

## **Justice and politics**

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Call to Worship and Welcome

**Hymn: Let all the World in every corner sing**

**Pastoral Prayers**

**Hymn: Lord, thy church on earth is seeking**

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 6: 1- 8

**Gospel – Luke 10: 25-37**

**Talk**

If as a Methodist Church - either connexional or personal we espouse the concept of justice, mercy and humility as written in Micah and as we have talked about in the last two weeks how does that sit with the view of many that 'the news is boring so I don't listen to it'. As Christians do we have duty to be aware of the news to discuss it within the context and with the insights of the teaching of the bible, OR can we worship God taking our inspiration from the bible alone?

Current examples in this week's news

Afghanistan earthquake: should we support Afghans whose lives have been devastated by the recent earthquake when the governing authority is so repressive. Particularly of women. How can aid be sure to get through to the victims? Do they need even more support as official funding is unable to go through the usual channels?

American womens' rights - [link here](#) with Afghanistan girls.

The recent decision by the Supreme Court of America to reverse an earlier ruling to allow abortion in America has divided opinion in America including amongst American women. The make-up of the Supreme Court judiciary, three of whom were appointed by ex-President Trump, has influenced this decision. What do we think are the issues here? Where does justice lie with the woman or the foetus?

Repeat justice and mercy - add not judgemental but walk humbly with God ....

**Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your Love**

**Hymn: We turn to you O God of every nation**

Prayer of Intercession & Lord's prayer (Worship Leader)

**Hymn 205: Fill thou my life O Lord my god**

The Grace