

## Happiness and gratitude greet your support in earthquake-hit Myanmar

Thank you to the many of you who've already given to the Open Doors emergency appeal (or appeals from other aid agencies) for believers affected by the earthquake in Myanmar. Whilst the need remains huge, your prayers and support are helping bring hope amidst suffering.

Following last month's devastating earthquakes in Myanmar, Open Doors local partners are reaching affected believers with vital aid and reminding them that they are not alone – but the need is enormous, reinforcing the importance of your continued prayers and support. The death toll from the disaster now stands at more than 3,500, with some 4,700 injured. Many are in desperate need of relief and assistance, whilst people remain trapped under debris.

Many countries have provided support for affected areas. However, reports have surfaced of police and armed groups forcibly seizing relief supplies intended for victims in Sagaing, whilst it's believed that the military fired on a Chinese convoy delivering aid. Meanwhile, the military continues to launch attacks on affected areas in Magwe Division, and airstrikes continue in Chin State. They have also rejected the unilateral ceasefire proposed by the shadow National Unity Government. All of this only adds to the trauma faced by people in a country already devastated by the ongoing civil war, with Christians often targeted by opposing sides.

It's why your support for Christians in Myanmar through our emergency appeal is so crucial – and, with our local Open Doors partners already present in the country to help persecuted believers, they are already positioned and equipped to reach many people immediately.

"We are able to give aid like rice, drinking water and mosquito nets to 80 families in need," says Min Naing\*, a local partner, following a recent distribution. "We will hand out solar lamps shortly, once they arrive."

However, there are hindrances to reaching people. "All the relief agencies must ask official letters from the state government, which is very difficult," says Mary\*, a local believer. "From Yangon to Mandalay, all the relief vehicles are being questioned and detained. It is very hard to reach the Christians in need."

### Please pray

- ✠ Give thanks for practical and pastoral support of local partners in Myanmar, and pray that they'll be kept safe, resourced and encouraged as they serve people
- ✠ For all those deeply affected by the earthquakes, asking God to pour His comfort, healing, hope and love into their hearts
- ✠ For an end to the bombings and the obstacles to aid reaching people.

**Urgent appeal. Please go to**

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/donate/myanmar>

**And donate what you feel able to share**

*A church in Myanmar damaged by last month's devastating earthquake*



Source: [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)

## Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

13 April 2025  
Palm Sunday



*We welcome Revd Peter Lister, and thank him for leading our Eucharist service*

### Psalm 31.9-16: Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee  
from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a  
broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'**

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your 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**

### The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human  
race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to  
suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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**

### Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

We welcome Isabel Sherwin and William Blades to our Christian family when they are baptised on Easter Sunday

Funeral anniversaries: Nellie Machin (1 year)

Baptism Anniversaries: Penelope Healy (2 years)

### The prayer after communion for this Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



### Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11  
Luke 22.14 - 23.56



### Can you help?

There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church.  
Please be as generous as possible.



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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

|                           |      |                |                   |
|---------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------|
| Sunday 13 April           | 9am  | Eucharist      | Burton le Coggles |
| (Palm Sunday)             | 9am  | Eucharist      | Haconby           |
|                           | 11am | Eucharist      | Irnham            |
|                           | 3pm  | Eucharist      | Corby Glen        |
|                           | 6pm  | Evening Prayer | Morton            |
| Sunday 20 April           | 11am | Eucharist      | Corby Glen        |
| (Easter Sunday)           | 11am | Eucharist      | Morton            |
|                           | 11am | Easter service | Irnham            |
|                           | 11am | Easter service | Swayfield         |
| <b>Wednesday services</b> | 10am | Morning Prayer | Morton            |
|                           | 10am | Eucharist      | Corby Glen        |

A monthly list of services is available by email. If you would like to receive it, please email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com and ask to be included on the services list.

### Easter Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

|                   |      |                         |                 |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Thursday 17 April | 8pm  | Maundy Thursday Liturgy | Corby Glen      |
| Friday 18 April   | 2pm  | Good Friday Liturgy     | Corby Glen      |
|                   | 2pm  | Last Hour st the Cross  | Morton          |
| Saturday 19 April | 2pm  | Messy Church            | CG Street Rooms |
|                   | 8pm  | Easter Vigil            | Corby Glen      |
| Sunday 20 April   | 11am | Eucharist               | Corby Glen      |
|                   | 11am | Easter service          | Irnham          |
|                   | 11am | Eucharist               | Morton          |
|                   | 11am | Easter service          | Swayfield       |

