

# Merry Christmas

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Olives and olive oil symbolise Palestine more than anything else.

Palestinians have been in the olive trade since before the birth of the most famous Palestinian, our Jesus Christ, often providing the main source of income for families. Even during the harshest of military occupations, separated from their lands by check points, the Apartheid Walls, rabid fanatical Jewish settlers, Palestinians take their lives into their own hands to tend to their crops.

The olive tree embodies all that is beautiful about Palestine. An olive tree can stand proud for hundreds of years, producing the finest olives, olive oil and soap.

An ancient Palestinian saying is that an Olive tree is planted by a grandfather so that his grandson may tend it for his own grandson. The tree symbolising the families attachment to their lands. Much like the steadfastness of the Palestinians themselves, the olive tree can resist even the harshest conditions.

Even though we are not in Palestine, you can still share in part of our heritage.

To find out more about the dire situation in Palestine please visit  
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Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year

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