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## **Weekly Letter – 9 November 2025**

### **Micah 4:1-4**

### **Swords into Ploughshares**

This year we marked 80 years since the end of World War II. It brought the hope of peace. It also revealed to ordinary people the horrors of the Holocaust and heralded the age of the nuclear bomb with the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Remembrance often has that mix of thankfulness and respect, and horror and grief.

There's also a tension between the respect paid to service personnel in parades and remembrance and the provision of housing and support for them. After World War I, Lloyd George announced 'habitations fit for the heroes that won the war' and the resulting Housing and Town Planning Act created council housing provision. This week the UK Government announced an upgrade to military quarters for those serving now.

Micah offers a vision of peace when nations remember that they are accountable to someone beyond themselves and convert weapons of death into tools for development. The same vision can be found in Isaiah chapter 2. Micah adds that everyone will sit beneath their own vine and fig tree and no-one will make them afraid: a sense of personal security along with external accountability. There is a statue of someone beating a sword into a ploughshare outside the United Nations, but it seems that the authority of the institutions humans created to provide accountability and make peace can be ignored.

We can also see living beneath our own vine and fig tree as a symbol of living with enough, rather than rampant consumerism, and even living in harmony with nature. The COP 30 climate conference in Brazil starts on Monday, and part of the work will be keeping countries to the agreements already made. Pause to pray for those who make international agreements and that nations will keep them. Pray that we may learn how and when to speak out as well as keeping respectful silence.

Simon

**Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Simon Walkling.  
Bible Readings: Micah 4.1-4: James 3.13-18.**

**Cycle of Prayer in the Region – we will pray for Hall Street, Llanelli**

## Tuesday 11 November

### **Christ Well Community Project AGM at 10.30 am in the Concourse**

Members of Christ Well are also members of the Christ Well Community Project charity, and everyone is welcome to join us for the Annual General Meeting. This year Rhys Bell from Swansea Council for Voluntary Services will be updating us on the 'Our Neighbourhood Project' and partnership working.

### **Tea and Chat – 2-4pm – table activities**

### **Church Meeting - 7pm in Lounge**



### **A PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION FOR THE FALLEN**

Father of all, remember your promise,  
and look with love on all your people living and departed.

On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever  
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,  
those who waited anxiously at home,  
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;  
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.

Remember too those who had acted with kindly compassion,  
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,  
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world  
And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;  
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language,  
race, and nation will be brought into the unit of Christ's kingdom.  
This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales  
invites you to*

## **A More Able Church Webinar**

*on the theme of:*

### **Wonderfully Made: Embracing Neurodivergent and Disabled Children and Young People in Our Faith Communities**

In this session, we will explore the specific experiences and needs of children and young people who are neurodivergent or disabled. Together, we will consider how we can communicate effectively, teach inclusively, and respond with understanding to behaviours that arise from those needs. Creating church communities where every child and young person can participate fully, feel valued, and know that they truly belong in the body of Christ.

The Webinar is open to all – so please do come along and invite others

**Tuesday 18th November 2025**



**7.00pm gathering for a 7.30pm start on Zoom**

Please contact the Training and Development Officer for further details and to register for the Zoom link: [tdourcwailes@gmail.com](mailto:tdourcwailes@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you.

