



Friends of the Holy Land - Press Release

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Banish the mid-winter blues!

Join Friends of the Holy Land for an unforgettable evening of uplifting music on Thursday 16th February to raise your spirits for the year ahead whilst at the same time raising much needed funds for the most in need of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

To help you start 2023 with some joy, Friends of the Holy Land offer you a rare musical experience - a wonderful evening of virtuoso singing and entertainment featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by The Priests in Westminster Cathedral, London. It is a great privilege that permission for this concert has been given in this sacred space, renowned for its marvellous acoustics, to bring this powerful combined performance to you.

The London Welsh Male Voice Choir has sung at many of Britain's most prestigious concert halls and cathedrals, has appeared twice at the Royal Variety Command Performance and has recorded with Charlotte Church, Aled Jones and Bryn Terfel.

The Priests are a classical musical group, made up of three Roman Catholic priests from the Diocese of Down and Connor in Northern Ireland. Two brothers, Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin O'Hagan joined by Fr. David Delargy. The trio have been singing together since they boarded in the 1970s as students at St MacNissi's College, Garron Tower, County Antrim and have the unusual honour of having been allowed to record in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

The concert starts at 7:30 pm and tickets, starting at £20, are available now through Eventbrite at - <http://bit.ly/3i0ath2> or search *LW MVC Concert at Westminster Cathedral*, or by calling the office - 01926 512980.

www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/westminster-concert2023

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Notes for Editors:

Photos attached

1. **LW MVC Group**
2. **The Priests Group**
3. **Flyer**
4. **Poster**

For more details, please contact our Executive Director, Brendan Metcalfe on mob: 07538 792400 or Office Manager Jen Hill on 01926 512980.



Friends of the Holy Land patrons include the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley and Dr Rowan Williams.

FHL is small ecumenical Christian Charity (registered charity in England and Wales 1130054) working from an office in Kenilworth, but with groups and supporters across England and Scotland. FHL have been operating for over ten years having been founded in 2009 inspired by a Pilgrimage in 2007, a number of returning Pilgrims felt called to do something to improve the lives of Christians living in the Land that is at the root of their faith.

FHL operates an office in Bethlehem to support vulnerable Christians. In addition to meeting their direct emergency needs, when families fall into financial difficulty, FHL's team in Bethlehem also works with other partner agencies to support vulnerable Christians with medical costs and school fees. Both of which can be very expensive often accounting for as much as a quarter of a normal household's yearly income.

Friends of the Holy Land have two major projects in Bethlehem, School of Joy providing education and therapy to disabled children and St Martha's House which is a day centre for elderly women, mainly widows or those whose family have emigrated. FHL also provide long term support to St Luke's Hospital in Nablus, by supporting a medical exemption fund for the local Christian population.