LIFE UNDER OCCUPATION

Views from the West Bank



Illustrated talks on the deteriorating situation in the West Bank by Helen & Mick Hall and Hannah Griffiths

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7:30pm

The Friends Meeting House Lansdowne Road, Bedford MK40 2BY

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Helen and Mick Hall visited the West Bank and Galilee for 10 days in late 2015 on an 'Alternative Pilgrimage' organised by Amos Trust — a human rights organisation that works with local and international peace activists and, in partnership with grass-roots projects, calls for a just peace, reconciliation and full equal rights for all Palestinians and Israelis.

Staying in Bethlehem and Nazareth, they visited several projects and settlements, including Al Walaja. They were privileged to spend time with Palestinian citizens, to listen to their accounts of daily life under occupation and share some of their experience.

Hannah Griffiths spent September to December of 2015 as a human rights monitor in Hebron.

As part of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), Hannah and her colleagues provided protection through their presence, particularly at Cordoba School. They monitored and reported human rights violations and supported Israeli and Palestinian peace activists.

Hannah will talk about the situation in Hebron, share stories of the people she met, and discuss how EAPPI is advocating for an end to the occupation.

About the group...

Bedford Friends of Al Walaja is an informal twinning group with the village of Al Walaja, situated in the West Bank between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

We work both to support the people there and and to inform people here about the suffering of the Palestinians as they lose their land and freedom of movement to settlements and the separation wall. This meeting will give recent illustrations of this wider injustice and, so, contribute to our campaign for justice.

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