who lives locally and has plenty of experience within catering and hospitality sector and has fitted in with the team after only 3 weeks.

Annie who has been the chef at Purley Chase for more than 7 years, is now working alongside Jack as they both embark on a 6-month hand over before Annie reduces her hours of working.

She will however always be available for cover so both Jack and Annie will still be seen here for the foreseeable future.

