

October Calendar & Readings

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| Monday 1 st : Israeli Dance, 2.15pm, Scartho Library; Prayer meeting 7pm at John & Hilary's | Jeremiah 31 - 35 Ezekiel 1 - 10 Ephesians |
| Wed. 3 rd : Bible study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's | |
| Thursday 4 th : Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA | |
| Saturday 6 th : Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am at Andy's | |
| Sunday 7 th : Sunday Service, 10.30am, Dr Annang | Jeremiah 36 - 40 Ezekiel 11 - 20 Philippians |
| Monday 8 th : Prayer meeting, 7pm at Margaret's | |
| Wed. 10 th : Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's | |
| Thursday 11 th : Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA No PFI prayer meeting this week | |
| Friday 12 th : Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's | |
| Sunday 14 th : Sunday service, 10.30am, Andy King | Jeremiah 41 - 47 Ezekiel 21 - 30 Colossians |
| Monday 15 th : Israeli Dance, 2.15pm, Scartho Library; Prayer meeting, 7pm at Andy & Karen's | |
| Tuesday 16 th : Ashgrove Nursing Home service, 2.30pm | |
| Wed. 17 th : Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's | |
| Thursday 18 th : Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA Friday 19 th : Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's | |
| Sunday 21 st : Sunday service, 10.30am, Ant Spitteler Food donations for local charities | Jeremiah 48 - 52 Ezekiel 31 - 40 Galatians |
| Monday 22 nd : Prayer meeting, 7pm, location TBA | |
| Wed. 24 th : Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's | |
| Thursday 25 th : Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth & Tony's | |
| Sunday 28 th : Sunday service, 10.30am, Andy King | Lamentations Ezekiel 41 - 48 Titus & Jude |
| Monday 29 th : Israeli Dance, 2.15pm, Scartho Library; Prayer meeting, 7pm at Ruth & Tony's | |
| Wed. 31 st : Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's | |
| Thurs. 1 st Nov: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA | |
| Friday 2 nd : Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's | |
| Saturday 3 rd : Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am TBA | |



Welcome

...to Scartho Celebration Church!

If My people who are called by My name
will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face,
and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Scartho Celebration Church

meeting at Scartho Community Library, St Giles Ave, Scartho,
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The Zionism Row The second of two articles looking at the state of the UK to help us in our understanding of, and prayers for, our nation. By Dr Clifford Hill.

We look set for a turbulent autumn and a winter of discontent. Our political masters are back from their summer break, refreshed and reinvigorated and ready to set the world right. But do they come back to Westminster with any fresh ideas, or is it back to the same old policies, antagonisms and graft? Both main parties are riven asunder from top to bottom with division so we look set for a turbulent autumn and a winter of discontent, with the Brexit battle absorbing the Tories and anti-Semitism troubling Labour.

The resignation of Frank Field from the Labour Party whip and the bitter criticism of Jeremy Corbyn by Margaret Hodge are signs of the deep trouble in the parliamentary Labour Party. The outbursts from Boris Johnson, Jacob Rees Mogg and other strong Brexiteers who say that Theresa May's Chequers plan is dead in the water are all adding to the sense of confusion and turmoil surrounding Westminster at the moment.

But these are classical biblical signs of judgment. Deuteronomy 28 gives a list of curses that would come upon Israel if they turned their backs upon the word of God and got heavily into idolatry and rejection of the truth. One of the consequences would be *"The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him"* ([Deut 28:20](#)). This prophecy was certainly fulfilled in 586 BC when Jerusalem including the temple, the palace and all the great houses of the city were destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army.

Of course, Britain is not in a covenant relationship with God as was the nation of Israel; but our Sovereign, on behalf of the nation, swore an Oath of Allegiance to the God of the Bible in her Coronation Ceremony in 1953. Since then, as a nation, we have steadily turned away from biblical truth, passing one law after another that is directly against the word of God such as: The Abortion Act 1967, The Divorce Reform Act 1969, The Children's Act 1989, The Sunday Trading Act 1993, The Gender Recognition Act 2004, The Equality Acts 2010, and The Marriage Same-Sex Couples Act 2013.

It is simply not possible to do all these ungodly things without bringing upon the nation the retribution we deserve. Another warning in [Deuteronomy 28:28](#) says, *"The Lord will inflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind."* We are certainly seeing this among our politicians today. We have had the truth in the Bible for centuries and as a nation we have chosen to discard it and go our own way. In so doing, Britain, that had been under the protective cover of God for 1,000 years, moved outside that cover of protection and what we are seeing today is the result. There is no greater example of the rejection of the 'God dimension' in public life than Jeremy Corbyn's behaviour in regard to the Jews and Zionism.

Zionism is the recognition of God's covenant with Israel that is at the heart of our Judeo-Christian faith. The promise goes right back to the time of Abraham: *"I will*

make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" ([Gen 12:2-3](#)). Has Corbyn never read the Bible? As leader of a major political party in Britain whose Sovereign has sworn on oath to uphold the word of God in the Bible, he surely should have some understanding of what this means and of his own responsibility for upholding biblical truth.

It is a simple historical fact that the people of Israel occupied the land of Israel for many hundreds of years until the Roman army slaughtered half a million Jews and drove the remainder out of the land, destroying Jerusalem, renaming it 'Capitoline' and renaming the land of Israel – 'Palestine' – 'land of the Philistines' – as a deliberate insult to the Jews. That was in AD 135 and they remained scattered across the globe until their land was restored to them in 1948. Until that date the hope of returning to their traditional homeland had been expressed in the term 'Zionism' since the 1890s. It was endorsed by British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour in a 1917 Declaration which was endorsed by Lloyd George and Winston Churchill and became part of British foreign policy.

But anti-Semitic prejudice has plagued the British Foreign Office ever since the 1920s and that is what we see reflected in Jeremy Corbyn and his followers today. Their get-out-of-jail-free-card added to the international definition of anti-Semitism allowing them to criticise Israel is a pathetic cover for the anti-Jewish prejudice at the heart of their policy. But the prejudice they are trying to conceal is not just a social attitude. It is, at root, a hatred of God and of the Covenant he made with the people of Israel through whom he has given his teaching (Torah) and revealed his nature and purposes in the Bible; and as Christians believe – He has also given us the Messiah, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Is there any hope for Britain? Of course there is! Bible-believing-praying Christians should be asking God to use this time of confusion to cause people to recognise our need of God's help. The 100 young people who have died on the streets of London since the beginning of this year are evidence of a sick society that can only be cured by crying out to God for help. We have reached the stage in the corruption of society that only spiritual revival can cure! None of our problems can be solved by human ingenuity because at root they are spiritual rather than social problems that only God can solve.

It is not only Britain that is in desperate need – the USA similarly is going through a time of political and social upheaval. Germany, Italy and many other European nations are also going through a period of political turmoil; so too is Australia. Throughout the Western world there are many signs that the great shaking of the nations prophesied in Scripture ([Haggai 2:7](#) and Hebrews 12) are coming true in our generation. We are rapidly moving towards the time when the situation will become so desperate that Christians will be battering the gates of heaven with their prayers calling upon God to send spiritual revival as the only hope of saving the nations from destruction!