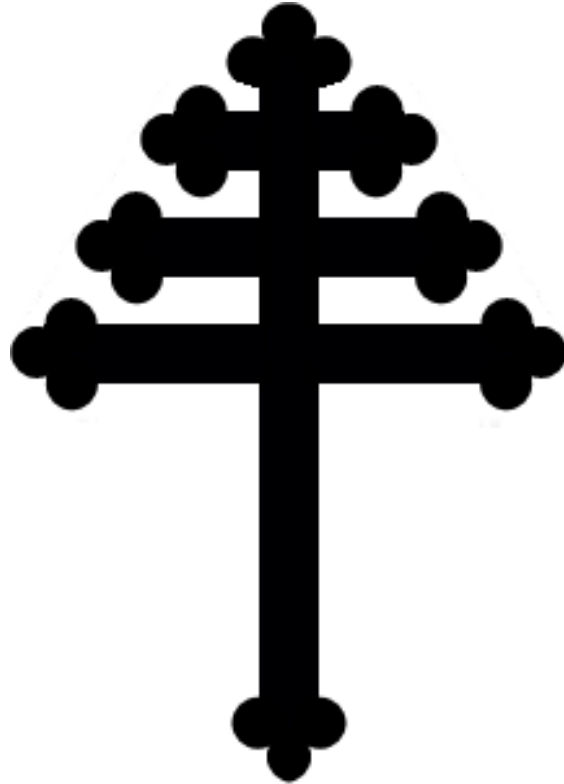


Christians in the Middle East



Coptic Cross



Melkite Cross



Jerusalem Cross



Christians in Egypt

Holy Family as Refugees.

(Mosaic, Hanging Church, Cairo)



- ❖ Christianity is the second religion in Egypt after Islam.
- ❖ Perhaps **between 10-20% of Egypt's 110 million population are Christian.**
- ❖ While Christians reside throughout the country, particularly concentrated in Upper Egypt (southern Egypt – Minia, Assiut) and in major cities such as Cairo and Alexandria.

Christians in Egypt

95% of Egyptian Christians belong to the Coptic Orthodox Church, which is part of the Oriental Orthodox family of churches.

Led by Pope Tawadros II (pictured)

The other 5% is

- ❖ Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Eastern (Greek) Orthodox Church
- ❖ Coptic Catholic Church
- ❖ Anglican/Episcopal Church
- ❖ other smaller groups



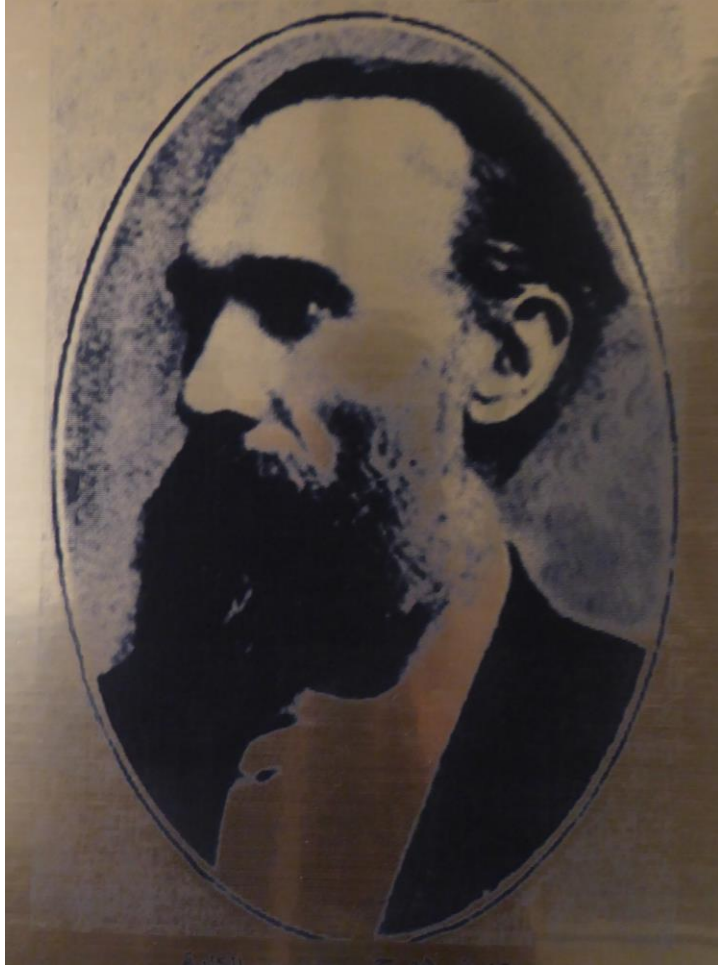
Evangelical Presbyterian Church – Synod of the Nile

- 8 presbyteries
- 314 congregations
- 250,000 members
- Runs hospitals, clinics, social services, employment agencies, retreat centres, day schools.

Kasr El Dobara Presbyterian Church, Cairo



Evangelical Presbyterian Church – Synod of the Nile



John Hogg, from Scotland, was the key player in the establishment and continuation of the theological seminary. He began his service with the American Mission in 1857 traveling between Alexandria and Cairo. His efforts saw much fruit when he moved to the city of Assiut where he found fertile ground for evangelistic work.



Coptic Evangelical Organisation for Social Services – CEOSS

Rev Dr Andrea Zaki, General Secretary and Head of the Protestant Churches in Egypt

CEOSS
Project near
Minia –
village
consultation



CEOSS Project
near Minia.
Women's
economic
empowerment.



CEOSS Project near Minia – water pump to feed crops



CEOSS
Project near
Minia –
solar panels
to allow
water pump
to work as
electric
supply not
consistent.





St Andrew's
Church, Cairo





Saint Andrew's, Cairo



www.StAndrewsChurchCairo.com

Services:

St. Andrew's English language Services

Friday 10 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional Service)

Sunday 7 p.m. Evening Prayer (Candle lit, meditative)

Other Services

Friday 12 p.m. Sudanese Dinka-Pedang Services (Dinka)

4 p.m. Sudanese Lutheran Congregation (Arabic)

Saturday 11 a.m. Sudanese Nuer Activities (Nuer)

6 p.m. Ethiopian Congregation (Amharic)

Sunday 12 p.m. Sudanese Nuer Worship (Nuer)

6 p.m. Cairo Christian Fellowship (Guild Hall) (English)

Monday 5 p.m. Sadat Academy Student Group (Arabic)

Tuesday 6 p.m. Ethiopian Service (Amharic)

St Andrew's
Church, Cairo.
Home to StARS
– St Andrew's
Refugee Service
& many
congregations

StARS – 95% of staff are refugees or migrants themselves



Palestine & Israel

The **Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem** is an official council uniting the leaders of the historic Christian denominations in the Holy Land.

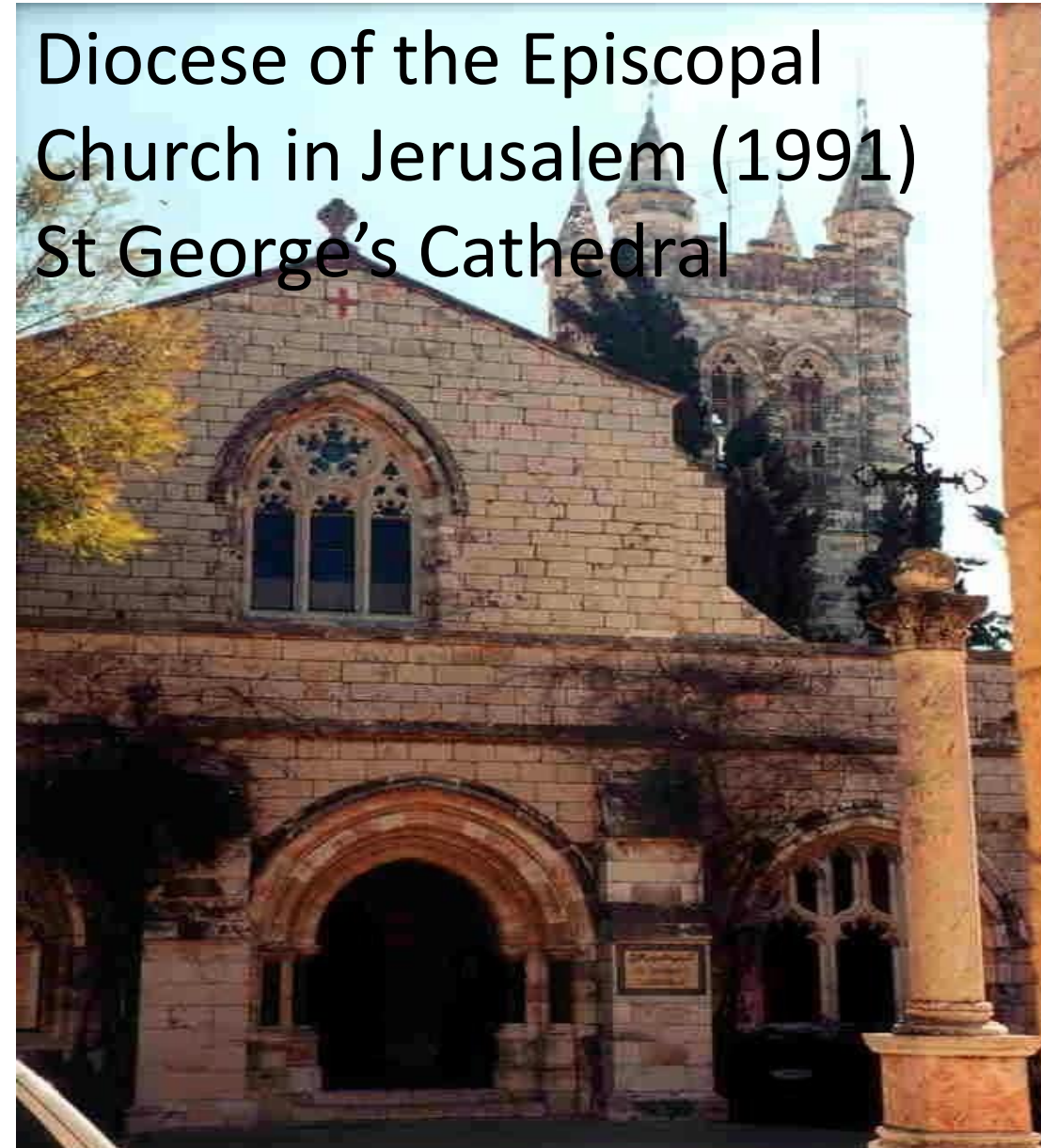
- **Greek Orthodox Church**
- **Latin Church (Roman Catholic)**
- **Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church**
- **Custos of the Holy Land (Franciscans)**
- **Coptic Orthodox Church**
- **Syrian Orthodox Church**
- **Ethiopian Orthodox Church**
- **Episcopal (Anglican) Church**
- **Evangelical Lutheran Church**
- **Greek-Melkite-Catholic Church**
- **Maronite Church**
- **Syrian Catholic Church**
- **Armenian Catholic Church**

Church of Scotland General Assembly agreed Partnership Agreements with:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (2008). Bp Munib @ St Andrew's.

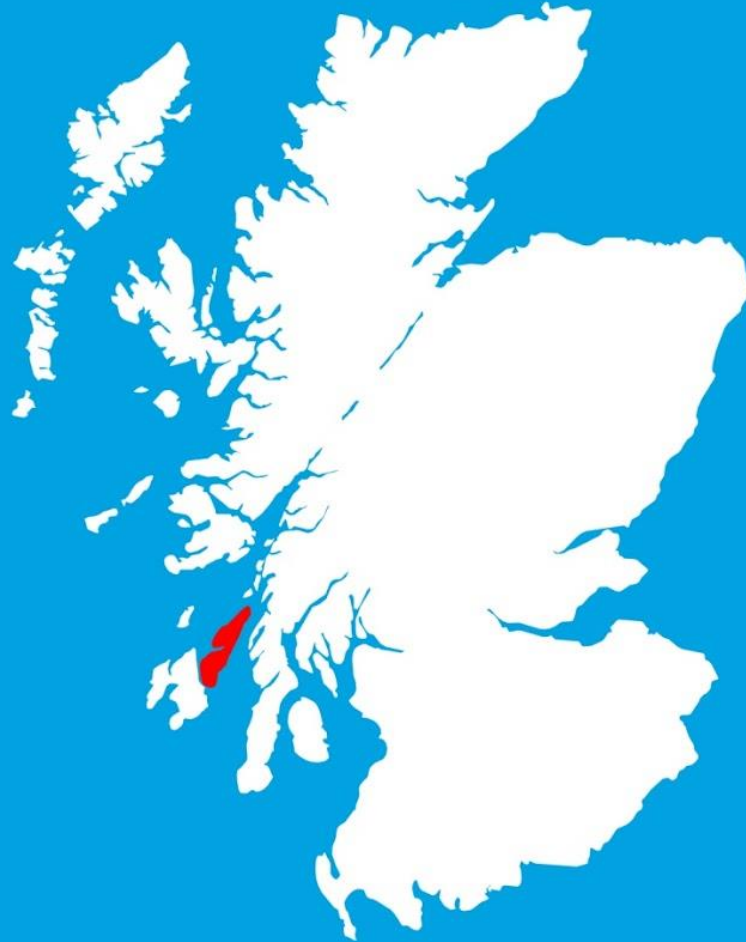


Diocese of the Episcopal
Church in Jerusalem (1991)
St George's Cathedral



Israel and the occupied
Palestinian territory

Scotland



Gaza

Jura

Gaza
2,100,000 inhabitants (2022)
360 km² / 139 miles²

258 inhabitants (2022)
368 km² / 142 miles²

**Middle East Council of
Churches**, active
throughout region.

In Gaza:

- Clinics
- Vocational training

YMCA – multiple activities

Al Ahli Hospital –
of the Diocese of
the Episcopal Church in
Jerusalem.



Palestine & Israel



Some Other Partners:

- Lutheran Christmas Church, Bethlehem – support for a garden project when the Wall blocked access to nature (Mitri Raheb)
- Tent of Nations
- B'tselem – Israeli Human Rights Organisation
- Rabbis for Human Rights
- Bethlehem Bible College

ELCJHL Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad After the Israeli Abduction of Natalie Abudayyeh (June 2, 2026)

Natalie Abudayyeh was taken at gunpoint by Israeli forces from her student apartment in Birzeit alongside three other women. We are deeply shocked and horrified by this news, as well as by the news that her family does not yet know where she has been taken.



The Nasir family is delighted to announce that their daughter Layan has been released today from a months-long detention in an Israeli prison--her third such imprisonment in five years, all because she was a member of a student group at Birzeit University that provided services to students.



Taybeh – only Christian village in Palestine.

Settlers attacking and destroying homes and businesses in Taybeh – and across West Bank (which includes East Jerusalem) - blocking roads and causing disruption - including near St. George (Al-Khadr) Church.



- Bishop of Gloucester – Rt Revd Rachel Treweek (after a visit to Palestine and Israel with the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani and the Rt Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich in early 2026).
- The British Government was “complicit in the occupation” of the West Bank, and said that sanctions were needed to send a “strong message” to the Israeli government (News, 2 February).
- “Whilst a spotlight is rightly shone on the heinous anti-Semitism which insidiously prevails in this country, I am deeply perturbed that people are seemingly discouraged from also shining a spotlight of scrutiny on the heinous actions of the Israeli government meted out on the Palestinian people in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, not least for fear of being accused of fanning anti-Semitism into flame. This is not a zero-sum space, and it is not incompatible to shine a spotlight on both of these issues at the same time.” Rt Revd Rachel Treweek. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/message-from-bishop-rachel-oranges-and-lemons/>

www.kairospalestine.ps



Moment of Truth (2009). Born from the lived reality of suffering, steadfast faith, and the longing for justice, the Kairos Palestine movement raises a prophetic voice against the ongoing oppression in Palestine.

Collective word of Palestinian Christians to the world:

- a cry of hope grounded in love, prayer, and unwavering faith in God.
- calls upon churches and Christians everywhere to reject injustice and apartheid, and to work courageously for a just and lasting peace.

“A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide.” (2025)

This new Kairos document describes our present as a time of genocide, ethnic cleansing, and forced displacement unfolding before the eyes of the world. It affirms that this moment demands a new stance—one of faith, truth, and responsibility.



"Palestine is a moral test. (Kairos Palestine II) is also ultimately a moral test. It asks: will faith remain a private comfort or become a public commitment? Will we speak only when it is safe, or when it is necessary?"

Rifat Kassis speaking on the importance of the International church engaging with Kairos II

- Kairos II provides a definitive Christian perspective on the current reality in the Holy Land. It offers a framework for understanding this as a moral and spiritual crisis that demands a response from every person of faith.

What you can do:

- Read & Reflect: Deepen your understanding by engaging with the full text.

<https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/new-kairos-ii-faith-in.../>

- Study: Download the Kairos II Study Guide and lead a discussion group in your church or community-or join our online study series:

<https://www.kairosresponse.org/kp2guide.html>

- Respond: Support the call for non-violent resistance, including BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) as a path toward a just peace.



Kairos
Global for Justice

Church of the Nativity – wall mosaic restoration



Looking over
Beirut
harbour
from hills
above





LEBANON & SYRIA

- National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) and its Compassionate Protestant Society (CPS).
- Near East School of Theology (NEST)
- Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), and also the Joint Christian Committee (JCC).





Armenian
Evangelical
Church
with
Armenian
Orthodox
priests



Armenian University campus – with Flower to remember
Armenian Genocide



MECC rehabilitation Project in Sidon

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NEST (Near East School of Theology)

The recently appointed President of NEST, Prof Martin Accad.

www.theonest.edu.lb



***Near East
School of
Theology***

***Digitisation of
the extensive
library***

NESSL

National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

- General Secretary, Rev Joseph Kassab
- Education: Dr Johnny Awad



NESSL
National Evangelical Synod
of Syria and Lebanon



**Compassionate Protestant Society – supports
projects within the Church**

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National Evangelical Synod of Syria
and Lebanon (NESSL)

Location of Churches in Lebanon





Tripoli Evangelical Church

Rev Rola Sleiman

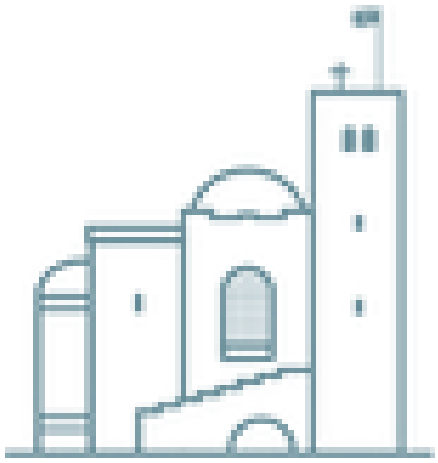
First woman to be appointed to the Christian ministry in the Arab world.

Twinned with Earlstone.
Minyara Church open to possibilities



Christianity in the Middle East





The Friends of St Andrew's Jerusalem & Tiberias

St Andrew's Day Service

Mon 30 Nov. 14.00

**Celebrate St Andrew's Day and remember the worship
and witness in Jerusalem and Tiberias**

Bowden and Melrose Parish Church.

Preacher: Very Rev Rosie Frew