

Please pray as Morocco reels from deadliest earthquake in more than 60 years



The earthquake has devastated villages in the mountainous regions south of Marrakech

The earthquake that struck villages south of Marrakech in Morocco on 8 September has killed almost 3,000 people and injured hundreds more. Let us join with others world-wide in praying for all those affected by the devastating earthquake that hit Morocco. Almost 3,000 people have died and hundreds more have been injured in the disaster that struck below villages in the High Atlas mountains south of Marrakech. Around 5,000 are still missing. According to the World Health Organisation, the total number of people affected by the earthquake – Morocco's deadliest in more than 60 years – is more than 300,000.

There are estimated to be around 31,300 Christians in the country – just 0.1% of the total population, which is mostly Muslim – and some are believed to have lost members of their extended family in the disaster. Morocco is number 29 on the World Watch List. Believers can face intense pressure for their faith, both from family and in society, forcing many into isolation or relocation. They can even be arrested or fined for nothing more than owning a Bible, and because it's illegal to 'shake the faith of a Muslim', telling others about Jesus can be very dangerous.

It means that as Christians seek to reach out to others with God's love amidst the disaster, they must do so with wisdom and courage. Please pray for them, and for everyone affected by the earthquake and those seeking to rescue people and provide help.

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ For the emergency services as they seek to rescue people and give them help
- ✚ That those affected will be comforted and strengthened in their grief, shock and pain, and that all their needs will be met
- ✚ That God will guide and empower Christians as they seek to respond to this disaster.

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Psalm 145.1-8 The Greatness and the Goodness of God

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for this Sunday

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16



Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Dennis Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, 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 Verne Davies, 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.

Rachel Wright and Andrew Hartley who will be married this month; Theodora Sismore who will be baptised this month

Wedding Anniversaries: Sophie and Lloyd Wright (1 year); Rachel and Raymond Cooper (2 years)

Baptism Anniversaries: Milo Allard (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Ivor Roberts (6 months); Sadie Hall (1 year); Hermia Slator, John Street (2 years)

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

17 September	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
24 September	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
1 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
8 October	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
Wednesday	10 am	Eucharist	Morton

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

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.

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Harvest Services in the Group

29 September	7pm	Kirkby Underwood
1 October	3pm	Morton, with Morton School
		Tea and cake after the service
8 October	3pm	Dunsby
		Fruit and veg auction and tea in the village hall
8 October	6pm	Rippingale

From today’s Gospel reading

"What if I wish to give the last one the same as you! Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Reflection:

In the kingdom of heaven, which has already begun, people are judged on an entirely different scale of values than the ones we use. God, like the landowner, is generous to both the big producers and the seeming-undeserving. It is not in our hands to decide and give rewards based on what others have or have not done for God. When it comes to a final reckoning God will have the last word -- and it will be a generous one!

Stewardship meeting: Wednesday 27 September, 6pm at Morton

Hugo Cobham, from the Diocese, will be holding a meeting to discuss ways of increasing giving in our parishes, and running stewardship campaigns. PCC members from all parishes are urged to attend.



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