

## Notices

**Sunday 5 November.** The edition of **Songs of Praise** featuring Milton Keynes will be aired on BBC It will include contemporary worship hymns, recorded at Christ the Cornerstone earlier this month, led by international worship leader, Noel Robinson.

**Tuesday 7 November** 2:15 pm Highclere Communion led by Paul Smith

**Tuesday 7 November** - MK50 Living Wage Employers Celebration Business Breakfast. 8.45 – 9.45am at Dentons UKMEA LLP, 170 Midsummer Blvd, MK9 1FE. *An event to celebrate MK's 50 accredited Living Wage employers and learn how other employers can do the same.*

**Tuesday 7 November** - Eye Witness Stories from the West Bank and Israel, an evening hosted by the Milton Keynes Palestinian

Solidarity Committee. 7.15 for 7.30pm at Centrecom Meeting Place, 602 North Row/ Secklow Gate (behind the library), CMK, MK9 3BJ.

**Wednesday 8 November** 2.45 pm Service Neath House led by David Lewis

**Thursday 9 November** 2.00 for 2.30 to 4.00 pm Home Bible Study, at Mike and Pru McConnell's 15 Kemble Ct, Downhead Pk. Advent Course - Preparation for Christmas - continues on Nov 16, Dec 7 & 14.

**Friday 10 November** 1.15 – 2.45 pm Family Tots. An open group for parents and carers with pre-school children.

## Please Pray

**For our members & friends:** Sue Baines and family, Mandy, George, Sue and Brian, Elizabeth Payne, Phyllis West.

# THE CROSS AND STABLE

## 5th November - 4th Sunday before Advent



Church Dominus Flevit (Jesus Wept) by Massimo Catinella with view over Temple Mount Jerusalem. 1985 ©PG

**Next Sunday - 3rd Sunday before Advent - 12th November**  
**Remembrance Sunday - 10.50 am Morning Worship - Mike Morris**

Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end, Matthew 25:1-13

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Foreign Office,  
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country".

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

*Am Jan Balfour*

## Hymns

**Screen** Morning has broken

**Screen** Peace is flowing like a river

**Screen** Go tell it on the mountains

**Screen** danced in the morning

## Collect 4th Sunday before Advent

God of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we, with all creation,  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**AMEN**

## Old Testament Reading

**Micah chapter 3.**

- around 730 BC, Samaria captured 721 BC

**The true prophet Micah says:**

**a)** you leaders of Jacob  
who judge,  
you rulers of the people of Israel  
who sit at the city gates.

You should know what justice is?  
Yet you hate what is good and love evil;

## Please Pray continued

**For the sick:** Amy confused in hospital, Betty Lloyd at Water Hall, Water Eaton. Neville Gray recovering from operation. Becca Page, Paul (Sue Baines' cousin) receiving ongoing treatment. Shirley, Phyllis, Richard, Yvonne.

**Please pray for:**

- The church officers in the responsibility they carry for the church in this time of vacancy.
- The Home Bible Study group looking forward to the Advent Course, that they will find encouragement and wisdom in God's word.

**b)** You skin the people alive  
you tear the meat from their bones.  
you strip off their skin,  
break their bones into splinters,

And chop them up  
like stew meat for the saucepan,  
like meat for the pot.

**This is my message** for the false prophets  
who have led my people so far from the truth,

They preach peace  
just because someone gives them food  
and declare war  
against those who don't:

The sun will set on these so-called prophets,  
and the day will be black all around them.

The false prophets will be in disgrace,  
those who predict the future ashamed.

**But I am filled with power,**  
with the Spirit of the Eternal One,  
with God's justice and might,

I am called by God  
to accuse Jacob of his crimes  
the daughter of Israel of her wrongdoing.

**Now listen closely**  
you leaders of Jacob,  
you rulers of the house of Israel

- Family Tots, giving thanks for the team carrying on the work and for the families who come, praying for its flourishing in the future.
- For Andy and Jane with worries about selling house and then buying a new home.

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who hate what is right and just  
and make the straight path into a crooked  
road,

Your leaders exchange justice for a bribe;  
your priests teach, but for a price;  
your prophets predict for money,

Yet they say they lean on the Eternal,  
"He is on our side!  
Nothing bad will happen to us!"

All of this is why  
Zion will be ploughed flat as a field,  
Jerusalem will become rubble,

And the temple mountain  
will become a hilltop in a forest.

## Gospel

**Matthew 24:1-14**

Hear the Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

**The Destruction of the Temple Foretold**

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

**Signs of the End of the Age**

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my

name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**Persecutions Foretold**

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**



## Websites

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**

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