

Earlier this week, Bishop David shared this statement, co-signed by [Greater Manchester Faith Leaders](#).

"The horrific scenes broadcast over the weekend, following the Hamas attacks, must grieve us all. To us in Manchester, only six years on from the terrorist atrocity at the Arena, the scenes of carnage wreaked among those attending a music festival are particularly heart-rending. Many of those whose lives have been taken, or who have been maimed or taken hostage over these dreadful days, will be known to people here in Manchester, some may be our family members and friends.

"Our prayers are with all those plunged into grief or fear today. As in May 2017, this is a time to draw together in the face of atrocity, to unite against those who would divide us, and to model in Manchester the love that transcends our diverse histories and heritage."

Christ Church Ainsworth will be holding a prayer focus for the situation in Israel, and for world peace generally, tomorrow (Saturday 14th October) from 5.45-6.45pm. Church will be open for quiet prayer; but if you aren't able to join us in person, please join us in prayer at this time wherever you are.

Please join us in this prayer for peace written by The Very Revd Canon Richard Swell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem.

O God of all justice and peace



We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen