



Project 26

Coffee Morning and Fundraising Ideas

Bees for Peace Coffee Morning

Support Project 26 by organising your own Bees for Peace coffee morning or tea gathering with friends, neighbours, or church members. Project 26 is raising funds to support Sindyanna of Galilee's work with women in Occupied Palestine and Israel, by helping to develop beekeeping skills and promote friendship and understanding. The Friends of St Andrews, Jerusalem and Tiberias invite individuals and groups to take part by sharing tea, coffee, honey loaf cake, honey biscuits, and other honey products made with Fairtrade or locally sourced honey, while learning more about the project. Donations of any size will be warmly welcomed.



How to run a simple Bees for Peace event

1. Choose a date, time, and place for your coffee morning or tea gathering.
2. Gather a few simple facts about the project so you can explain it clearly to others.
<https://www.sindyanna.com/cooperation/social-partners/save-the-bees/protecting-the-bees/>
3. Invite friends, neighbours, or church members to come along.
4. Offer tea, coffee, and a few honey products made with Fairtrade or locally sourced honey.
5. Use the 50p honeycomb sheet (large size on back page) to collect donations, inviting people to colour a cell each time 50p is given.
6. Share a short explanation of how the project supports Palestinian and Israeli women working cooperatively to get to know each other better.
7. Keep the honeycomb sheet visible during the event so everyone can watch the total grow.
8. Thank everyone for coming and encourage them to tell others about the project.



Pointers for using the honeycomb sheet at a gathering

- Put the honeycomb sheet where everyone can see it.
- Explain that each cell is worth 50p and can be coloured in as donations are given.
- Invite children and adults to help colour the cells during the event. Colour in each cell straight away so people can see the total growing.
- Keep a pen or pencil beside the sheet at all times.
- If someone gives more than 50p, colour in as many cells as their donation covers. At the end, count the coloured cells to see how much has been raised.

Other ways to use the honeycomb sheet

- Colour a cell each time you use honey on your toast.
- Colour a cell when you use honey in baking or in a favourite recipe.
- Colour a cell each time you spot a bee in your garden.
- Colour a cell when children or grandchildren help with a bee-themed activity such as planting flowers.
- Use the sheet over several days or weeks until all the cells are filled.

Add 50p to your donation each time you fill in a cell on the honeycomb sheet.

Simple Honey Recipes

Honey loaf cake recipe

Ingredients:

225g self-raising flour
100g soft brown sugar
100g butter
2 eggs
3 tablespoons honey
2 to 3 tablespoons milk.

1. Heat the oven to 180°C.
2. Grease a small loaf tin.
3. Mix the flour and sugar together.
4. Rub in the butter or beat everything together.
5. Add the eggs, honey, and milk.
6. Mix until smooth.
7. Spoon into the tin.
8. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until golden and firm.

Honey biscuits recipe

Ingredients:

100g butter
50g sugar
2 tablespoons honey
200g plain flour.

1. Heat the oven to 180°C.
2. Cream the butter and sugar together.
3. Stir in the honey.
4. Add the flour and mix into a dough.
5. Roll into small balls and place on a baking tray.
6. Flatten slightly with a fork.
7. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until lightly golden.
8. Leave to cool before serving.



Using the Project in Worship

The Bees for Peace Project could be included as part of a Harvest Service or a Season of Creation service. It offers a simple way to reflect on creation, food, justice, peace, and the shared work of caring for the earth, while supporting Palestinian and Israeli women.

- Include a short talk or reading about the project.
- Display the 50p honeycomb sheet during the service, at refreshments afterwards, or distribute copies for people to take away and bring back at an agreed time.
- Invite people to colour a cell as part of their donation and see how many cells can be filled during the service or afterwards. Each hive has approximately 10 combs in it. Can you fill a whole hive?
- Serve honey products after the service if appropriate.
- Include prayers for peace, creation, and community, using the examples below if helpful.

Call to worship

Eat honey my child for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. Know also that wisdom is like honey to you. If you find it, there is a future hope for you... **Proverbs 24:13-14**

Come and give thanks to God for the goodness of creation, for the gift of food, for bees and flowers, and for wisdom to know the things that make for justice and peace. Let us worship the One who calls us to care for the earth, to share with one another, and to work for justice and friendship. Amen.

Short prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of creation, for bees and flowers, for food and friendship, and for all who work to bring peace. Bless the women involved in the Bees for Peace Project, and guide us as we share, give, and care for one another. May our small acts of kindness help to grow hope, justice, and peace. Amen.



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Responsive prayer

Leader: God of creation, we thank you for the beauty and wonder of the earth.

All: Help us to care for all that you have made.

Leader: We thank you for bees, flowers, food, and the work of human hands.

All: Help us to cherish creation and share its gifts fairly.

Leader: We pray for women in Palestine and Israel, and for all who work for peace.

All: Bring hope, courage, and friendship where they are needed most.

Leader: Bless our giving, our sharing, and our life together.

All: May your peace grow in us and through us. Amen.

Bible references

- Exodus 3:8 – a land flowing with milk and honey.
- Psalm 119:103 – “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”
- Proverbs 16:24 – “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”
- Psalm 118:12 – “They surrounded me like bees...”

These passages can help link the project with themes of creation, peace, kindness, and God's provision.

Short reflection on Proverbs 16:24

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” In a world where words can so easily divide, this verse reminds us that kind and gentle words can bring healing, hope, and peace. As bees work together to build the honeycomb, so we too are called to build communities of care, encouragement, and friendship.

Short blessing

May the God of creation bless you with peace, fill your words with kindness, and guide your hands in care for the earth and for one another. May hope grow in you, as honey in the comb, and may you go in love and friendship. Amen.



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Adult and Children's Activities

Bee colouring activity

Give each child a simple bee picture to colour in, using yellow, black, and bright flower colours. While they colour, you could talk about how bees help plants grow and why bees are important in God's creation. This is an easy activity for a table at a coffee morning or after worship.

Bee trail or bee hunt

Hide paper bees or flower pictures around the room, hall, or garden and invite children to find them. You could ask them to count how many bees they spot or collect them and bring them back to a table or display. This is a fun, simple activity that helps children notice bees and flowers and think about how they belong together.

What you need: paper bees or flower pictures, scissors, and a room, hall, or garden space.

Match the bee to the flower

Make simple bee and flower cards and invite children to match each bee to a flower. You could use colours, numbers, or shapes to help them pair them up. This is a quick and cheerful game that helps younger children think about how bees and flowers belong together.

What you need: paper bee and flower cards, crayons or pens, scissors, and a table or floor space.

Flower planting activity

Give each child a small pot or paper cup with a little compost and a few bee-friendly flower seeds to plant. Talk about how flowers help bees and how caring for creation helps all living things. Children can take their pot home and watch it grow.

What you need: small pots or paper cups, compost, bee-friendly flower seeds, and a little water.

"Bee a Peacemaker" wall

Create a bright and joyful peace display by inviting children and adults to write or draw one kind thing they can do to bring peace at home, at school, at church, or in the community. Each idea can be added to a paper bee, flower, or honeycomb shape and placed on a wall or board. As the display grows, it becomes a lovely shared picture of peace, kindness, and hope.

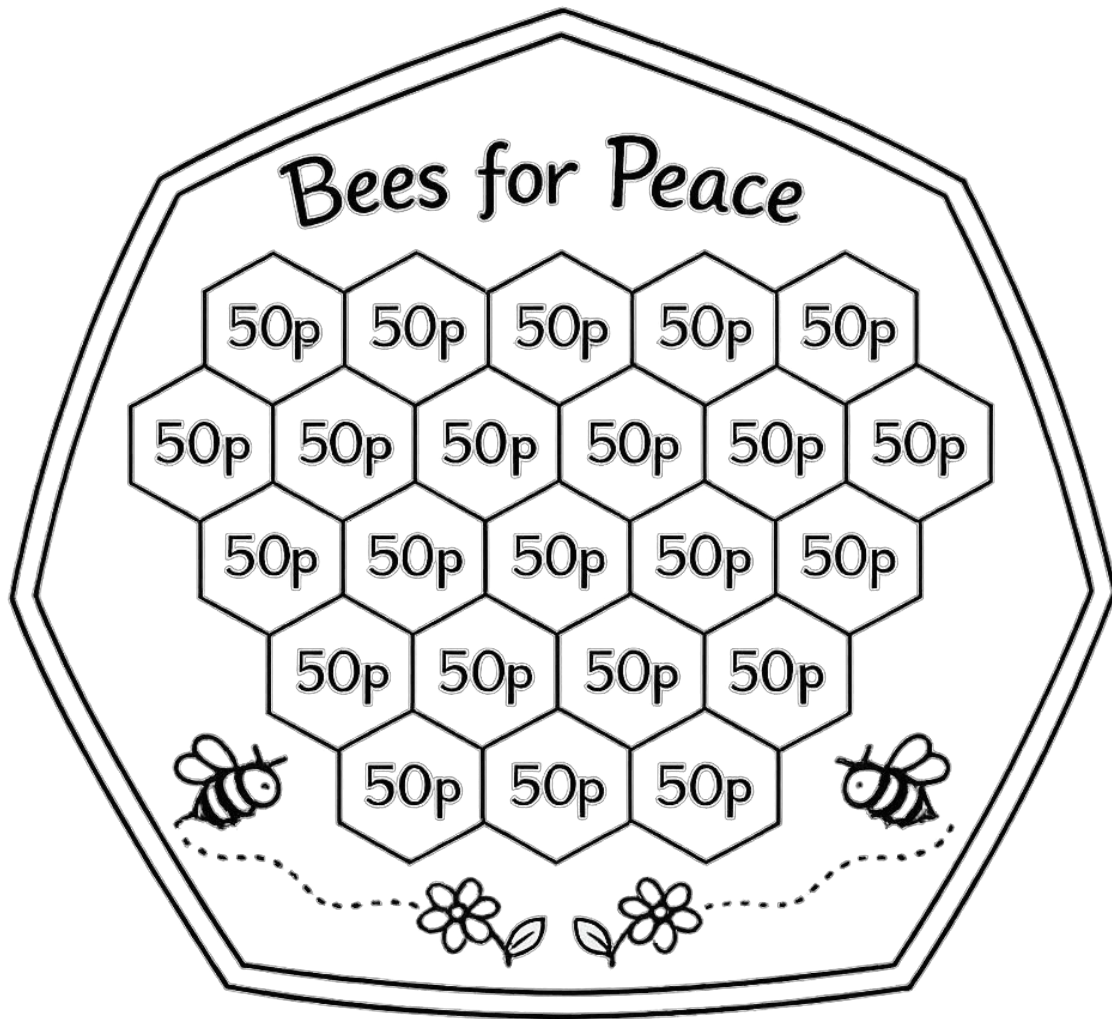
What you need: paper bee, flower, or honeycomb shapes, pens or pencils, scissors, and a wall or display board.

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