

Planned visit to Lebanon in October 2022

Bishop Philip's Long Delayed visit to Lebanon is now on for October

Bishop Philip's planned visit to Lebanon, initially planned to take place in February 2021 has now been fixed, after much postponement, for the second week in October this year. Its aim is to explore possibilities for an ongoing ecumenical link between the churches of Cornwall and the churches of Lebanon, given the long history of commercial and cultural exchange between us. But Bishop Philip will also be following up his work for the Foreign Office on UK support for persecuted Christians in 2019 through meetings with key church and civil leaders in Lebanon and an address to the Middle East Council of Churches in partnership with the Lebanon Bible Society.

Bishop Philip will be accompanied by David Fieldsend, his International Affairs Adviser, Rachael Varney, Senior Executive Assistant, and Etienne van Blerk, Priest-in-Charge of the United Benefice of Carbis Bay & Lelant, who is a former missionary to Lebanon. It is hoped to visit grass roots projects as well as meet with denominational leaders at regional and national level to discover what could be a good basis for an ongoing partnership.

Please pray for safety and fruitfulness in their travels for Bishop Philip and his support team. Also that their visit would be a blessing and encouragement to Christians in Lebanon at this time of national political and economic crisis.