

Ecumenical and International links

USPG: Anglicans in World Mission

www.uspg.org.uk

Baptist Union

www.baptist.org.uk

Church of Scotland, World Mission Council

www.churchofscotland.org.uk

Christian Aid

www.christianaid.org.uk

Commitment for Life (United Reformed Church)

www.cforl.org.uk

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)

www.quaker.org.uk/eappi, www.eappi.org

Friends of Sabeel UK

www.friendsofsabeel.org.uk

Israeli Committee against House demolitions

www.icahd.org.uk

Methodist Church

www.methodist.org.uk

Pax Christi UK

www.paxchristi.org.uk

Scottish Episcopal Church

www.scotland.anglican.org

World Council of Churches

www.worldweekforpeace.org

ACTS Action of Scottish Churches Together

www.acts-scotland.org.uk

Resources

The Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel Information Pack produced in conjunction with Christian Aid. Price £5. jfarnsworth@baptist.org.uk

God's People: A series of four biblical studies which consider the teaching about God's calling of a people, the light shed by Jesus, and then some reflections by the first Christians. Written by Revd Dick Jones. The studies can be downloaded from www.methodist.org.uk

'A Question of Viability' and 'Lifelines' (a pack for campaigners) www.christianaid.org.uk

Articles and Palestinian children's prayers :

www.paxchristi.org.uk

Commitment for Life.(United Reformed Church):

www.cforl.org.uk

USPG: "Different Truth", a book featuring the stories of ordinary people at the heart of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

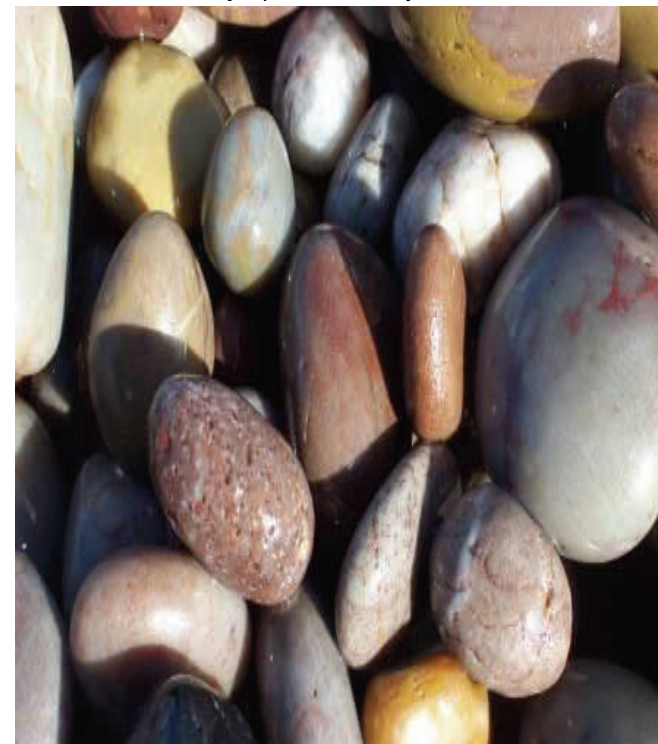
www.uspg.org.uk

Articles about daily life in Palestine/Israel

www.eappi.org

World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel

Joint actions for a just peace convened by the World Council of Churches



4-10 June 2009

**A week in which to take action for
a just peace in the Holy Land**

Share the message

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel' offers us all an opportunity to pray, take action and tell others about the situation. Many people are concerned about what is happening in Palestine and Israel. You may have taken part in Christian Aid's 'Journey to Jerusalem' Lent action. Carry on learning by taking a symbolic action, using a stone, and pledge to deepen your understanding using the resources mentioned in this leaflet.

Why choose a stone?

A stone is part of the land.

A stone links us to the homes destroyed over the years

A stone can be part of rebuilding

A stone can be a memorial

A stone resonates with the Christians living in this land who are called 'The Living Stones'.

Use your own ideas to develop this theme further

The United Nations have designated 2009 as the International Year of Reconciliation

Prayer for the week

Living God, today we pray for all the people in Palestine Israel, that they may discover the courage and humility to build peace together. We pray for those with power and influence, that they will seek a just path of reconciliation.

We pray for those who are in dire need today, that their human rights to food and shelter and medical care will be urgently met. We pray for international aid agencies as they work to bring hope to devastated communities.

We pray for all those in the land who have suffered over the years of struggle: for those who are grieving for their lost loved ones; for those whose lives have been changed forever because of injuries, mental and physical; and for those who bear the lasting scars of being displaced and dispossessed. Living God, their pain is so great today. Bring your healing, bring your peace, to Palestine Israel.

For our Muslim brothers and sisters in Palestine Israel this day, we pray *Assalamu Alaikum*.

For our Jewish brothers and sisters in Palestine Israel this day, we pray *Shalom Aleichem*.

For our Christian brothers and sisters, the Living Stones, in Palestine Israel, this day, we pray *The Peace of Christ*.

Actions

- ***Ask everyone to bring a small stone which can be used to build a cairn in your place of worship***
- Hold a vigil near the cairn during the week
- Use the stone to meditate
- Encourage people to paint their pebble and make the cairn a work of art
- Let the stone be a reminder of the 'Living Stones'
- Use the stone to remember those who have had their houses demolished.
- Make use of the prayer as you build the cairn or in a church service or meeting.
- Learn more about the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (see resources)
- Contact local media to tell them what you are doing and why. Write to your MP and MEP
- Have a light shining all week to remember all those in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories
- Tell others about what you have learnt.
- ***Tell www.christianaid.org.uk/pilgrimage about what you did, which will encourage the 'Living Stones'***