

## SPONSORSHIP FORM

### CNT supports:

- Pupils' fees (£20 per month)
- Teachers (£175 per month)
- Projects to help to provide equipment and facilities

You can support this work by donating either a one-off or a monthly sum.

Parishes who wish to **Sponsor a Particular Project** are invited to contact the Secretary on 01234 218593

I wish to contribute:

£15     £20     £25

or £.....(state how much)

#### Either

– as a monthly contribution by Standing Order to my Bank, details of which are given below

or  
– as a single contribution for which I enclose a cheque made payable to the Cambridge Nazareth Trust (tick boxes as appropriate)

### Bankers Order Form

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**either** monthly on the 15th day of each month  
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until further notice.

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Please complete the details on the back and send to CNT

## Friends of the Holy Land

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is in the process of setting up a new organisation called "Friends of the Holy Land". Its primary objective is to raise awareness in our parishes and schools about the lives of the Christians in the Holy Land. This then will encourage prayer, pilgrimage and financial support for the "Living Stones". It is being piloted in the Archdioceses of Liverpool and Birmingham.

### How you can help

The most important way we can help is through prayer.

#### ► Personal Gift

Many of our gifts come from personal donations and legacies. Please contact our treasurer for further information. If you would like to make a regular contribution to the Cambridge Nazareth Trust a pro forma is attached for you to complete.

#### ► Parish/School Project

If you feel as a parish or school that you would like to organise a project to raise funds to help educate children in the Holy Land contact our secretary for advice and assistance. We would be pleased to provide a speaker to introduce the Trust and its objectives.

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### Welcome to Patriarch Fouad Twal

We extend a welcome to His Beatitude Fouad Twal, who was installed in Jerusalem, as the Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land, in June 2008. He has already paid a compliment to the Cambridge Nazareth Trust for its work at Hashimi School, Amman, where he had been a young priest. We have assured His Beatitude that the Trust will continue to support the education of the young Christians in accordance with the priorities being set us by the Director of Education Fr Majdi Siryani.

At this time of handover the Trust acknowledges the dedication of his predecessor, His Beatitude Michel Sabbah. Throughout his twenty five years of stewardship, he maintained a firm resolve with dignity despite the difficult circumstances facing the Christian community. We wish him every blessing in his retirement. To learn more about the work of the Latin Patriarchate, please visit [www.lpj.org](http://www.lpj.org)



## An Eye-Opening Experience!



**March 2008.** Trustee, Mrs Patricia Richardson, went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land with 27 parishioners and Mgr Eugene Harkness from St Philip Howard Parish, Cambridge, which is twinned with Taybeh, an initiative encouraged by Bishop Michael Evans of East Anglia.

Few had been before so the contrasts were unexpected. In Galilee, the weather was gorgeous, the scenery fantastic and the Holy Places gave us all a great spiritual experience and feeling of tranquillity. But at the entry to Bethlehem, everyone was shocked at the Separation Wall, the checkpoint and the difference in the living conditions for these Palestinians. Yet they still received a great welcome and friendly hospitality from the locals, despite their suffering. The plight of the Palestinians soon became evident and

### Visits to the Holy Land by Trustees in 2007 & 2008

**April 2008.** Issam, Head at Beit Sahour School, Bethlehem (right) discussed the difficult situation with Chairman Bernard Whyte and Chris Richards, during their visit to the Holy Land. All four Trustees and three trust advisors have visited the Holy Land recently, at their own expense. This demonstrates our solidarity with the local Christians. They feel that nobody cares about their plight as their cries for justice, eg against the building of Israeli settlements, go unheeded. Our work at CNT for their young families gives them encouragement.



Dear Readers,  
*Firstly I should like to introduce myself as the new chairman of the Cambridge Nazareth Trust. My predecessor, Peter Smith retired from this position in May 2007 after thirteen years loyal service to the aims of the Trust. Peter had become known to so many of the Christians in the Holy Land through his several visits and unstinting support for educational projects. It is fitting that he was recently made a Knight of St Gregory in recognition of his efforts in supporting Christians in the Holy Land.*



*I have taken over as chairman at a difficult time, especially in Gaza. During 2008 there were reports of peace initiatives by leaders of the Western World, yet even a cursory visit to the Holy Land shows the inequalities in education and opportunity of life in general. The need for moral, physical and financial support for Christians and those of other faiths in the Holy Land is as great as ever.*

*I am delighted to be able to report that larger numbers are now visiting on pilgrimage and experiencing the spirituality of walking where Jesus walked. Of course many are visibly shocked at the injustice of the 'Separation Wall' on seeing it for the first time and wonder how there can be peace when land is*

everyone wanted to find ways to help. Fr Humam Khzouz, the Chancellor to the Patriarch, gave the group a moving account of life for the Palestinians and their struggle to survive. Many are leaving the country. This puts a strain on the finances of the schools, because the poorer people who remain are unable to pay the annual school fees of £300. Fr Humam emphasised that this is where we can help most.

It had a profound effect on everyone and once back in UK a cheque for £5,000 was sent to the CNT for a project in a school in the West Bank. St Philip Howard Parish is a strong supporter of CNT. The next pilgrimage is in 2009 so more parishioners will have the opportunity to see these things for themselves!



Separation Wall at Bethlehem Checkpoint

*being occupied for Israeli settlements. Despite the constant restrictions on daily life, pilgrims are frequently impressed by the friendliness of the Palestinians and their attempts to live as normal a life as they can. The disparities in income are enormous and financial help for school fees and other educational needs continues to be a priority for the Trust. However with the guidance of the Latin Patriarch the Trust continues to encourage our parishes and schools to raise funds for specific projects. Examples of such projects are covered in this newsletter. Our aim is to encourage the education of the next generation of Christians. They will have the vocation of being the faith community around the Holy Sites as places of genuine pilgrimage. Without the Christians as Living Stones there is a real danger of the Holy Land becoming a place of historical theme parks.*

*Our grateful thanks are extended to those who have supported the Trust and its aims over the twenty five years it has existed. But, of course, the need continues and if you feel you can help by personal donation or organising a fund-raising event, please do not hesitate to complete the donation form in this newsletter or to contact one of the Trustees.*

Peace be with you,  
Bernard Whyte, Chairman and Trustee



# Cambridge Nazareth Trust



Helping Young People of the Holy Land Today... for all their Tomorrows...

## 25 years of support and £500,000 of donations



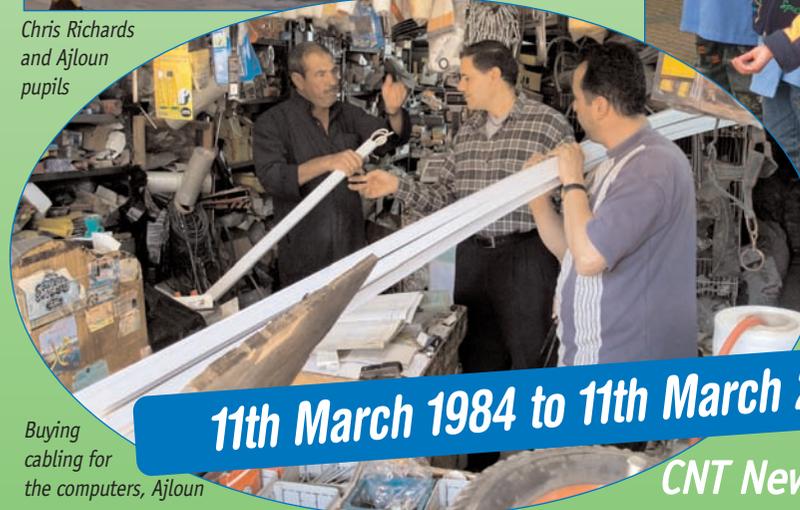
Chris Richards and Ajloun pupils

Over the 25 years since its inauguration on 11th March 1984, the Trust has raised over £500,000 in support of the education of young Christians in the Holy Land.

This is a remarkable achievement and we are grateful to our donors both large and small who have contributed over the years. The tangible results of this can be readily seen, not only in the material educational resources, but also in the growing number of pupils who have benefited from your donations. The finance is very important, but so also is the appreciation of the pupils and staff who feel increasingly isolated and forgotten. We want to show that we will continue to care for them.



Praying the Our Father at assembly, Ajloun



Buying cabling for the computers, Ajloun

## 11th March 1984 to 11th March 2009

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## One Family Makes a Difference for School Children in Ajloun, Jordan

Following an intensive fund raising campaign by Chris Richards and Margaret Waddingham, when over £25,000 was raised through generous donations from the Lenten Project 2008 by the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace and St Edward in Chiswick, a dream came true for the teachers and pupils of Ajloun School in Jordan.

The money raised was used to purchase and install computers with the latest Microsoft software for small businesses.

The project recruited the help of Chris's family and made use of the various talents which enabled them to run the charitable venture through from fund raising to providing and installing these up to date computers. Now with the very latest technology Ajloun School can create a centre of excellence for their pupils and indeed offer support and training to other Schools within the Latin Patriarchate .

Chris, accompanied by his brother Tony, who is a director of the Guildford based company Computer Strategies, and Tony's two sons Sam and Jo, travelled to Jordan on the 1st November 2008. They set about sourcing chairs and desks for the newly refurbished computer room, installing 12 new computers and its network and finally training both the staff and pupils on the new technology.

Tony, in charge of the technical side of the project, confirmed the venture was an experience for all involved. He was very impressed at how quickly the children mastered this new software. With the aid of an interpreter, they quickly overcame the language problem, even when training the teachers on the more technical aspects of the software.



Students with Tony Richards



"This is the first charitable venture our company has undertaken, and we've been delighted to offer time, expertise and financial assistance to this cause."

Thanks to Chris, Margaret, Tony, Sam and Jo and their tireless efforts this school now has a fully refurbished computer room, which has



Pupils and teacher at the new computers

benefited from redecoration, new furniture, curtains and state of the art technology to give the school's pupils an opportunity to work with up to the minute software in a modern and businesslike environment.

The team left Ajloun on the 10th November after attending a surprise banquet provided by the teaching staff who had brought food from home and just prior to departure they received an emotional 'thank you' from all the school's staff and pupils.

## English Lessons with 'Miss Kathryn' and 'Miss Emma'

September 2007. Two students from Liverpool University, Kathryn and Emma, spent two weeks at Al Ashrafieh, a junior school in Misdar. They took as many educational aids as they could squeeze in their luggage. The children responded enthusiastically to the lively, creative activities in the dual language books. Kathryn from Bedford applied to the Catenian Bursary Fund, who generously gave £300 towards travel costs. Chairman Peter Martin said: "We are delighted the Bursary Fund can assist Catholic students to help with education in the Holy Land. We are willing to fund projects with the Christian Schools in Jordan and Palestine". Kathryn is now training to run a half marathon to raise more money for Al Ashrafieh.

Here are some extracts from Kathryn's diary: The school day begins at 7.20 am with a short assembly outside on the tarmac playground with the children lined up in their respective classes. A short drill follows and the national anthem is sung. Then a few prayers but all-in-all the assembly is kept quite short. The school itself is very bare like a hospital, with long corridors and classrooms with white washed walls. There is room for the children to play football, but the playground is also the car park for teachers and the four school buses, leaving the area for playing greatly reduced. The lower school teaches children from 1st grade up to 9th grade and the children are aged from 5 - 15 years old.

With 5th grade we took students out for individual conversation practice. Whilst the teachers wanted us to take the brightest students, we specifically focused on the quieter children who have little or no interaction during lessons. 5th grade are 11 years old but they had forgotten the simplest of English. The teacher was giving a grammar lesson but one of my students Joel could not tell me when his birthday was or what day of the week it was. By the end of our session he knew days of the week, months of the year and his birthday. Many students were similar to Joel, but at the slower pace, individual learning helped tremendously.

We conducted paired reading with 5th grade. One boy Yazan really enjoyed 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. I asked him to read the English first and then the Arabic. Towards the end of the book he no



Fifth grade English class at Al Ashrafieh with 'Miss Emma'

longer needed to read the Arabic. At the end of the book where the caterpillar gets "stomach ache", Yazan didn't understand this word. After reading it in Arabic and using it in a sentence he went back to class. The next day I saw Yazan sat in a chair near the staff room looking upset. I asked him what was wrong and told me in perfect English, "I have a stomach ache Miss Kathryn".

### St. Gregory's School, Bedford continue links with schools in Amman, Jordan

2005. They joined with nearby St. Joseph's Parish in their appeal to provide computers for Misdar, an Upper school in the centre of old Amman. Like all religious schools in Jordan, it does not receive state funding. Without this vital facility, required by the Department of Education, it would have had to close, but the funds were successfully raised. Since then students and staff from Misdar have come to Bedford, talked to parishioners and pupils and shared something of their lives as 'living stones', the descendants of the earliest Christians, so different from ours. Their faith shines through and their parishes are bustling communities.

February 2008. Years seven and eight at St. Gregory's organised another fund raising appeal in Lent, which raised over £300. The staff and pupils at Al Ashrafieh are so grateful for their generosity of spirit, kindness and support. A laudable example of 'Children helping Children'. Well done St. Gregory's.



St Gregory's raise funds for Al Ashrafieh, Jordan

## The Northampton Diocesan 2009 Holy Land Lenten Appeal for El-Alali Primary School, Jordan

El-Alali is a Christian Primary School in Fuheis, a twenty minute drive from Amman, the capital of Jordan. It serves a poor and deprived area, yet it is a popular school with a long waiting list. It is in a pivotal position to help the other Christian schools, as it has become a model of best practice and 'cascades' creative and innovative ideas. Hence our helping them to obtain modern computer equipment will have far reaching benefits also for the other schools in the region.

As fellow Christians, we can show real solidarity with El-Alali School and provide it with this much needed help. When travelling in Jordan, I am often asked, "Do people in England know about us?" "Do they know there are still some Christians in The Holy Land?" We can let them know that we do and that we want to help them to remain and to flourish in their homeland.

The El-Alali school children and their families will be very grateful for any help you can give. You are assured of enormous smiles and thank you, shukran. You will make a difference to 'a small but faithful church, a leaven in society' and give the greatest gift of all, HOPE.

For the past twenty five years, the Cambridge Nazareth Trust has been supporting families and schools in the Holy Land through projects and helping with school fees. It channels funds where help is most needed.

Blessings, Margaret Waddingham

### Twenty Five Years of Fund Raising

1983/84	600	1997/98	875
1984/85	70	1998/99	850
1985/86	265	1999/00	700
1986/87	594	2000/01	4,040
1987/88	479	2001/02	29,310
1988/89	990	2002/03	74,256
1989/90	620	2003/04	106,691
1990/91	625	2004/05	67,075
1991/92	2,685	2005/06	50,383
1992/93	705	2006/07	67,335
1993/94	655	2007/08	64,531
1994/95	1,213	2008/09	46,141
1995/96	885		
1996/97	1,025	<b>Total</b>	<b>£523,598</b>

Financial Accountability: This shows the funds raised annually. The Trust year now ends on 30th April (up to 2004 it ended on 15th May). The Trust support projects as authorised by the Director of Education, Fr Majdi Siryani and contributes to school fees in Beit Sahour, Hashimi, Fuheis ( to 2005) and Zerka North (from 2005). (Note: Administrative costs are met by separate dedicated donations)

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### Gift Aid Declaration

I want  do not want  The Cambridge Nazareth Trust to treat this and all future contributions as GIFT AID donations.

(This declaration enables the Trust to recover a tax refund)

I understand that I must be paying an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Charity claims on my donations (currently 28 pence for each pound you give). You can cancel this declaration at any time. If, in the future, you do not pay tax equal to that which is claimed then cancel the declaration. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment. Please notify the CNT if you change your name or address.

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Charity Number 289084

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