



Gorbals Church Chat

Dear Friend,

Shortly after writing October's newsletter, the awful events in Israel and Gaza began to unfold and have been a source of horror and concern ever since. Our member Muriel Pearson, is minister at St Andrew's Tiberius next to the Sea of Galilee in the north of Israel. We were relieved when she was brought home safely shortly after the conflict began. She shared her experience of peace-making and building relationships during Sunday worship. This has been invaluable in helping us to reflect on how we respond in action and prayer. The church has been booked for a fundraiser to support peace-building in Israel/Palestine on Sunday 12 November. We encourage you to come along and take part.

November is the month when we remember all those who have fallen in conflict and who are caught up in war today. In our congregation Remembrance Sunday is meaningful for different reasons. For some it is a time to remember close relatives who died fighting in the Second World War; for others their presence in Glasgow is because of conflict in their birth countries; and others again remember the campaign for peace and an end to war which is an integral part of their lives. We will gather at 10.45 on Sunday 12 November to pause for the national two-minute silence before we begin worship just after 11am. All are welcome to join us.

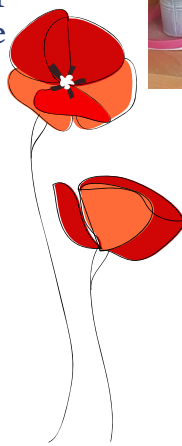
Until next time...

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EVERY WEEK

Sunday

11-12 Morning Worship

Monday

11-1 Men's Group

1-3.30 Zest for Life relaxation with gentle movement.

Tuesday

10-3 Make, Do and Mend

Drop-in and crafts.

Wednesday

10-2 Cooking and baking.

Community lunch served c. 12.30

2-3 Bible study

Thursday

10-2 Cooking and baking

12-1 All for 1 Yoga then lunch

First Sunday of the month

Sunday Club 11-12. Fun and games for all school-age children



Our hopes and prayers for peace

**Sunday worship on 12
November will begin at
10.45 for Remembrance
Sunday**



Gorbals Parish Church
Sun 12th Nov
14.00 - 16.30

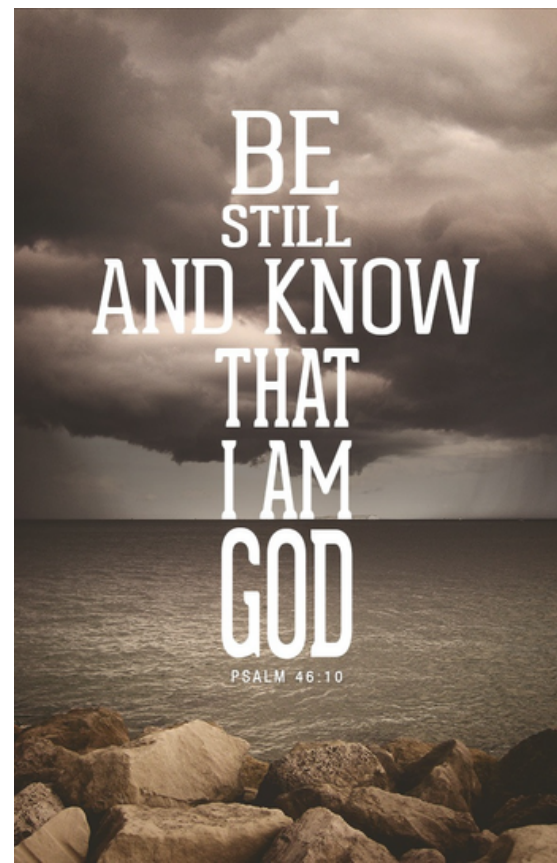
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Email SalaamShalomPeaceSongs@gmail.com to book

ALL WELCOME:
People of all
backgrounds
and of
all religions
and none,
are invited
to join us
to sing songs of
hope for peace

suggested donation
£5 - £20 but no-one
will be turned away

All donations will go to UNICEF partner
Medical Aid for Palestinians and B'Tselem,
an Israeli Human Rights organisation.



The Gorbals Soordough

Twice a week in our community kitchen we make bread. This is then available for anyone to take home for free or a donation. This local recipe is very simple and almost identical to that baked by Neale Thompson in his Crossmyloof Bakery for workers in the Adelphi Cotton Mill in 1870s. The modern-day loaf is starting to take on legendary status with claims that it's the tastiest bread ever and it helps you to lose weight (?!). It disappears fast! If you would like to help us increase the quantity we make, please contact Catriona about volunteering on Wednesday or Thursday. No experience is needed. It's great fun, we have lunch together afterwards and you can take a loaf home.



"The war will stop. Talks will start. This time the devastation, the grief and loss on both sides might be greater than at any time since 1948. Analysis will be done. Blame will be apportioned.

My reflection just now is about how 'normal life' where I was meeting pilgrims and planning events and contacting partners was actually not normal at all, but a hologram of normal which was shattered on 7th October for everyone.

Until the longstanding injustice of occupation and the growing annexation of the West Bank is addressed, until the 2.3m people in Gaza are free, until Israelis do not have to rely on the Iron Dome or security to feel safe, until all in Israel-Palestine have the same rights then 'normality' is really containment, and no-one is safe and no-one is free of fear"

- Pray for leadership to move beyond the current crisis
- Pray for all who have lost loved ones or have been injured
- Pray for a cease fire and humanitarian aid
- Pray for all those Israelis and Palestinians, displaced from their homes or who have lost their jobs overnight · Pray for all those seeking to find ways to be 'human' in face of great inhumanity
- Pray for staff at the Scots Hotel, the St Andrew's House Hotel and Tabeetha School
- Continue to pray for peace with justice
- Continue to pray to hold both Palestinian and Israeli together in our hearts

Extract from Muriel's recent partner letter