

Please pray for all affected by violent conflict in Israel and Gaza

"My family and I feel fear, due to the heavy bombardments, and we feel that the house will fall – it is a permanent earthquake," a Christian father in Gaza shared with Open Doors partners. He asked to remain anonymous. "We try to hug our children and relieve them of fear and terror.

"We do not know what is coming... all we see, hear and feel is war... explosions and destruction everywhere and the screaming of children from the intensity of the bombing. There is a strong fear of what is coming as **there is no safe place in Gaza**," he continues.

This man is one of about 800 Palestinian Christians in Gaza. The churches in Gaza cancelled all their services last weekend, due to the current war and the bombings of the Israeli air force.

In this complex, ongoing situation, your prayers are earnestly requested by believers.

The Christian in Gaza asks: "We pray that love and peace will prevail in our country and I ask for a prayer for God's protection over my family and our home, that the war will end quickly, and that the Lord will meet all needs, especially at this time, and that we be can be the light in the middle of this total darkness and reflect the light and love of Christ in Gaza." Please join with him in this prayer.

Christians in Israel similarly ask for peace and protection, and to be able to shine the light of Christ in an area that is so significant in Jesus's ministry on earth and in the history of our faith.

Pray for an end to all violence and injustice in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Pray that the church might be a beacon of hope for the people around through their testimony in words and actions.

Pray that the Lord will comfort those who have lost loved ones, or who are waiting to hear about missing family and friends.

Pray also that the international community will work towards lasting peace in the Holy Land.

PLEASE PRAY

Sovereign God, I pray for peace in Israel and Gaza – for an end to hostilities and for peace-makers on both sides. Comfort all who mourn and all who are waiting to hear news of missing loved ones. Give boldness and compassion to Christians on both sides to shine the light of Christ in their communities, and equip national and international leaders with wisdom.

May Your will be done, and may Your loving kindness be evident to all. Amen.



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Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

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Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest
valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**

Collect for this Sunday

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 25.1-9
Philippians 4.1-9
Matthew 22.1-14



Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Dennis Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Rob Hubbard, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Ruth Osborne, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, 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 John Coddington, Verne Davies, Mary Furey, Elva Lamb, Peter Ward and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wesley Morgan and Zoe Clampin-Kent who will be baptised this month

Wedding Anniversaries: Renee & Toby Uglow (1 year)

Baptism Anniversaries: Adam Bruce, Enya Trevor, Nile Trevor, Parker Leyland and Miller Leyland (1 year)

From today's Gospel reading

The king said to his servants... "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find. The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

Reflection:

Like those from the main roads invited to the feast, our church is also a mixture of the "bad and good alike" and so the second part of the parable challenges us. How are we changing our lives in response to the invitation to the wedding God has given us? Do we realize the gift we have received? What is our attitude and disposition towards other "guests" in the community? If all are guests, none meriting the invitation, but brought in by grace, then how could we Christians continue to separate and divide ourselves according to race, gender, country of origin, language, newcomers and old timers, well dressed and the poor?

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ Do I appreciate the gift I have been given that invites me to this Eucharist today?
- ✚ How can I welcome others here to celebrate as an invited "guest" to the wedding feast?

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

15 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
22 October	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
29 October	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
5 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
12 November	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replace by a service of Morning Prayer

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

Additional services in the Group

26 October	6pm	Eucharist	Dunsby
2 November	7pm	'In Loving Memory' service	Morton

Please email ringstonoffice@gmail.com by **Friday 27 October**, with the names of anyone you would like named and prayed for in this service.

Remembrance services in the Group

10.30am

Haconby, Kirkby Underwood
Morton, Rippingale

6pm

Dunsby



Confirmation classes

Confirmations will be taking place in the new year. If you are interested in confirmation, please contact Revd Neil as soon as possible.

Can you help?



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

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