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## Newslink

July  
2014

We will all have been horrified by the shooting down of the Malaysian Airlines Plane over eastern Ukraine and the subsequent events. Whatever may emerge as the true version of events the real truth is that in times of war there will be errors and mistakes and therefore the innocent will suffer. It is too easy for the casual observer to apportion blame but we do not take the easy road. We stand up and say warfare is wrong and that differences must be resolved by negotiation. Just as this is true in Ukraine so it is in Gaza and across the world. We pray for peace, we work for peace, we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Ian Ring, Community Co-Ordinator*



### Israel - Palestine

Please pray for an end to the dreadful fighting and the consequential unacceptable loss of life and injury in the latest escalation of the conflict. Please pray that the voices of peace will be clearly heard and listened to and that all Israelis and Palestinians maybe able to live in peace and safety.

### WWI Centenary—The Accrington Pals

The Rubery Drama Group production of The Accrington Pals directed by Ian Ring, our Community Co-Ordinator, was an outstanding success. The cast and special effects were brilliant and it was a very



moving and thought provoking experience. It really was Rubery Drama Group at their best. We thank them for agreeing to put this play on for us. Over 470 people came to see the play and the Drama Group donated £1000 of the profit through us to the work of Church and Peace. Thank you.

### News From Barnes Close

The entrance now has new carpet tiles fitted and looks much better. Thanks to a very generous gift of £500 from Halesowen United Church we have been able to purchase new, more comfortable Dining Room Chairs. In order to have enough chairs for our maximum capacity we actually spent £762 and we would welcome donations towards the £262 overspend.



Work continues on the grounds with white lines on the car park, benches restored, hedges cut and flower beds and baskets tended lovingly. Grass cutting is a major problem and eats into Ian's time. If anyone can offer 3 hours a week or 6 hours a fortnight it would be a great blessing.

We may have an offer of someone to work in the office half a day a week - this too will be a great blessing, watch this space.

### WW1 Centenary Service Sunday 3rd August 6pm

#### St Chad's Church, New Road, Rubery

Organised by CfR and led by Ian, our Community Coordinator, this time of reconciliation and quiet reflection eve of the 'War to end all



Wars' centenary offers an opportunity to remember and consider the consequences of war. Refreshments available afterwards.

### Members & Friends

Thank you for your donations to our work. It is a real encouragement to receive them because it reminds us that you value care about the work of CfR is. Thank you for your continued support.

Please join us at the **AGM on Wednesday 3rd September at Barnes Close at 6.30pm.**

Please let Ian know you are coming for catering purposes.

**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**

**Time Away**

Wednesday 3rd to Monday 8th September  
Our leisurely holiday week at Barnes Close  
Cost: £240 waged £200 unwaged

**Reflection Days**

Thursday 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov  
Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

**NEW Thursday Evening at BC NEW**

Thursday 25th Sept, 23rd Oct, 27th Nov  
6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Conversation, Prayer, Light supper

**Healing & Wholeness Retreat**

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th September  
An opportunity to explore the nature of the  
healing ministry in the local church.  
Cost: £140 waged (£120 unwaged)

**International Focus**

Wednesday 17th September 6pm  
Meet our guests from Croatia

Saturday 4th October 10am to 4pm  
Afghanistan Information  
led by colleagues from AMCR

**Please contact Ian for booking forms**

**Peace & Reconciliation Issues**

*Highlights from other organisations and places*

It has just come to my attention that there is a plan for a bugler to play the last post at 100 war memorials sometime on August 4th. If your church or community has a War Memorial and you know a bugler why not join in and email us with the venue and the time. It might be right to offer a prayer at the same time.

**Donations & Grants**

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

	<u>Received</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>spent</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>blnce</u> <u>30/06</u>
CfR Un-Afr-Aid	292	4520	93
CfR Village India Aid	261	0	1727
<i>* VIA &amp; UnAfrAid money is being drawn from Peace &amp; Justice reserve</i>			
CfR Romania Concern	192	3200	1100
CfR Footprints	14212	9418	9078
<i>* Footprints group raises its own funds.</i>			
CfR Afghanistan	80	2000	1537
CfR Barnes Close Bursary	252	150	1367
CfR Barnes Close	4700	4534	166
<i>For improvements &amp; Upgrades</i>			

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

**CfR Afghanistan Day  
Saturday 4th October 10am to 4pm**

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.

**Pause for Reflection**

I don't know what the future holds  
Or what lies beyond my horizon  
The years ahead are just out of sight.  
Well I think sometimes that You hide them  
So that I'll walk by faith not sight  
So I'll take Your hand, holding tight  
*Vicky Beeching*

**Contacting the Community for Reconciliation:**

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