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**Newslink  
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### From The Community Coordinator:

We are in the 100 days countdown to the centenary of the war to end all wars (WWI) but how do we abolish war? Way back in the Old Testament there are visions and prophecies about world peace yet still we have wars and fighting. This is fuelled by greed and a lust for power within a culture of violence in film, television, gaming and children's activities. We need a culture change, a paradigm shift, that begins with children's toys, games and activities. We must set an example to the next generation



### News from Barnes Close

Barnes Close is still open and receiving guests. We have had two successful cream teas, a great Reflection Day, a 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and three residential groups as well as a number of ministers on individual retreat in the last couple of months. However we have had to cut back on weekend residential groups. We miss having Lisa and Sarah around the house but Ian and a variety of international volunteers are still here to welcome you. At this stage there is nothing firm to tell you about the future of Barnes Close so life goes on as normal.

~~Celebrate CfR at Barnes Close – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018~~  
**Cancelled as we are currently still continuing to use Barnes Close**  
*Instead please join us for*  
**Cream Tea at Barnes Close**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**2.30pm to 4.30pm**

### CfR Autumn Programme (at Barnes Close)

#### Reflection Days 10am to 4pm

Cost: £15 per day (includes lunch)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – The Real Harvest

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – One World

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Peace, not absence of War

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – The Advent Hope

#### Community Evening at Barnes Close

6.00pm Prayer 6.30pm Meal 7.15pm Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September with AGM

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October with External Relations Committee

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Open Christmas



#### CfR Time Away – Holiday Week Thursday 6th to Wednesday 12th September

*A leisurely holiday week, with evening entertainment.*

Cost £250 (waged), £210 (unwaged) Family rates available

#### Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th September Healing & Wholeness Retreat

*An opportunity to explore the nature of the healing ministry in the local church.*

Cost £160 (waged) £130 (unwaged)

**Please contact Ian for booking forms and further information**

## CfR East Africa. Update from Jan Scott

Are you enjoying the summer? Do you like this hot, sunny weather or would you prefer it a bit cooler? Our lawn is yellow and our flowers are wilting. We are not expecting a good crop of potatoes. However we have been able to water the garden, albeit with watering cans rather than the hose pipe. I think back to a conversation with one of the PHARP officers who lives in Massailand. This area east and slightly south of Nairobi has been suffering from the effects of hot, dry weather for several years now - suffering to the extent that families have not been able to grow food as they previously did - so nothing to eat, or to sell to buy goods. In desperation some people have sold the land that has been in their families for generations and moved to find work. Work is hard to find, the money runs out and they have nothing. This leads to health and social problems. These people are desperate. In contrast, some areas in Kenya have suffered recent floods which have damaged areas of land and resulted in many deaths. These are some of the people to whom PHARP is ministering.

Each month we look forward to receiving news from PHARP Kenya in the form of the Newsletter written by Pelagie. Accounts of workshops in many different parts of the country and photographs of the people who have taken part in them are highlighted by Pelagie as she has often facilitated these workshops herself. With years of experience and post-graduate studies behind her, she is a great asset to PHARP. But this service comes at a price. Kenya is big country and travelling to regions such as Baringo or Moi County can mean 8 hours or more on a very uncomfortable bus each way, and a stay of 3 - 5 days in a strange house on a hard mattress. Left behind are two young children. On one occasion Pelagie took her son to see what it was like for his Mum - he was in for a shock! Now he realizes just how difficult it can be to follow your calling. As you read the PHARP Newsletter - it appears on our website - remember to pray for those involved in this work and those close to them.

Nairobi is one of the most dangerous places in Africa - danger from violence due to inter-faith and inter-tribal extremism, danger from poor public health, polluted water, food poverty, HIV, malaria and other diseases. In this environment Maji Mazuri cares for several hundred children in their school, Headstart Academy, providing a daily meal and primary education. Fundraising is underway for a new school to be built on a piece of land already owned by Maji Mazuri. Check out their website for further details. The funding sent from CfR contributes to ongoing costs of the organization and we will also be supporting the training of young people in computer skills so that they can find work.

If, as you find out more about these projects, you would like to support a specific aspect of the work financially, please let us know. Your support in prayers is always appreciated.

## News from Other Organisations



This year we mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. On Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018, people around the Commonwealth will be reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost. Some

65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918. This year gives us the chance to remember, but also to pray and work for peace, looking forward with hope. There are many ways in which you, your community, church or school can get involved.



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