

Notices

Collect (Prayer for the day)

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Benefice Evensong at Brandsby Sunday 19th November at 6pm

Come 10 minutes early for some singing practice!

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Sunday 19th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent



Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-16, Psalm 90: 1-8, 12,
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30

10:30am at Wass Holy Communion

6pm at Brandsby Evensong

Monday 20th November - Millstones Pray & Discussion Group

10:00am Prayer followed by coffee & biscuits at 11:00am.

Contact Anne Jackson - 01347 888630

Thursday 23rd November - Morning Prayer

9:30am until 10:00am at St Nicholas, Husthwaite

Sunday 26th November - Sunday next before Advent



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1: 15-23,
Matthew 25: 31 -46

10:30am at Husthwaite Holy Communion

10:30am at Yearsley Holy Communion

6pm at Coxwold Holy Communion

Extracts from the Archbishops of Canterbury and Yorks' joint presidential address to the General Synod in London

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/speeches/general-synod-archbishop-canterburys-presidential-address>

"I want to reflect on what it means to be part of the global Church in a time of suffering, and particularly in a time when, as the Secretary General of the United Nations said on September the 19th at the general assembly, the world is like a door off its hinges.

The war in Ukraine has rocked the foundations of our presumed peace in Europe. Its effects continue to reverberate around the world, driving food insecurity in Africa and in many other parts of the world. Civil war is destroying communities and people in Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar and so many other countries.

Lives have been devastated by flooding in Bangladesh and Libya, cyclones in North America, rising sea levels in the Pacific, famine in Madagascar, drought in South Sudan and across that region.

And of course, the devastating violence in Israel and Palestine is in all our hearts as we meet here today.

The barbaric slaughter of innocent Israelis by Hamas –the kidnapping of men, women and young children – has traumatised Israelis and Jewish people around the world, that was born in me most strongly in a visit to the Holy Land three weeks ago. The level of trauma was overwhelming. It has re-awakened terrible memories, and sown fear for the future. As one father of someone killed said to me "I thought at least this was the one country in the world where we were safe".

In Jerusalem recently, I sat with an Israeli Jewish man who told me how members of his family, aged from three to elderly, had all been taken hostage by Hamas. No parent should ever lie awake at night wondering whether their child is still alive, whether they are being fed, whether they will hold them again. I renew my call for the release of all those held captive since 7th October.

And for the Palestinians of Gaza – who have already suffered for so long under Hamas rule, and Israeli occupation and blockade – life has descended into a living hell from which they can't escape. For all Palestinians, the conflict has reawakened fears of a second Nakba.

Israel's bombardment of Gaza on this unprecedented scale has killed thousands upon thousands of innocent people – including more than 4,000 children. No parent should ever have to write their child's name on their body, so they can be identified if they do not survive the next missile. No child should ever die with written on their body 'unknown'.

The siege has denied people food, water, medical treatment. The current levels of aid entering Gaza are utterly insufficient to meet the needs of more than 2 million people. Doctors are now having to make the choice between who will be operated on without anaesthetic, and who will receive no treatment at all.

The suffering of innocent Palestinians cries out as a great wrong. As I have said before: the evils of Hamas cannot be paid by the civilians of Gaza.

Meanwhile the pressure on the West Bank is growing increasingly serious, and there is rising abuse, harassment and discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel. Settler violence from the illegal settlements under international law, apparently unchecked by Israel as the occupying power, will lead to another arena of unconstrained war unless Israel takes urgent steps to protect Palestinians.

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... as a religious leader I can say that the killing of so many civilians, the extensive damage to civilian infrastructure cannot be morally justified. When I visited Jerusalem, I joined the remarkable, extraordinary Christian leaders there, united as they never have been literally in their history, in calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. That was over three weeks ago. Thousands more innocent men, women and children in Gaza have been killed since then – while thousands in Israel still mourn those killed on the 7th October, and hundreds of families still plead for the release of their loved ones.

So I repeat that call again today with renewed urgency and even more force. This bloodshed must cease, hostages must be released, and aid must reach those in Gaza in dire need.

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In Christ's name, we cry out from our hearts: "No More. The killing must stop." Please pray – for peace, for wisdom, for justice, for hope.