

Please pray with our persecuted church family in Nigeria and across sub-Saharan Africa

The church in sub-Saharan Africa are asking for their global church family to pray for them as they face escalating violent persecution across the region. In Nigeria, 14 Christians on average are killed every day for their faith. Violence is spreading throughout nearby countries too. You can stand up to this persecution by standing with our brothers and sisters in prayer.



Sunday 7 May . More Christians were killed for their faith last year in sub-Saharan Africa than in the rest of the world combined. The African church is asking us to stand with them against this shocking violence. Pray that the Arise Africa campaign will awaken and unite the global church in prayer and action, so that Christians in sub-Saharan Africa will be strengthened to remain courageous witnesses to Jesus.

Monday 8 May. Jihadist groups are active in an increasing number of countries in the region. Their reign of terror has a devastating impact, with governments unable to provide security. Pray for leaders and governments, for wisdom to secure their nations and provide an environment where citizens are safe.

Tuesday 9 May. The church in sub-Saharan Africa has the largest number of under 25s in the world - and there is an unprecedented onslaught against them. Pray that these young people will be filled with hope and faith that their future remains secure in God.

Wednesday 10 May. Pray for the jihadists and militants who are persecuting Christians. Ask the Lord to turn their hearts away from hatred and violence and pray that they will encounter the perfect love of Jesus.

Thursday 11 May – Nigeria. Violent persecution is especially devastating for young people, and puts their future in jeopardy. Pray that young people will hold firm to their faith. “I want my fellow Christians to pray that we will live lives that glorify God,” says Ayuba. “Also, pray for us here in Nigeria experiencing terrorism. Pray with us that God will bring an end to it.”

Friday 12 May – Burkina Faso. Christians face increasing targeting by jihadists. People are being killed and churches destroyed. Pray for protection for Christians and their leaders facing these dangers. Pray for grace to continue living out the gospel as they face increased persecution.

Saturday 13 May – Mali. The church in northern Mali has not yet recovered from the Islamic extremist uprising in 2021, which displaced thousands. Although some Christians have returned to the north under police protection, they still live under the threat of attack. Ask the Lord to protect and provide for His church, and pray that Christians will have courage to keep sharing Christ with those around them.

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



7 May 2023
Coronation of King Charles III

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 40:12-17,25-end

Luke 22:24-30



Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 72 1-7, 12-15

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their
life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live!

Sung during the coronation service

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Debbie Dams, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Dennis Gentleman, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Jane Knight, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, John Weatherspoon, Kevin Whitfield, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of Richard Rice-Oxley, John Sharman, Robert (Bob) Wellman, Frank Wyer and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wedding anniversaries: Harriet & James Guest (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Emma Green (6 months); Evelyn Stubley, Roy McConchie (2 years)

Funerals

Funeral of Frank Wyer

This will be at St Mary & All Saints Church, Kirkby Underwood at 2pm on Friday 19 May , followed by burial in the churchyard in reserved plot.

Funeral of Richard Rice-Oxley

This will be Abbey Church, Bourne at 12.30 on Wednesday 24 May followed by family to the Crem. The retiring collection is for Bourne Abbey, and there will be light refreshments offered after the Abbey Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to your chosen charity.

Additional services in May

18 May at 6am (no that's not a mistake!) **Dawn Eucharist** at Morton Church followed by breakfast

21 May at 3pm Rogation Service celebrating community and the environment at Morton Church, with Morton School, followed by a picnic at the School

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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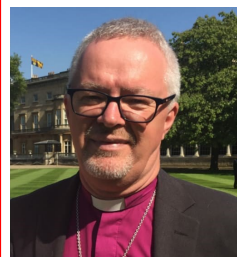
Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

7 May	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
14 May	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	To be arranged
21 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	3pm	Rogation service	Morton with Morton School
28 May	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
	11am	Eucharist	To be arranged
Each morning	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
	9 am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist	see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Morning Prayer, Morton**; Thursday: Haconby; Friday: Ripplingale; Saturday: Kirkby Underwood.

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Just contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626 or revdneil@yahoo.com

News from the Diocese



The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked Bishop David Court, the Bishop of Grimsby, to take on the role of Acting Bishop of Lincoln from Monday 1st May 2023. As always understood, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, has returned full time to his ministry in Ely after a warmly received and highly effective 16 months as Acting Bishop. The process of appointing the new substantive Bishop of Lincoln is still underway.

THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED



There is a collection box in St. John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church

Tinned meat vegetables	Tinned custard Jars of pasta sauce	Tinned rice pudding Tinned Packets of plain rice
Squash or fruit juice	Tinned potatoes	Household goods
Shaving gel	Toothbrushes	Toiletries

APCMs

Sunday	21 May	12.30pm	Morton (church)
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