Report on the Memorial Woodland Day. Saturday 29th September 2012

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Marble plaque commemorating members who ascended

Under a beautiful blue sky, surrounded by the mellowing autumnal countryside at the Stanton Fitzwarren Holy Ground and Won Jeon, thirty brothers and sisters gathered together to offer a service of remembrance for all the ascended brothers and sisters of the FFWPU. The Holy Ground was created by True Father when he visited the farm in February 1974 and planted an oak tree. The atmosphere was peaceful and serene as Rev Jack Corley read and expounded upon Father's words concerning the ascension process and our life in the spiritual dimension. We also unveiled a commemorative marble plague with the names of all brothers and sisters who had ascended before the establishment of the Won Jeon. Several relatives of those who are commemorated on the plague gave meaningful and sometimes tearful testimony, as they reflected upon the lives of the departed. Afterwards all the participants took their turns in planting a young silver birch tree, in memory of

this day. This was followed by a very tasty lunch served in the local village hall. It is hoped that this day will be celebrated on a yearly basis from now on.



The oak tree planted by Father in 1974 is in the background



Planting a silver birch tree



Participants at the unveiling ceremony