

ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

29TH OCTOBER 2017
20TH AFTER TRINITY

9.30AM SUNG HARVEST EUCHARIST

Readings

First reading; Lev 19 1-2,15-28
Second Reading; 1 Thessalonians 2 v
1-8
Gospel; Matthew 22 v 34—end

Collect

O God, giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wellesh up within thy
Church:
fill us with the gifts of that same Spirit
to live the gospel of Christ,
and make us ready to do thy will,
that we may share with all thy whole
creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Priest in charge:

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Mrs Mary Rose, Mrs Margaret Simpson

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Hall bookings & baptisms

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Please pray for;

the sick; Fred Bowskill, Ian Fixter, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Goodman, Joy Gray, Joan Hill, Peggy Jefferson, Lynn Oldham, Claire O'Neil, Stuart Rose, Michael Vaughan , Tim Wheeldon.

Years Mind;

- 1 Marjorie Wilkinson
- 2 Edith Crowe
- 3 Mary Lucas
Muriel Elmer
Arthur Warmbsby

- Our Bible and what it teaches us (29th)
- Martin Luther and the birth of the reformation (31st)
- All Saints. (1st)
- The Faithful departed (All Souls, 2nd)
- The birth of the state of Jerusalem (Balfour declaration 2nd)
- Lung Cancer awareness month

Upcoming events ;

31st	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
November				
1st	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall
2nd	Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	church
		2pm	Women's Fellowship	church hall
4th	Saturday	10am	Coffee morning	church hall
5th	Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church

The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British government during World War I announcing support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a minority Jewish population. The declaration was contained in a letter dated 2 November 1917 from the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Walter Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community.

"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."

The British government acknowledged in 1939 that the local population's views should have been taken into account, and recognized in 2017 that the declaration should have called for protection of the Palestinian Arabs' political rights. It greatly increased popular support for Zionism, and led to the creation of Israel and the Palestinian territories. As a result it is

considered to have caused the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, often described as the world's most intractable conflict.

Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.

When races fight,
peace be amongst us.

When neighbours argue,
peace be amongst us.

When nations disagree,
peace be amongst us.

Where people struggle for justice,
let justice prevail.

Where Christ's disciples follow
let peace be our way.

Amen

Prayer taken from Southwell Minster, where there has been an exhibition on the historical, local and Christian perspective on the centenary of the Balfour Declaration.