

Kairos Group report for the PCC Meeting to be held on 25th January 2017

Introduction

The PCC meeting decided that St John's should become a Kairos Community in July 2014. In October 2014, a Kairos Programme for 2015 was approved. In April 2016, the Kairos Group reported on progress with that programme.

This paper provides an update on progress since April 2016 and provides a proposed Kairos Programme for 2017.

Link with the Church Vision

The Kairos Group works to "raise awareness about issues of global peace and justice and take appropriate action" in relation to the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Progress since April 2016

April 2016	Ken spoke to the Ascot Ladies Group about the Israel/Palestine situation
June 2016	Brian Berry and Ken Perrett attended a Kairos Britain meeting in London to help develop a strategy for Kairos Britain
July 2016	Ken met with Charlotte Marshall, advocacy worker for Kairos Britain to help with the development of the Kairos Britain website
September 2016	Holy Land Evening at St John's, attended by over 70 people
November 2016	Neil Graham, from Embrace the Middle East, spoke at Christ the King service
November 2016	Ken invited to join Kairos Britain group working on divestment
December 2016	Brian talking to Rashed Khudairy in the West Bank about support for the first ever Palestinian library which is being built in Al Jiftlik in the Jordan Valley
January 2017	Ken speaking to the Rotary Club of Crowthorne and Sandhurst

Kairos Programme for 2017

St John the Baptist Church, Crowthorne has heard the call for peace and justice coming from all the Christian Churches in Israel and Palestine. We pledge ourselves to work for peace and justice for **all people living in this Holy Land** – for Israelis and Palestinians, for Jews, Christians and Muslims. Every person is made in the image of God and every life is equally precious.

During 2017, we plan to:-

1. Continue to keep Israel and Palestine in our prayers
2. Continue to provide support to Kairos Britain by writing articles for the national website – www.kairos britain.org.uk
3. Continue to maintain the "[Kairos Crowthorne](#)" [blog](#)¹ with links to St John's website.
4. Inform our congregation of significant events through St Johns News and the website as appropriate.
5. Find ways to support the building of a Palestinian Library in the Jordan Valley.

¹ To be used for sharing news of events and networking with other Kairos Communities

6. Support the development of a network of UK Kairos Communities, with emphasis on the CoE Churches. In particular, support Kairos Reading, which will be launched on 15th January.
7. Publicise opportunities to participate in events associated with the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration
8. Continue to support Embrace the Middle East as part of our Church Missions programme.
9. Learn more about the Kairos Britain contribution to the BDS programme with a focus on divestment of Church investments.
10. Inform people of opportunities to act for a just peace in Israel and Palestine

The Kairos Group will continue to report to the PCC annually and consult beforehand on any proposed collective actions by the Church.

The Kairos Group seeks approval from the PCC for the 2017 Programme.

The Kairos Group

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