

Saying Goodbye Service - 20th November at 6.30pm, in Ely Cathedral

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are returning to Ely in November with a Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a Nationwide chain of events).

This service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

The most dangerous country to live if you are a Christian - Afghanistan

Even before this year, it was impossible to live openly as a Christian in Afghanistan. Leaving Islam is considered shameful, and Christian converts face dire and violent consequences if their new faith is discovered. Either they have to flee the country or they will be killed. If a Christian's new faith is discovered, their family, clan or tribe has to save its 'honour' by disowning the believer, or even killing them. This is widely considered to be a just reaction. Alternatively, since leaving Islam is considered a sign of insanity, a Christian who has converted from Islam may be forcibly sectioned in a psychiatric hospital.

"Everything beautiful is considered 'infidel'," says Sharifullah*. He is a traditional craftsman in Afghanistan whose business came to a standstill when the Taliban invaded. "The Taliban want their ideology reflected everywhere, and so all signs of colour, life and hope have been removed. They've been replaced with Taliban slogans, which are a far cry from hope."

Sharifullah is one of the small number of Christians in Afghanistan – and he has decided to stay in the country, despite worsening persecution. Like all Christians who live there, he has to keep his faith secret. But he does shepherd a small group of secret believers whom God has entrusted to his care. "The Taliban are killing our souls and spirits," says Sharifullah. "They are killing the souls of our children by taking all that is beautiful away from them." But Sharifullah is staying strong. "We will never let that hope be silenced," he adds. "We will make sure the world hears the gospel through every breath we take. And we know you will help us by living the gospel, using your freedom and sharing Jesus. Please continue to stand with us."

PLEASE PRAY: Lord God, we know that You weep when You see Your children weeping. We know that You care more than we can express for the nation of Afghanistan. Please, Lord, work miracles in this country. Protect Your children and all others who face terrible human rights abuses in Afghanistan. May this nation turn from one of despair and cruelty to one that resounds with praises of Your name. Amen.

**Name changed for security reasons*

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Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

30 October 2022
All Saints Day



Psalm 149

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their
King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine
and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
Let the high praises of God be in their
throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,
to execute on them the judgement
decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!



Readings for this Sunday

Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

Ephesians 1.11-23

Luke 6.20-31

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit together
your elect in one communion and
fellowship in the mystical body of your
Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to
follow your blessed saints in all virtuous
and godly living that we may come to
those inexpressible joys that you have
prepared for those who truly love you;
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 forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared
at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Jane Creasey, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Arthur Jeffries, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, 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 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.

Baptisms: Parker and Miller Leyland (2 Oct); Enya and Nile Trevor (9 Oct); Adrian Bruce (23 Oct); Isobel Eagle (2 year anniversary)

Weddings: Renee Dames and Toby Uglow (1 Oct); Fern and Matthew Field-Lucas (2 year anniversary)

Funeral anniversaries: Nigel Kuhn (1 year anniversary); Daphne Willson (2 year anniversary)



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

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

Sunday 13 November Remembrance services in the Group

Dunsby - 6pm

Haconby - 10.30am

Kirkby Underwood - 10.30am.

Followed by a Eucharist service

Morton - 10.30am

Rippingale - 10.30am



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

www.ringstonegroupchurches.org ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

30 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
6 November	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	4pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
13 November	10.30am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
20 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
27 November	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood

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

Upcoming events in the Group

Every Wednesday at 10.45am
coffee morning at Morton.

We extend a special welcome to the Ukrainian members of the community

Saturday 26 November 7-9pm

Christmas comes early to Morton House

Tickets cost £25 and include a two course meal and wine/soft drinks. All proceeds are being given to the church

Tickets available from Sue

(oriordan123@gmail.com or 07962 238413 after 5pm)

Wednesday 30 November 6pm, Haconby

Eucharist to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew. This will be followed by a fish & chip supper. Please let Jill Hall know if you are going so she knows how many meals to order.

If you have an event taking place in the next four weeks, in your church or village, that is not on this list, please let Sue know.



**In Loving Memory Service
Wednesday 2 November at 6pm
Kirkby Underwood**

During the service we shall recall each person by name with suitable commemorations and prayers and the lighting of a candle.

If you would like the name or names of your loved ones read out please email details to ringstoneoffice@gmail.com