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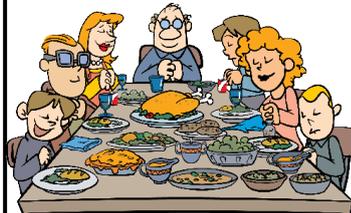
Newslink
February
2015

The start of new year has seen terrorist atrocities in France, a rise of anti-Semitism in Britain, forty-five churches burnt to the ground in Niger, intensified fighting in Eastern Ukraine. What are to make of it? What do we say? What do we do? The right of free speech must be upheld but is right that racism, and homophobia are crimes but anyone can mock religious leaders, prophets and even God himself with impunity. Much is made of the differences and tensions between Jews, Moslems and Christians we should make as much of our shared heritage and belief in the one true God. *Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator*



Romania Concern

My visit to Romania as a guest of the Reformed Church to share in the 25th anniversary of the Romanian Revolution was a wonderful time. The other guests were the President of Hungary, a former President of Albania and the President of the American Hungarian Society. Centred on Timisoara, the birthplace of the revolution we held an ecumenical service at the church where it all began. Nine faith leaders spoke at this service including Catholic & Orthodox Priests and the Jewish Rabbi. The exhibition was thought provoking, cultural evening excellent, the food amazing but the most moving experience was seeing life size Nativity scenes in every city I visited. A visit to a project we support in Arad-Gai and conversations with church leaders in Oradea have led to ideas for the future of Romania Concern.



Being Community

We have been giving some thought to what it means to be community. Alongside this there has been concern about the demands of the meeting

schedule. Therefore we have come up with a new idea for 2015 and you can help us make it a reality.

On the second Monday of each month we will have a meal at Barnes Close at 6.30pm followed by one of our committee or group meetings or the Trustees meeting. People are welcome to come earlier and help in the grounds or house or sit and enjoy the peace and tranquillity. We hope most people will be there by 6pm for a conversation and prayer before the meal.. Anybody is welcome to stay and join in the committee or group meetings that follow the meal but the Trustees meeting is a closed session.

News From Barnes Close

For the past three months Rae Petherick has been helping in the office on Tuesday mornings. This has been a great blessing to us and keeps the office more up to date.



If anyone can help to cut logs, with bowsaw or chainsaw please come and spend half a day helping us. We also need some ceilings painted.

Forthcoming dates are

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| 9th February | Meal & Barnes Close Committee |
| 9th March | Meal & Trustees Meeting |
| 13th April | Meal & external Relations Cttee |
| 11th May | Meal & Membership + Marketing and Fund Raising Group |
| 8th June | Meal & Trustees Meeting |
| 13th July | Meal & Barnes Close Committee |
| 14th September | Meal & AGM |
| 12th October | Meal & External Relations Cttee |

Do come and join us when you can.

CfR Review

Michael Taylor's report on his review conversations with us has been received and the Trustees have begun looking at it. It is a very helpful document that shows insight and will be of great help as we explore ideas for CfR's future.

**Need a break?
Why not try our Private Retreats**

£55 per 24 hours
Includes room and meals
£22 per day includes lunch
Available mid-week most of year
at Barnes Close



What's On at Barnes Close

Reflection Days

Thursday 12th Feb, 12th Mar, 9th April
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

NEW Community Evening at BC NEW

Monday 9th Feb, 9th Mar, 13th April
6.00pm for 6.30pm Meal
See over for more details

Kids for Peace Sleepover

Tues 18th/Wed 19th Feb
Cost £30 Food, Fun, Craft, Games

Lent Retreat

Tuesday 3rd to 5th March
Cost: £140 waged (£120 unwaged)

Volunteer Experience

Monday 29th March to Thurs 2nd April
Help at Barnes Close & develop new skills

Easter at Barnes Close

Thurs 2nd to Tues 7th April
Cost: £240 (waged) £220 (unwaged)

Easter Walk

Monday 6th April 10am to 4pm

Please contact Ian for booking forms

Peace & Reconciliation Issues

Highlights from other organisations and places

19 February 2015 1.30pm at Friends House,
Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
Network for Peace AGM and discussion on
peace movement activities on WW1 Commemo-
rations and WW1 resistance. We hope to have a
guest speaker on WW1 resistance. All welcome.
www.networkforpeace.org.uk

Donations & Grants

We are very grateful to all who have made
donations in 2014 to enable our work to continue.

	Received <u>2014</u>	spent <u>2014</u>	blnce <u>30/10</u>
CfR Un-Afr-Aid	357	4560	118
CfR Village India Aid	338	50	1754
<i>* VIA & UnAfrAid money is being drawn from Peace & Justice reserve</i>			
CfR Romania Concern	296	3041	1358
CfR Footprints	16959	12463	8780
<i>* Footprints group raises its own funds.</i>			
CfR Afghanistan	88	2000	1445
CfR Barnes Close Bursary	419	500	1184
CfR Barnes Close	7128	8609	-1481
<i>For improvements & Upgrades</i>			

*Please consider CfR when making your will,
much of our work has been funded through past
legacies*

CfR Afghanistan Day **Book Now
Saturday 28th March 2015**

Come and hear Roddy and Anabel from Afghan
Mother and Child Rescue talk about their work in
providing schools for boys and girls in the Panshir
Valley. Roddy & Anabel are regular visitors to the
country and can give us a firsthand update.

Why not make a mini-break of it, and stay at
Barnes Close on Friday or Saturday night for just
£25 Dinner, Bed & breakfast.

Pause for Reflection

Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.
Jesus Christ, John 14:27

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