

the Middle East

A GUIDE FOR CHRISTIANS (AND OTHER PERPLEXED PERSONS)

- ▶ *Why is the Middle East continually in the news?*
- ▶ *How do politics, religion, and history interact behind the headlines?*
- ▶ *What role does Christianity play in the mix?*

In this Christian Mind series historians, political scientists and theologians help us to explore the history of the region and suggest how we should understand the present conflict, and what we might do to contribute to peace.

5 SEPTEMBER

Peter Lineham (Massey, Albany)

What are the historical roots of Christian Zionism? What are its contemporary branches?

12 SEPTEMBER

Vicky Mason (VUW)

The Arab-Israeli Conflict: What are its origins? What are the possibilities for peace?

19 SEPTEMBER

Kieran Fenn (Society of Mary)

What was the apostle Paul's attitude to the nation of Israel? How should we read Romans 9–11?

26 SEPTEMBER

Graham Redding (St John's)

Holy land and sacred space: What is it that makes a particular piece of land sacred, and how should we deal with competing claims concerning that land?

3 OCTOBER

Nigel Parsons (Massey, PN)

From Oslo to al-Aqsa: how do we explain the second Palestinian uprising? Does American Christianity affect the chances for peace?

10 OCTOBER – PANEL DISCUSSION

The Things that Make for Peace



Tuesdays in September/October

**5.30pm at Ramsey House,
8 Kelburn Parade**

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