



The olive tree has been grown and harvested for more than 8,000 years. It appears many times in the Bible as a symbol of peace, fertility, prosperity and happiness. Jesus is believed to have prayed under an olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Olive trees grow on terraces all over the hillsides of the West Bank and Galilee, planted and tended by generations of farmers. The fruit is used for oil, food, medicines and light. Since the time of the Crusades, artisans have been carving the beautifully grained wood.

The olive is a long-lived tree. Its strong, spreading roots mean that in times of drought, it can draw water from deep underground. It can also endure frost and fire. Many olive trees in Palestine today are over 400 years old and still yielding fruit; some have survived for 2,000 years.

The olive tree continues to thrive in Palestinian soil, against all the odds. It symbolises the people's love for their land, and their hope for the future.

The Olive Tree:

© A line drawing by Palestinian artist Kamal Boullata - 2003.



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REDISCOVERING PALESTINE



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Rediscovering Palestine is a group of charities and organisations working in a variety of ways, practically and through advocacy, towards peace with justice in Palestine and Israel.

Rediscovering Palestine promotes knowledge and understanding of the Palestinian people in their religious and cultural diversity, and encourages mutual support and dialogue. They work with both Jewish and Palestinian peacemakers to encourage tourists to rediscover Palestine and have a unique focus on the indigenous Palestinian Christian communities.

“In all we do we are keen to listen and learn and to work together for a just future for all people. We are grateful for the example of those of all faiths who work in precarious and even dangerous situations for reconciliation and peace.”
(Barbara Butler - Christians Aware)

Rediscovering Palestine hopes to influence public discussion, particularly within the UK Government and Church of issues relating to a just and secure sharing of the land of Israel and Palestine among the peoples that belong to it.

Rediscovering Palestine provides information and resources including leaflets, books, reports, music and videos, as well as answering questions and engaging in general dialogue.

Rediscovering Palestine has a sister network in Scotland called the Scottish Palestinian Forum. For further information on their work, see page 17.

For further information on a particular organisation, please contact them direct. Rediscovering Palestine is by no means an exhaustive network and if your organisation would be interested in becoming involved then please contact us.

Rediscovering Palestine comprises the following organisations:

Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability (ABCD)
Amos Trust
Bethlehem Link
BibleLands
Christian Aid
Christians Aware
Church Mission Society (CMS)
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)
Deir Yassin Remembered
Elijah Trust
Enlighten
Experience Travel Tours
Friends of Bethlehem University
Friends of Birzeit University
Friends of Sabeel UK
Highway Projects
Hope Christian Trust
ICAHD UK
Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association
Living Stones
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)
Melisende Publishing Ltd
Palcrafts/Hadeel
Palestinian Return Centre
Palestine Solidarity Campaign
Scottish Palestinian Forum
SOAS Palestine Society
World Vision
Zaytoun



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Founded in 1985, ABCD is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with physical, mental and psychological disabilities in Palestine - the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Over 350 children daily attend one of seven community daycare centres, sponsored by ABCD. Their OutReach programme helps further children who are unable to attend a centre - these children receive medical aids and financial support for vocational training and home education.

ABCD funds training and upgrading courses for Community Rehabilitation Workers, sponsors Occupational Students at Bethlehem University and funds Palestinian students seeking paramedical skills overseas.



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Amos works in partnership with forgotten communities around the world, including Palestine-Israel.

Amos has strong links with many Palestinian Christians, and with both Jewish and Palestinian peacemakers. Through bringing over partners, taking groups to see for themselves and their own first hand knowledge, they aim to offer experience of and education about the situation within the UK. Director Garth Hewitt and Associate Director Sue Plater are both closely involved.

Amos supports several projects in Palestine-Israel financially, including the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza (an Anglican institution), Wi'am Conflict Resolution Centre in Bethlehem and projects that link Israeli and Palestinian activists for peace.

They have an extensive range of resources including books and music.



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Bethlehem Link provides the opportunity for cultural exchanges between schoolchildren in Britain and the award winning 'dabkha' dancers of Bethlehem's Ghirass Centre. This is a stimulating experience, which is remembered for many years by those involved, and one which we hope will encourage tolerance and establish lifelong friendships.

As well as providing a much-needed respite for the Palestinian children it is also an opportunity for both groups to act as ambassadors for their countries and to dispel stereotypes, by presenting a more positive image than is portrayed in the media.

The organisation is non-political and aims to promote racial harmony and mutual understanding as well as the advancement of the artistic and creative talent of participating children and an appreciation of literature, art and culture.



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BibleLands is a Christian agency serving the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged in the lands of the Bible – regardless of their faith or nationality.

Our vision is to enable and resource local Christians to respond strategically and effectively to the changing needs of the region and its people, through education, health and community development.

■ **Education:**

Providing Christian-based education for needy children; vocational training programmes; special education for those with learning difficulties.

■ **Health:**

Funding hospitals, clinics and local primary healthcare centres; special needs care and support; education and rehabilitation for those with physical and intellectual difficulties.

■ **Community Development:**

Providing social care to orphans; infrastructure support to communities; housing; primary health care; literacy programmes; support and care for refugees.

BibleLands works in Lebanon; Egypt; Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

BibleLands is funded entirely through donations, grants, sponsorship schemes, appeals, legacies and grants.



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 registered charity no. 258003

Christian Aid has been supporting both Palestinian and Israeli groups working for peace and justice for over 30 years, and promotes development there through programmes in agriculture, health, human rights and training.

The organisation works through supporting long-term development projects through partner organisations in almost 50 countries worldwide. It seeks to address the root causes of poverty through education and campaigning, and through advocating for rights and justice.

It is the official relief and development agency of 39 British and Irish churches.

Those interested can:

- Sign up for Action for Partners
- Read about partners' work and take action for change.



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Christians Aware is an international and educational charity which offers varied opportunities for listening, encounter, learning and reflection, so that understanding and trust may grow between people, including Christians and those of other faiths, who may then work together to overcome injustices.

Their work with friends in the Middle East includes those of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. They do have a natural friendship with the Palestinian Christians, and have published listening books about their lives and culture. Their work includes visits to the Middle East, conferences and pilgrimages, and books.



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Founded in 1799, CMS is one of the largest British-based mission agencies, working in 50 countries in evangelism, healthcare, community transformation, training and education. CMS's involvement in Israel/Palestine dates from the mid-nineteenth century.

Today, CMS gives annual grants to the Anglican diocesan hospitals in Gaza and Nablus in the West Bank; works in partnership with the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center and has a number of people in mission

CMS visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories in February 2002 to renew old relationships and locate new partners, Israeli and Palestinian, working for reconciliation. Advocacy issues are monitored through the Middle East Forum and the Rediscovering Palestine network.



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The Middle East Forum of the Churches' Commission on Mission of the CTBI draws together representatives of the main churches in Britain and Ireland and of Christian agencies involved in the Middle East.

It keeps close contact with the churches in the area, shares information and seeks to enable the churches to respond together to opportunities for joint witness and service.



DEIR YASSIN REMEMBERED

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Deir Yassin Remembered seeks to build a memorial to the Deir Yassin massacre of April 9th 1948.

Though not the only massacre, Deir Yassin signalled the flight of the Palestinian people, which led to their eventual dispossession, and has come to symbolise the Palestinian tragedy.

But memorialisation of Deir Yassin is not just for Palestinians. Standing in clear sight of the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem, Deir Yassin speaks of all atrocity. It examines the relationship between perpetrator and victim, and asks, not only how the abused turns into an abuser, but how the abused can achieve justice without themselves turning into abusers.



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The Elijah Trust exists to serve the Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, and to raise awareness in the UK about this 'forgotten' 20% minority group.

We have two main focuses for our support and partnership – the work and vision of Archbishop Abuna Elias Chacour at the Mar Elias Educational Institution (MEEI) and within the Melkite diocese of Galilee; and Mossawa, the Advocacy Center for Arab Citizens of Israel based in Haifa. Arab Israelis need to experience equal opportunities and become self reliant. Education and advocacy are important keys to this.

Mossawa's mission is to improve the social, economic and political status of Arab citizens of Israel, whilst preserving their national and cultural rights as Palestinians.

The central ethos of MEEI is pluralism, reconciliation and a respect for diversity and differences whether cultural or religious. Unlike schools and colleges in the Jewish sector, there are no land grants or funding for equivalent Arab institutions in Israel. Financial support for MEEI is facilitated through Elijah Trust.



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Enlighten aims to promote the introduction of computer-aided learning centres in Palestinian refugee camps. Children and young people are some of the most disadvantaged in these camps, and have a great need for education and facilities.

Enlighten's computer-aided learning centres supply much needed vocational training and educational resources by giving children access to the internet, and essential skills for study and employment.

With your support, Enlighten aims to offer some of the Middle East's most deprived people the chance to play a part in shaping their world and ours.



EXPERIENCE TRAVEL TOURS

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This highly recommended company has been specializing in study tours to Israel and Palestine since the outbreak of the second intifada. Tours guide participants in understanding the situation on the ground through encounters with people on both sides of the divide - Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Christians and Muslims.

There is opportunity to interact with key leaders from the fields of medicine, education, politics, faith groups and peace activists. The tours help to support the Palestinian economy and also involve a humanitarian element.

Our participants get the most relevant and maximum experience possible in a safe environment.



FRIENDS OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY

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Friends of Bethlehem University, known as FoBU, was set up as a registered charity in 1999 in order to help the development of Bethlehem University and, in particular, to fund and support its Cardinal Basil Hume Chair for Religious Studies. The University was established in 1973 at the request of Pope Paul VI with the aim of offering higher education to Palestinians of all faiths.

One of its major goals is to encourage students to remain in Palestine and serve the community after they have graduated. The courses offered are designed to provide them with the skills necessary to enable them to do so.



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Objective: FoBZU seeks to support education at Birzeit University. Their activities are as follows:

- **Project Development** – FoBZU are involved in securing and administering grants for key development projects at Birzeit University, such as the mental health project supported by the Big Lottery Fund.
- **Fundraising** – Main areas include: The Hardship Fund, to support Birzeit students during the current difficulties in the region, and The Adela Every Scholarship Fund for female undergraduates.
- **Campaigning** – FoBZU campaign for academic freedom and against human rights violations of Birzeit University students and staff, and facilitate the university's International studies programmes and volunteer workcamps.



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Sabeel means 'the way' or 'spring' of water in Arabic, and is an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement among Palestinian Christians, based in Jerusalem.

Sabeel encourages local Christians as their faith connects with the hard realities of their daily life: occupation, violence, discrimination and human rights violations.

Sabeel seeks to deepen the faith of Palestinian Christians through the teachings of Jesus, leading them to act for justice and love, to work for the unity and renewal of the church, and to transform society.

Through its strong ecumenical networks, FOS-UK arranges lecture tours, seminars and conferences, and advises those planning pilgrimages how they can meet with the Living Stones.



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Highway Projects – Sharing God's Love in Christ through Word and Deed

Set up in 1997, Highway Projects responds to invitations from the Church in the Middle East to involve Christians in practical and relational mission work, through an expanding programme of short term mission opportunities.

The focus of its work is amongst disadvantaged people from across the religious divide, especially within the Arab community, and is currently working in Israel, Palestine and Jordan, with plans to expand to Egypt in the near future.

Volunteers need to be aged 18-39 years. Project teams are led by experienced leaders, with trips led and co-ordinated by Ian White, Development Co-ordinator.

The wide range of projects to choose from includes work with children, young people and the elderly and can involve painting and decorating, working alongside those with disability, art & crafts, Bible clubs, sports, schools work, teaching English, social care. The website carries details and regular updates of all future projects.



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Hope's main aim is to encourage support for staff and students of Bethlehem Bible College and the growth and development of the College. They support a College/Community Library and a Media Studies Centre, and provide sponsorship for College students in Bethlehem and those visiting/studying in the UK.

Hope also supports the community, education and outreach work, particularly amongst handicapped young people, of Beit El Farah (*"the House of Joy"*) in Beit Sahour (the Shepherd's Fields), near Bethlehem. Hope also supports The Shepherds Society – the caring ministry of Bethlehem Bible College in the local very needy community.

Hope is also involved with The House of Hope for the Blind in Bethlehem, the reconciliation work of Musalaha amongst Palestinians and Israelis, and the life and ministry of the Christian community in Gaza. They encourage visitors to link up with these local contacts, showing practical concern for fellow Christians, often in difficult situations.



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ICAHD UK supports the work of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions which is a non-violent, direct action group that resists house demolitions in the Occupied West Bank and mobilises Israelis and Palestinians to rebuild demolished homes together.

ICAHD UK brings together people who otherwise find it difficult to identify common ground for co-operation, and is playing a part in defining terms of post-Sharon debate. It helps mobilise public support for a just peace, and informs decision-makers. Its resources include Jeff Halper's 'Obstacles to Peace', maps on the Bantustans and the ICAHD film on house demolitions which can be used for house parties to raise funds for ICAHD. Summer work camps and tours are also arranged.



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The Jerusalem & the Middle East Church Association seeks to encourage support through prayer, giving and personal service for the four dioceses of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, namely Jerusalem, Egypt, Iran, and Cyprus and the Gulf.

Gifts by subscription, gift aid or legacy, which are allocated in consultation with the Province, are used to maintain and develop pastoral, medical and educational work in areas where there is great need. Earmarked donations are dealt with accordingly.

JMECA publishes the free magazine Bible Lands twice a year.



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Living Stones is an ecumenical trust seeking to promote contacts between Christian Communities in Britain and those in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries.

Living Stones organises responsible pilgrimages to the Holy Land and neighbouring countries not merely to visit the churches and ruins, but to meet the 'Living Stones', the members of the Churches. We owe it to the Christians in the Holy Land to meet the living communities rather than visit their shrines.

Living Stones encourages parishes to link with their Middle Eastern counterparts, promotes the interests of Middle Eastern Christians, arranges Church services in the UK with visiting Christians from the Middle East and publishes a twice-yearly magazine.



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MAP works with local partners in Palestine and countries hosting Palestinian refugees towards the improvement of health services for Palestinians and disadvantaged local communities.

MAP was established in 1984 following the Sabra and Shatilla massacre of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

MAP runs emergency relief, rehabilitation and development programmes in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria with a focus on training, health education, capacity building and improving access to health services.



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Melisende seeks to publish original studies, both contemporary and historical, on religion and politics, society, culture and art history in the Middle East and Asia.

Our list includes work on history, art and architecture, the relationship between faith and society, politics, culture, anthropology and the history of thought.

We are happy to advise and provide a service for those individuals and organisations seeking to self-publish or who are looking for contract publishing.

We provide a full service, from editing, through all stages of production to publication, sales and marketing.



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Hadeel (the cooing of a dove, Arabic), is a fair trade shop (BAFTS member) which is the means of fulfilling the aims of our parent charity, Palcrafts. We market a wide variety of fairly traded Palestinian products: embroidered items, soap, oil, cards, ceramics. Hadeel's network of Local Reps in England and Scotland is growing.

Our work provides desperately needed income for some of the most marginalized, helps Palestinian culture to survive and gives hope and therapeutic work to countless craftspeople living in extremely restricted conditions.

The aims of Palcrafts (UK Ltd) are to

- (a) promote cooperation between individuals and groups in the UK in organizing events to heighten appreciation of Palestinian culture and awareness of Palestinian issues.
- (b) provide in the UK educational materials and goods from Palestinian producer groups, particularly those catering for people with special needs either physical or mental, and whose activities benefit the whole community.



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The Palestinian Return Centre specialises in the research, analysis, and monitoring of issues concerning dispersed Palestinians and their right to return. The Centre also hosts an academic forum and holds extensive information on other aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

PRC campaigns against international attempts to absorb the Palestinians in their places of refuge, with the aim of preserving the Palestinian national identity. Through lectures, symposia, and publications it aims to increase public awareness of the longest standing refugee problem and to pressure all concerned parties, to implement international conventions and resolutions which guarantee Palestinian rights.

PRC publishes *The Return Review* monthly and its website contains in-depth studies, exhibitions and news analyses.



PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

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There are about ten million Palestinians scattered across the world today. About half are refugees, expelled from their homes in 1948 and 1967 and never allowed to return. Over three and a half million live in the Occupied Territories (West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem) and over a million live as third class citizens in the State of Israel.

PSC works to support Palestinian rights and campaigns for an end to all the abuses and violations against them. It supports a just peace for everyone in the Middle East, one that recognises the human rights enshrined in UN resolutions for the right to return and an independent Palestinian state.

PSC has forty branches around the UK, whose members lobby politicians, organise public meetings and protest actions, and promote links with Palestinian communities.



SCOTTISH PALESTINIAN FORUM

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The Scottish Palestinian Forum is an interfaith organisation which provides a network for Scottish groups involved in Palestinian issues or supporting work in Palestine. It promotes knowledge and understanding of the Palestinian people and their religious and cultural diversity and stimulates public discussion on Palestinian concerns. A particular interest is the promotion of alternative tourism and it supports calls for disinvestment and the boycott of Israeli goods.

The forum organises meetings and conferences, issues a regular newsletter and maintains an email information service.



SOAS PALESTINE SOCIETY

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SOAS Palestine Society aims at enhancing the understanding of the Palestinians, their culture, their heritage and their struggle for self-determination among students, academics and a wider audience at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

The Society organises regular lectures and talks on current political, cultural and human rights issues related to Palestine, inviting academics, journalists, NGO activists and Palestinian figures.

Every year the Society runs a Palestinian Film Festival and a Photo Exhibition, as well as cultural and fundraising events and campaigns within the School. It also promotes travel and study opportunities in Palestine.



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World Vision is an international Christian relief and development organisation with offices worldwide, including Jerusalem.

World Vision UK, serves Christians and others with information about issues in the developing world through resources including briefing papers, prayer diaries and bible studies, and through conferences and workshops. They also run transformational trips for students, youth groups and church leaders.

World Vision UK has a strong relationship with World Vision Jerusalem (WVJ). WVJ is involved in community development and advocacy on behalf of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and enables people to meet, listen and work with Palestinians (particularly Christians).



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Zaytoun (Arabic for Olives) is a not-for-profit project which imports olive oil from Palestine. It was established in early 2004 by four volunteers.

Zaytoun olive oil is sourced through suppliers which pay the farmers a fair price for their produce and actively support farmer empowerment programmes. Olive oil is Palestine's main agricultural output, upon which the conditions of Occupation have placed a severe impediment.

Zaytoun uses the oil as a campaigning medium, highlighting some of the conditions which are affecting Palestinian agricultural livelihoods.

Zaytoun supports its suppliers in overcoming barriers to markets, actively seeks funding and reinvests profits into programmes in Palestine that support sustainable agricultural development.

WEBSITES

Further details of our members' work can be obtained from any of their websites which are listed as a part of their entries in this directory. Alternatively, all of them can be accessed via links from www.rediscoveringpalestine.org.uk
In addition, the following sites are recommended for general information, news and statistics.

Stephen Sizer
www.sizers.org

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)
www.prairienet.org/cpt/hebron

Amnesty International
www.amnesty.org

B'Tselem - Israeli Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
www.btselem.org

PCHR – Palestine Centre for Human Rights
www.pchrgaza.com

UPMRC – Union of Palestine Relief Committees
www.upmrc.org

Infopal
www.infopal.org/palnews

Stop the Wall Campaign
www.stophewall.org

Pengon - Palestinian Environmental NGO Network
www.pengon.org

UNOCHA oPt - The United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories
www.humanitarianinfo.org/opt/

Christian Aid – Pressureworks



SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION

Thank you for your interest in Rediscovering Palestine. There are various other ways in which you can support the Rediscovering Palestine network and its members in their work, both generally, in order to raise awareness and create dialogue about current issues and developments in Palestine and Israel and practically, by becoming involved with a particular organisation.

- 1** **Join** the RP e-mailing list to receive details of forthcoming events – see the response form on the inside back cover or visit our web-site.
- 2** **Attend** meetings, conferences and seminars to broaden your knowledge and to keep aware of current developments.
- 3** **Visit** our web-site at www.rediscoveringpalestine.org.uk for links to all member organisations, other relevant sites and details of our activities and resources.
- 4** **Join** or **subscribe** to a particular organisation, whose work you wish to support and receive details of their activities.
- 5** **Support** Rediscovering Palestine or the charity/organisation of your choice, financially or otherwise.
- 6** **Read** from the selection of reports and literature we recommend; to request recommended reading list, complete response form on the inside back cover or visit our web-site.
- 7** **Book** a speaker to address a group, (church, school etc.). Most of our member organisations offer speakers – please contact them direct to book. We can also provide a list of additional speakers on request.
- 8** **Tell** friends, family, colleagues, neighbours what you know.
- 9** **Encourage** others to take an interest and become involved.
- 10** **Campaign**, nationally and locally, on important issues, such as the ‘Stop the Wall’ campaign, sanctions, divestment and humanitarian issues.
- 11** **Write to your MP** – Many of our members can advise you on matters to raise and methods to employ.
- 12** **Write to newspapers, TV and radio** to praise or criticise reporting on Palestine and Israel.
- 13** **Visit Palestine and Israel**, either as part of a study group or pilgrimage, or as a volunteer on a work camp or short term project. Many of our members provide opportunities for you to see the situation for yourself and to meet Palestinians and Israelis working for peace with justice. *(Details available on request and through the website.)*
- 14** **Buy Palestinian Goods** – buy from fair trade suppliers of Palestinian crafts such as Palcrafts. *(See p.16.)*
- 15** **Pray** – for those of faith, this is an essential instrument of change.
- 16** **Keep in touch** – don’t feel isolated. Meet and network with like-minded individuals in your area for mutual support and encouragement.



TOUR AGENCIES

Rediscovering Palestine continues to encourage people from the UK to visit the Holy Land. For Palestinian tour agencies, guides, drivers and hotels contact:

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