

## Holidaying where Christians are persecuted - Indonesia

There are 33.6 million Christians in Indonesia, comprising twelve per cent of the country's population. There are more Muslims in Indonesia than any other country in the world.

The persecution of Christians in Indonesia has worsened in recent years. Churches that engage in evangelistic outreach are at risk of being targeted by Islamic extremist groups. In some regions, church groups face difficulties getting permission to build churches.

Many converts from Islam experience pressure from their families to return to Islam, although the intensity of the pressure varies according to the place and the individual's family.

Wanda\* dreamt of going to university. But her hopes were dashed when her mother's business collapsed. As the oldest of three siblings, she took on the role of supporting her family by moving to Jakarta to find a job.

It was there that she started to doubt her Muslim faith. She began reading a Bible lent to her by a Christian she met in the café she worked at, and it led to her asking God which religion to follow. Her family greeted the news with hostility. Wanda had to leave the home she shared with her relatives.

*"One thing that I am so overwhelmed with is the love from my Christian friends. I feel like I have a new family, when my biological family abandoned me. I don't feel alone in this new journey of my life."*

The persecution of Christians in Indonesia has worsened considerably. While pressure has increased in the national and church spheres, the main cause of this rise is an increase in violence.

### Please pray:

Lord Jesus, because You suffered so much to save us, You are the best person to come alongside those suffering today. May all those still affected by the recent attacks on our brothers and sisters in Indonesia know the depths of Your comfort. Give Your children wisdom and boldness as they express and share their faith in a society that is pushing Christianity to the sidelines. Reveal Yourself to those who persecute Christians, and intervene to snuff out the influence of extremist groups. Amen.

*\*Name changed for security reasons*

Source: [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org) Open Doors World Watch List



### Bourne Foodbank

#### THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

|                       |                     |                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Tinned meat           | Tinned custard      | Tinned rice pudding   |
| Tinned vegetables     | Jars of pasta sauce | packets of plain rice |
| Squash or fruit juice | Tinned potatoes     | Instant mash          |
| Shaving gel           | Toothbrushes        |                       |

# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

24 July 2022  
Sixth Sunday after Trinity



## Psalm 138 - Thanksgiving and Praise

Of David.

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.



### Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 18.20-32; Colossians 2.6-15[16-19]; Luke 11.1-13



### Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

#### Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Please pray for...

#### From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Arthur Jeffries, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Neil Morgan, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, John Weatherspoon, 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 Margaret Andrews, and the souls of all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Weddings: Daniel Day and Georgina Orlowskyj (16 July, Morton); James Parrott and Kari Ward (22 July, Rippingale)

#### From today's Gospel reading

*Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend, to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread....'" Luke 11.5*

#### Reflection:

Jesus says to us today, "Suppose you were hungry, and it was late and you were weary of trying on your own, but then decided to hold out a hand to God. Wouldn't God give you something nourishing? Something you needed and can't provide for yourself? Of course, God would, because God is our friend in the night." Then Jesus would add: "You go and do likewise."

#### So we ask ourselves:

- ✠ For what "bread" am I hungering these days?
- ✠ Am I being constant and trusting as I pray for it?



### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

|           |      |                |                  |
|-----------|------|----------------|------------------|
| 24 July   | 11am | Eucharist      | Rippingale       |
|           | 6pm  | Evening Prayer | Kirkby Underwood |
| 31 July   | 11am | Eucharist      | Haconby          |
| 7 August  | 11am | Eucharist      | Haconby          |
|           | 4pm  | Evensong       | Morton           |
| 14 August | 11am | Eucharist      | Kirkby Underwood |
|           | 6pm  | Evening Prayer | Rippingale       |
| 21 August | 11am | Eucharist      | Morton           |
|           | 6pm  | Evening Prayer | Haconby          |

Each morning 9 am Morning Prayer/Eucharist see below  
Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Eucharist, Morton;** Thursday: Haconby; Friday: Rippingale; 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](mailto:revdneil@yahoo.com)

#### Have you come to church and forgotten to bring cash for the collection?

Fortunately this need not be a problem if the service is at Haconby, Kirkby Underwood, Morton or Rippingale as they all have online giving pages.

#### How do I access these pages?

- Use your phone and go to the group website, [www.ringstonegroupchurches.org](http://www.ringstonegroupchurches.org)
- Go to the dark blue box on the home page and select the name of the church
- Follow the instructions online and select one of the set amounts, or choose your own amount
- Enter your card details (you may have these already saved on your phone)
- ALL DONE

If this seems too tricky, you can always make a payment from your PC, laptop or tablet when you get home.

**EVEN EASIER Morton now has a card reader**, so you can donate to the collection using your card or payment app on your phone.

If you already use the online giving pages, thank you for your generosity, and please spread the word as to how easy it is now to give to your church.

Coffee morning in Morton Church  
Wednesday at 10:45am  
Specially to welcome our Ukrainian Guests.  
ALL WELCOME!!

Ранкова кава в церкві Мортон Середа о 10:45 Особливо  
вітати наших українських гостей.  
ВСІХ ВІТАЄМО!!

Please send items for the news sheet to Sue via email  
by the **Thursday** of each week

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