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## <u>Living Christianity in the</u> <u>Holy Land.</u>

<u>A two week experience of Christianity in Palestine</u> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Monday 3rd February 2020



Led by Rev. John Howard. Former Mission Partner Israel/Palestine and Deacon Angleena Keizer from the Methodist Liaison Office, Jerusalem. Over the years I have come to love the Holy Land and its people. It is a very special place and its Christian community with its two thousand year history has a character of its own. However it is also a place of conflict and injustice. I would like to invite you to come and meet some of the people I have lived and worked amongst, and to experience something of the land and its culture.

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This trip is very different to a traditional pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit some of the holy sites, but the emphasis is more upon meeting the people and hearing of their lives. This will include doing some voluntary work. The focus is upon the Christian Community of the Holy Land – though in order to understand their situation we will also be meeting Muslims and Jews. We will share in the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" events in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

For some people in the group, this might be their first experience of visiting Israel Palestine and we will do our best to present a comprehensible picture of the complexities of this land. For others, this might follow experiencing a traditional pilgrimage and fulfil the desire to understand the situation at a greater depth. To keep the costs down, we will stay in Guest Houses rather than hotels, though these are still pleasant places to stay, and by doing so, we support local Christians. Some will be asked to share rooms in some places.

Experience the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity in Jerusalem; the diversity is something unique.

There are now quite a number of low-cost airlines operating in and out of Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, and so we are leaving participants to book their own flights and to arrive during the late afternoon or early evening of Wednesday 22nd January 2018. The return flights on 3rd February can be at any time from 2pm.

The internal costs, amounting to £1300, include all meals, transport, accommodation and admission charges.

