



Swifts of Hope Fly for St John - *By Mark Coreth*

Mark Coreth has designed a life-sized bronze Olive Tree sculpture to go in our Muristan Clinic Garden. In his own words he describes his thought process behind the commission.

"The Muristan is situated almost in the bullseye of the Old City of Jerusalem where the four Quarters meet and beside the Order's newly opened eye clinic, which will serve people of all nations and all religions.

The area has a long medical history from 700 AD. The Order of St John

takes its name from the Church of St John situated just a few metres to the south. The clinic and garden are very close to the Holy Sepulchre, the Al Aqsa Mosque, the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall of the Temple. In other words it is in the very centre of the religious world.

The commission was not a simple one as the work needed to tell the whole history of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is after all the Holy City.

From its beginnings to today the city has seen beauty, and turmoil. The walls have been built just to be destroyed and rebuilt by its invaders and defenders.

So how could I symbolise this turmoil and beauty, the bustle of people trading, living and visiting?

The olive tree is central in the lives of all peoples in the Holy Land. It is mentioned in all the great texts as a symbol of peace. But when you look upon an old olive tree you see a tired, battle worn trunk... age is evident in its form. The trunk in places is dead and yet as a whole is full of life! This gives the perfect description

of the city walls and the extraordinary symbol of the history of Jerusalem... But I felt it did not quite fully tell of the dynamic movement of people.

Should you visit the Holy Land between the ends of March until early June, as I did, you witness the migration of the swift. The swift flies from Sub Saharan Africa through the Holy Land and onto both Europe and Asia as far as Beijing. Some swifts nest and breed in the Walls of the Old City and have done so since the days of the first Temple.

But more than this, they demonstrate a total mastery of their environment, a fearless confidence and a dynamic measure of hope... Their presence provides anticipation for summer ahead and further for the passage of time.

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The sculptor Mark Coreth (right) with his son Jamie Coreth posing with his son's award winning 'Dad Sculpting Me' painting, read more inside.

Thoughts from our CEO

Since the last edition of Jerusalem Scene we have made a great deal of progress.

During our most recent board meeting in mid-September, we officially opened our new hospital in the centre of Hebron as well as taking our many other visitors (including the Priors and Chancellors of the USA, Australia, Wales, Scotland, South Africa and Canada along with many members of the Guild) for a preview of Mark Coreth's amazing sculpture in the Muristan. They also saw our newly refurbished main entrance to our Jerusalem Hospital in which the disabled access is placed centrally as opposed to being something stuck on at the side – anyone with disabilities should feel the Hospital is there primarily for them and that they are very welcome.

Not content with simply having sailed through JCI (the gold standard for healthcare worldwide), we are very keen to advance clinically and in terms of research. To further this goal we asked a team of clinical auditors from Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, led

by Melanie Hingorani, to visit us and give us a very detailed report on how to become internationally recognised as a centre of excellence. The report was very positive overall and gave some great advice on areas such as the training and education of our resident doctors. It is hugely important to us that we develop key clinical partnerships and, with the full support of Moorfields' senior management and one of their senior consultants, David Verity, who is now one of our trustees, this audit is a major step down that path. Meanwhile, with Hadassah's Ophthalmology Department, we are pushing ahead with our genetics research programme which will help in the prevention as well as the treatment of many major eye conditions. This work is primarily made possible by the very significant grant that we were able to obtain under the EU Partnership for Peace Programme.

Gaza and Hebron are both working well. We are making good use of all the new facilities and equipment, and now frequently send



Sculptor Mark Coreth, Landscape Architect Brayan Muntasser and our CEO Tom Ogilvie-Graham posing in front of our new Olive Tree sculpture in our Muristan Garden

specialists there to deal with more complicated cases. This helps train our staff as well as benefiting the patients, many of which would not be allowed by the Israeli Defence Force to travel to Jerusalem. We receive very little in the way of funding from UNRWA in Gaza so we do have to heavily subsidise all our treatments there, although we are working on getting the Palestinian Authority (PA) to make a contribution towards major surgeries. Hebron has proved so successful that the PA funds we now receive there for all the extra referrals allows us to cover almost all the costs.

There are so many other things I could cover but I will end with a few words on Mark Coreth and the Swift Appeal. Mark is a

friend, from over 35 years ago, who was also in the Household Cavalry (he was decorated for service in the Falklands War among other things) – he is now an internationally acclaimed artist. He has given up a great deal of his time for free to create a most amazing sculpture, a Tree of Hope, which is best described in his own words (see front page). The swifts that comprise it will appear not just in the Muristan but in our other clinics and possibly worldwide. It is another reason why you should come to Jerusalem to see what we are and what we do, none of which would be possible without the generous and continued support of our donors.

**Brigadier Tom
Ogilvie-Graham**

Blast from the Past

This is a team photo dated from the early 90s. Can you name everyone?

Our team of experts have managed to name 66 people - though not all their surnames! Let us

know if you do any better.
The 'known' answers are
at the bottom of the page
- don't cheat.

In total there are 73 people plus the dog (bonus points if you can name the dog!)



Answers in alphabetical order:

Abdallah Catar	Dr Michel Ward	George Khoury	Khalil Awad	Nazar Bannayan	Sa'di Assad	Talia Hmeidan	Victor Antar	Waheed Khatib	Walid Hamoudeh	Bonus point: The dog is called Kelly!
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Dr Mark Elder	Fouad Najjar	Khader Freij	Naimah	Reema Elias	Sylvia Kimy					

Trustee Report: Chairman Nicholas Woolf

Our Trustee Board meeting in Jerusalem in September was a special moment for us all.

On Friday, September 9, accompanied by nearly 30 invited international guests I was proud to open officially our new Hebron Hospital. Guests included in particular the Prior of Scotland, Mark Strudwick, and his Hospitaller, Ian Wallace, Peter Goltra and a representative of the Knights Templar, Mr Ernest Coleman.

Both organisations have supported St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital for many years, but their generous donations allowed us to purchase an entire floor in a brand-new skyscraper in central Hebron. Peter, a staunch supporter, kindly funded an expensive new microscope for the operating theatre. Our branding makes it look as if we own the entire building!

Other guests, many for the first time in Jerusalem, included the newly appointed Sub Prior, Prior of the USA, Chancellor of Australia, the Chancellor and Chief

Executive of South Africa, and the Prior of Wales. I doubt that so many Priors and the Order have been represented altogether by their leaders at the same time previously in Jerusalem.

standing Jerusalem presence, all the way back to 1882, and be a very accessible facility for the Old City residents and also to visitors who might need our services.

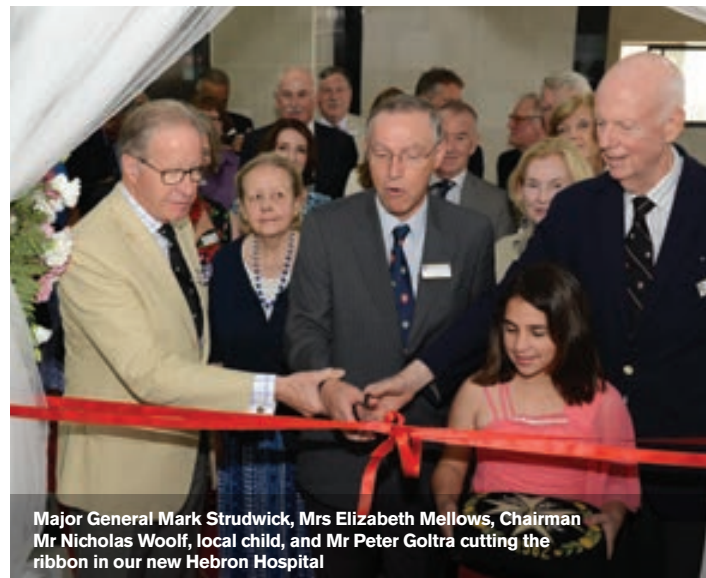
expansion in Anabta, we will have completely upgraded our three hospitals and two clinics and our mobile outreach service, which has new vehicles. This has been a major effort by the various hospital teams for which they deserve special recognition.

Additionally we have replaced and upgraded much of the associated equipment. Some of these items are expensive, some less so, but all demanding generosity from a wide variety of donors. We are grateful to all of them.

There are challenges ahead, as ever, many of them financial caused by fluctuating exchange rates, notably in the wake of Brexit. Most of our costs are in Israeli shekels, whereas half of our income comes from various international sources. But with everyone's continuing support I am sure that between the Board of Trustees and Management we will be able to put all of our new facilities to the best possible use in serving our patients.

The group were privileged to have a sneak preview of the not quite finished Mark Coreth sculpture, which is a cast of a very ancient olive tree in the monastery at Tantur owned by the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, with whom we will be partnering in the organisation of the Clinic.

Coupled with the recent and continuing refurbishment of the 1961 East Jerusalem hospital, and the



Major General Mark Strudwick, Mrs Elizabeth Mellows, Chairman Mr Nicholas Woolf, local child, and Mr Peter Goltra cutting the ribbon in our new Hebron Hospital

The new Hebron Hospital was planned and executed in only a few years, whereas our new hospital in Gaza, which I was also proud to open on June 2 this year, had been many years in the planning.

And most recently is the reopening of our Muristan Clinic in the Old City, which was part of the operating base between 1948 and 1961. The Muristan Clinic will act as a visible reminder of our long-

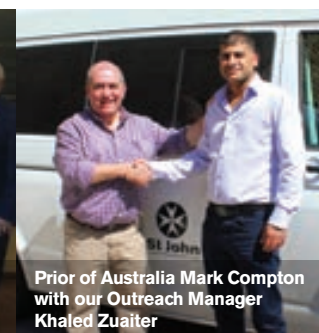
Our staff, Board of Trustees and assorted guests pose in our Jerusalem Hospital Gardens



Trip to Jerusalem



Representatives from the Priors of Australia, Canada, Scotland, South Africa, Wales, the United States, pose with Mrs Elizabeth Mellows, our Chairman and CEO in the new Hebron Hospital



Prior of Australia Mark Compton with our Outreach Manager Khaled Zuaier



Our Hebron Staff with Prior of Scotland Mark Strudwick and his wife Sue Strudwick



Our Guild Members with sponsored staff member Nursing Director Ahmad Ma'ali



Our new Hebron Hospital



Peter Goltra poses next to our new Hebron Hospital's surgical microscope, donated in memory of his late wife Gail Goltra



Assorted guests enjoying a tour of our paediatric wards led by Walid Khatib and Ahmad Amer



John Mah, Sub Prior and Dr Humam Rishmawi pose in the Jerusalem Gardens

Staff Awards Ceremony 2016



Our 2016 Nursing Graduates with our senior Nursing Lecturer Nasrallah Khalilieh, Nursing Director Ahmad Ma'ali, CEO Tom Ogilvie-Graham, Lecturer Walid El Khatib, and Theatre Manager, Jamil Abu Hani

Presentation of Ophthalmic Nursing Diplomas to Staff Nurses who have completed the University of West London Post Graduate Ophthalmic Nursing Course 2016

Presented by Brigadier Tom Ogilvie-Graham, CEO of the Hospital

Narmeen Masarweh
Shadia Muqbil
Mohamad Awawdeh
Makram Ibrahim
Ahmad Qaraqe'
Munther Abu Baker

Presentation of Baroness Audrey Emerton DBE DL Cup for Quality Services to Nursing 2016

Presented by Ms. Susan Dingwall, Board Trustee

Saddam Hammoudeh

Jacqueline Jaidy MBE Cup for Nursing Excellence

Presented by Mrs. Jacqueline Jaidy, Dame of the Order of St John

Fatmeh All

Sheenah Davies RRC DL (Davies Plate: Jerusalem) for Nursing Excellence Award Runner Up 2016

Presented by Dr. Maged Abu Ramadan, Board Trustee

Sonia Hosh

Sheenah Davies RRC DL (Davies Plate: Gaza) Employee of the Year 2016

Presented by Brigadier Tom Ogilvie-Graham in Gaza

Leena Al Alawi

Presentation of Special Prizes Halendorff Cup: to the Top Student Achieving the Highest Grades in the St. John Eye Hospital Examination 2016

Presented by Brigadier Tom Ogilvie-Graham, CEO of the Hospital

Ahmad Qaraqe'

Mcdougall Cup for Member of Staff who has contributed most to the Hospital over the Year

Presented by Major General Mark Strudwick, Knight of the Order

Ahmad Awadallah

Magauran Cup: to the Doctor who has made the most contribution to the services provided by the Medical Department during 2016

Presented by The Rev Canon Gerard Cecil Sharp, Chancellor of the Priory of South Africa

Dr. Habes Batta

Professor Saul Merin Memorial Award

Presented by Mrs. Merin

Dr. Raja' Masri

Employee of the Month - August 2016

Presented by Mr. Peter Goltra

Mahran Salman



The winner of the Jacqueline Jaidy, MBE, Award for Excellence 2016', with former Matron Jacqueline Jaidy. Fatmeh has worked for St John for 44 years and according to Ahmad 'not one complaint in that whole time'. Congrats Fatmeh!

Employees of the month

If you would like to sponsor any of these individuals please get in touch.

June

● Vivian Rafidi (Cleaner)

Vivian interacts well with everyone in the hospital. She was nominated for her loyalty and for maintaining the highest of standards in her work.

July

● Hani Razzouq (Accountant)

Hani was nominated as he is flexible employee doing all bank reconciliations and has demonstrated St. John's values in terms of loyalty to the hospital.

August

● Mahran Salman (Records Office Clerk)

Mahran was nominated as he is a bright intelligent individual, who communicates well amongst his peers. He has excellent IT skills

which has greatly assisted in the roll out program of HMIS within the hospital.

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It is for this reason that I decided to make the canopy of my bronze olive tree not out of leaves but out of swifts... The sculpture was now to be a tree full of life and a symbol of hope.

Circumstance took me to a garden just outside of Bethlehem called Tantar. It is a garden that past belonged to the Order of St John but now belongs to the Order of Malta and is part of their hospice for pilgrims. I found there a beautiful tree that gave me the balance of age and future, which I moulded and cast a copy of in bronze. I then made and cast one hundred and fifty swifts which I placed on 'flight lines' and formed those into the canopy of the tree.

The story does not however end there. I have positioned around the walls of the Muristan and through the Jerusalem Hospital flights of bronze swifts, in groupings of three that tell of the three faiths and of the hope of unity whatever that might be.

My intention is to place more in all of St John's hospitals, clinics and headquarters and with a fair wind into those of the Order of Malta from whom I moulded the tree and who have so generously offered to support the Muristan Clinic.

Now let me take this a stage further... I want to spread the swifts right across all parts of the world. Every swift that migrates to the far reaches of the world will stretch this message of hope for the Holy Land throughout the world, it will also in a practical way raise much needed funds for the St John Eye

Hospital, a cause that is so valuable.

It is my fervent hope that the Olive Tree, its swifts and its message will in some wonderful way take on a life of its own and that the trio of swifts can symbolise a unity in the religious world - but like Jerusalem, and its history, only time will tell."

Mark Coreth

Help Swifts Fly for St John


The Muristan Clinic is truly a symbol of St John's history as it is where our story began over a thousand years ago. We are extremely proud to be returning to this ancient and revered site.

We now invite our supporters to become a tangible part of our story by purchasing one of our swifts and leaving your mark on the Old City of Jerusalem forever - whilst helping to raise funds for our sight-saving work.

Our large and mini swifts are perfect for your coffee table or bookshelf and will serve as a constant reminder of your connection to our charity.

They will also make an ideal Christmas gift!

Our swifts can be purchased in a variety of ways:

 **USD\$5,000 (£3,950) to sponsor one of 150 birds on the tree itself in the Old City (you will also receive a large swift to take home). Your name or that of a loved one will be associated with your bird and will form part of a unique naming opportunity in the Muristan Garden***

 **USD\$1,100 (£850) to buy a large swift***

 **USD\$450 (£350) to buy a mini swift***

You can purchase your part of St John history by using the donation form inserted in the newsletter, by calling the office (0207 550 6960) or via our online shop on our website (www.stjohnseyehospital.org).

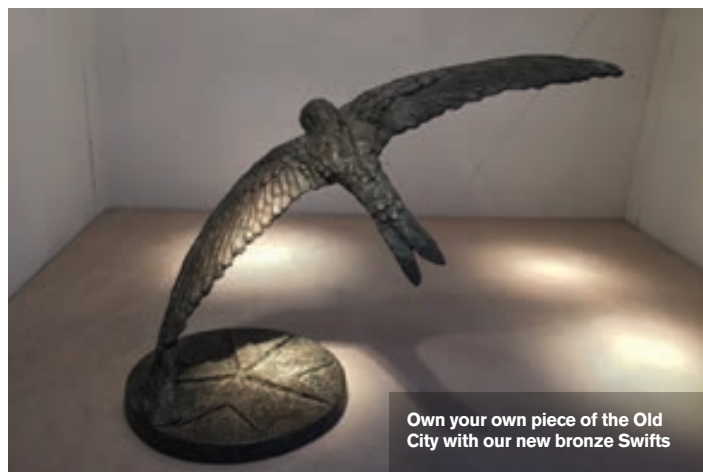
*Prices include a gift box but do not include postage. 100% of the profits go to the charity. Our inserted order form details the dimensions and postage prices for several countries. Please contact us if you have any further queries.

About the Artist

Mark Coreth is an internationally acclaimed artist (the lifesize sculpture of Frankel at Royal Ascot, unveiled by HM the Queen is among his work). He can count many of the Royal Family, as well as the Natural History Museum in London, amongst his collectors. His son recently won the BP Young Artist Award 2016 for his painting entitled 'Dad Sculpting Me' (pictured on cover), a portrait of Mark sculpting a bust of his son, which is currently exhibiting in the National Portrait Gallery.

Mark kindly agreed to create a magnificent sculpture for our Muristan Garden completely free of charge, which will go on to be a beacon of hope for St John supporters worldwide.

Represented by The Sladmore Gallery for over 20 years his next exhibition will be in 2017.



Own your own piece of the Old City with our new bronze Swifts



Our CEO Brig. Tom Ogilvie-Graham addressed the St John Western Australia (WA) Annual Conference, Sept 2016. In addition to contributing to St John Australia's support of our School of Nursing, Mobile Outreach Coordinator Khaled Zuaitar and Admissions Officer Mustafah Odeh, St John WA sponsor an additional three nurses, Malika Breitam, Hanan Zalan and Lina Babeh.

Jonathan Riley-Smith



It is with great regret that we announce the passing of Jonathan Riley-Smith on 13th September 2016.

For more than forty years, Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith was a leader in the study of the history of the Knights of St John. He was a great advocate for the Order of St John Museum, as well as the Order of St John generally. His role as Librarian of the Order of St John, and as a Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order, recognised the value of his contribution to this area of academic study, and to St John as a charity. In the Museum itself, Jonathan's publication, "Hospitallars", continues to be their bestselling book. Our Jerusalem Hospital flag flew at half-mast to mourn his passing and honour his support of our cause.

Appointment of Great Officers

We are very pleased to announce that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the following appointments:



Sir Malcolm Ross GCVO OBE has been appointed Lord Prior of The Order



The Right Reverend Timothy John Stevens CBE has been appointed Prelate of The Order

Sir Malcolm said:

"I am humbled by the task that I have before me. Although St John is a vast organisation I recognise that we have magnificent leadership at every level and I wish to thank you for the work you and your teams are all doing around the world; I look forward to working with you all during my term in Office."

"I know that I will be well assisted during my term by you all and I have great pleasure in announcing that joining us will be the new prelate The Right Reverend Timothy Stevens CBE, whose appointment was also approved by Her Majesty."

"As long as I have the strength I will do all that I can to serve the Order."

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group looks forward to working closely with the new Officers and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their new roles.

Film screening

Please join us for a glass of wine and Middle Eastern refreshment at our fundraising film screening event in aid of the recently opened Gaza Eye Hospital.

The award-winning film, **Eyes of St John**, directed by Carlo Nero and produced by Vanessa Redgrave highlighting our sight saving work will be shown followed by a presentation by former Chief Surgeon, Denise Magauran.

Sunday November 20th, 6.30-9pm
Catholic Hall, Beeches Green, Stroud, GL5 4AA.
Tickets £10 - please email denisemagauran@aol.com or call 01452 814570
Incl: wine & canapés

In other film news, Eyes of St John has been selected to play at the London International Short Film Festival on **Monday October 31st at 6pm** (Block 1). You can purchase tickets for £5 from their website: www.lisff.com/schedule-2016

Case Study: Rima

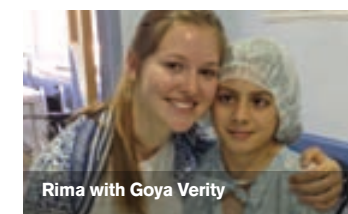
Over the summer, our trustee David Verity's daughter Goya Verity spent a successful and fulfilling week gathering success stories of our patients.

Her most memorable patient was little Rima, who was receiving surgery at our Jerusalem Hospital when they met. Below is Goya's account of Rima's visit:

"Rima is a clever and engaging 10 year old girl from Gaza, who likes to swim with her friends and play on her grandmother's telephone!"

Unfortunately she had suffered a blunt injury to her left eye in the playground, and became increasingly aware of a 'white line' affecting her sight. With the vision being increasingly blurry, she found her studies at school became harder, and she could no longer look after her two younger brothers at home. She loved art and colouring, and now even this, her favourite hobby, had become rather difficult.

After a year she was taken for a check-up at our Gaza Hospital and was diagnosed with a large left macular hole with raised edges (indicating that it would continue to enlarge).



This is a serious condition, which, if left untreated, can progress and eventually lead to blindness.

Thankfully, due to the expertise at St John, she received urgent and effective treatment: she was referred to our Jerusalem Hospital and received vitrectomy surgery, which allows the macular hole to close again. Her vision much improved, she was discharged home the following day with her family.

However, unfortunately, that was not the end of Rima's eye problems. A few months later, her father noticed that one of her eyes was tending to turn in (a 'squint'). When she was with her friends, they laughed

at her and asked why one of her eyes was not looking directly at them. Naturally, she felt self-conscious when she saw herself in the mirror. So once again she was brought to the Gaza Hospital, from where she was referred to our paediatric clinic in Jerusalem. A convergent squint was diagnosed, and her eye was unable to focus as well as the

I smiled, and knew that everything would be all right.

The surgery had a really excellent result, and made her eyes look symmetrical again. Rima is no longer afraid of being bullied, and can now help her mother at home again, and continue her lessons at school.



right eye. This carries a risk of developing a 'lazy eye' (or 'amblyopia'), even at the relatively late age of ten, and so, at her appointment she was booked for surgery to correct the position of the eye.

I held her hand as she was taken into theatres. She told me that

"she was not scared yesterday like she is today".

I asked her what she would like to do later in life. She smiled and said *"I want to be a doctor of eyes!"*. I would not be surprised if she succeeded.

Rima has a bright future ahead of her – and the care that St John has given her will help her achieve her full potential."

Blindfold Challenge

It's been an eventful few months for badgers and cadets around the world who have been busy raising funds for St John through some very clever means.

First up were the St John New Zealand North Region Cadets who held a 'Blindfold Challenge' in July. St John Regional Youth Cadet of the Year, Jessica Samson, challenged all youth and leaders to go blind to fully understand the effects it can have on daily life as well to raise vital funds for our services.

Some cadets undertook the experience for a full day, whereas other younger volunteers took part for small periods of time. All volunteers recognised the challenge involved in being visually impaired.

Zachariah (pictured right), one of the youngest volunteers, who stayed blindfolded for 2.5 hours had this to say:

"I felt so relieved when I got to take my blindfold off. I sung a song when

I was finished. I love my life, I love my Mum, I love the Lord, but most of all I love to see! It felt so good to look around. I hope what I did helps many people in Jerusalem see."

Another volunteer, Sam Hughes (pictured above), made the local news with his efforts. You can read a full account of his experience via the 'Media' section on our website. All together the cadets raised over NZ\$1,535 towards our sight-saving work!



Zachariah was very relieved to take his blindfold off at the end of the challenge!



Sam Hughes made the local news with his Blindfold Challenge

The Wolverhampton and CMK Combined Cadet Unit have also been busy learning about St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. They undertook the Bronze, Silver and Gold sections of the Grand Prior subject 'St John Worldwide' where they learnt about all the St John Family. They had a particular focus on the history of St John and the work of the Eye Hospital, and wrote poems and stories from the perspective of our patients. They raised a fantastic £150 at the end of their course through a bake sale during the summer.

Last but not least a big thank you to the Samuel Badger Sett in Ipswich, Suffolk who put on a play about the Eye Hospital and raised funds towards our work at the end.

Do you run a youth group? Do you have any similar cadet news? We would love for other youths to follow the lead of these incredible groups and do your own Blindfold Challenge, play, bake sale or anything more you can think of in aid of our work. This is a great way for our younger St John family to learn the history of St John whilst getting a better understanding of our patients and the work of our team. Please get in touch with Marie-Claire Boyle at mc.boyle@stjohnseyehospital.org or 0207 553 6960 or download our info pack from the 'Resources' section of our website for more information.

Thank you to all cadets, and their leaders, who got involved!

St John Cadet pens beautiful poem

Samantha Mainwaring is a young cadet from St John Wales who was so moved from learning about St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital that she wrote a poem in dedication to our work.

Samantha toured around the Welsh division fundraisers to read her poem and also read at the 2013 Annual Christmas Carol Concert for the Eye Hospital in Cardiff. The poem was so moving that it touched people's hearts and encouraged a more generous collection.

Samantha was so passionate about our work that she also chose, as the subject of choice in her Welsh GSCE baccalaureate, ophthalmology and the work of St John Eye Hospital. According to her mother

"she was visibly moved by [the work of St John Eye Hospital Group] she brought me to tears with her compassion and desire to help, I'm so proud of her."

Samantha has written a short introduction to the poem below, followed by the poem itself. Thank you for your beautiful words and continued support of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Samantha!

"Hi, my name is Samantha Mainwaring and I am 18 years old. I have been a member of St John Cymru Loughor Division for over ten years. I wrote the poem after being moved by the plight of the people needing treatment and how difficult it could be to seek medical help. I have never been to Jerusalem, but I hope one day to visit and see first-hand the amazing work at the Eye Hospital. I am truly inspired by the commitment and dedication of the charity. Please enjoy the poem."

St John Eye Hospital A Poem about one Woman's Story

*Blindness, cataracts, or a congenital disease,
My child needs a doctor, help me please.
I have no money, or possessions to sell,
I've been travelling miles in this living hell.*

*Here in Gaza, life is tough,
Jerusalem, the West Bank, all so rough.
No G.P on call; or optician's to see,
His vision is blurring, and he's relying on me.*

*Glaucoma, haematoma or a squint in your eye,
I cannot do anything just sit here and cry...
Yet good news I am hearing; help is at hand,
A mobile clinic does travel our land.*

*Medication, some eye drops, all is discussed,
An eye patch is needed to protect from the dust,
What would we do without St John to help out?
Our angels of mercy, of this I've no doubt.*

*How lovely to see my son smile again,
No pain in his eye, no tears to refrain.
I send you my gratitude, best wishes and thanks,
Without your help, we'd have suffered great angst.*

*Now if this poem has touched your heart,
Please remember the fundraising that has to take part.
In order to pay for those doctors and nurses.
Give generously we ask you, dig deep in your purses.*

By Samantha Mainwaring



Samantha Mainwaring with her brother Joshua in their old St John Cadet uniform

New



◀ **The First Mobile Outreach Van** (160mm x 116mm) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also available as a blank card.

▼ **Tote Bag** - £3.50



100% Cotton Tea Towel - £5.00



4GB USB Memory Stick - £8.00



Flashlight Pen - £5.00

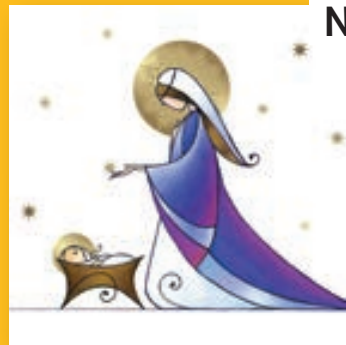
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All prices include postage & packaging (except Swift Appeal, see insert for details)

Christmas Cards & Gifts from St John Shop

New



▲ **Mary and Boy Child** (140mm x 140mm) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



▲ **Doves of Peace** (160mm x 116mm) Seasons Greetings



◀ **Homage to the Newborn King** (140mm x 140mm) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



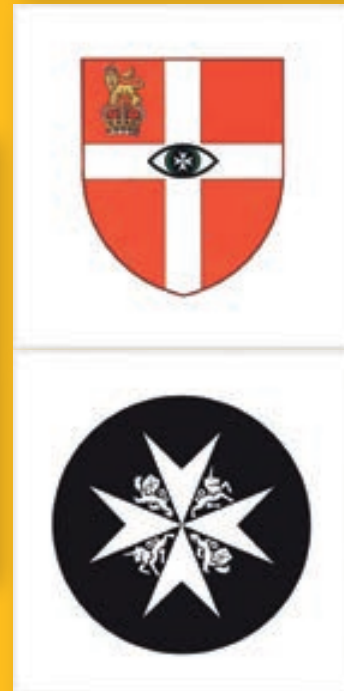
Mary and Jesus (165mm x 120mm) Happy Christmas



Christmas Shopping (165mm x 120mm) Season's Greetings



Robin on Post box (120mm x 120mm) Season's Greeting



St John Blank cards:
SJEHG Coat of Arms or St John Logo - £4.40 (107mm x 107mm)

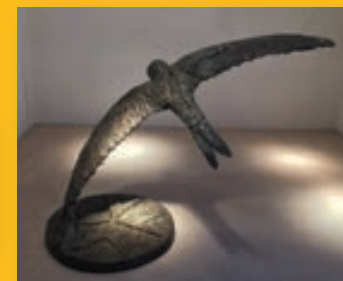


Santa's on his way (195mm x 90mm) Season's Greetings



Kings from the Orient (165mm x 120mm) Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

All Christmas Cards £4.50 per pack of 10



Swift Appeal

Sponsored: USD\$5,000 (£3,950) to sponsor one of 150 birds on the tree itself in the Old City (you will also receive a large swift to take home). Your name or that of a loved one will be associated with your bird.

Large USD\$1,100 (£850) to buy a large swift

Mini USD\$450 (£350) to buy a mini swift

Shopping list

£10 could buy 3 bed sheets for baby cots

£25 could buy a diagnostic Corneal Topography procedure

£50 could fund Outreach education sessions in the rural West Bank

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