

Holidaying where Christians are persecuted - Mexico

There are 129.6 million Christians in Mexico – they make up the majority of the total population, which is 135.4 million.

In Mexico, criminal groups struggle for territorial control. As Christians speak out against criminal operations and violence, they are targets for violence and threats as gangs try to silence them.

In rural indigenous communities, anyone who turns away from traditional religious beliefs can face rejection and punishment in the form of fines, imprisonment, and forced displacement. Non-discrimination laws mean that any links between Christian faith and politics are placed under very strict legal scrutiny.

In areas controlled by criminal groups or drug cartels, young men are exposed to indoctrination and forced recruitment. Those who do not accept it — for reasons of Christian faith or otherwise — face threats, potential abduction and even death. Families, too, are bribed and intimidated to force their children to obey the gangs. Church leaders are often victims of extortion because they are assumed to have access to church funds. Mexico also has the highest rate of human trafficking in the world, and women are easy targets for illegal armed groups to recruit or abduct.

Adolfina was born in San Andrés Yaa, a small indigenous community in the heart of Oaxaca's mountain range in southwestern Mexico. After converting to Christ, she and her husband Imeldo returned there to tell others about God. Adolfina and Imeldo built a church on land belonging to Adolfina's father, where they held services four days a week. But Christian worship is considered a betrayal by indigenous communities in Mexico who highly value their ancestral traditions. So as their church grew, opposition surfaced. Pastor Imeldo was locked up and, that same night, the church building was destroyed. Imeldo and Adolfina eventually left San Andrés Yaa

Please pray:

Father God, protect our brothers and sisters in Mexico who are vulnerable to the practices of criminal gangs. Give indigenous believers courage to maintain their faith, even when their villages turn against them. Draw them together as a strong force of faith in those areas. Help Christians to face violence with courage and to speak out against corruption in the country. May the love of Your people lead persecutors to knowledge of Your love. Amen

Source: 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	

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17 July 2022
Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Psalm 15 - Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honour those who fear the Lord;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.



Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 18.1-10a

Colossians 1.15-28

Luke 10.38-42



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through 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, Ed Cunningham, Albert Edwards, Annie Hersey, Maxine Jessop, 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 Orłowskyj (16 July, Morton); James Parrott and Kari Ward (22 July, Rippingale)

Events in the group

20 July 7.00pm - PCC meeting, Morton.

From today's Gospel reading

[Jesus said to Martha] "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Reflection:

There is not just one way of being Jesus' disciples. Nor is one way superior and the other inferior. Instead, we are invited to follow both ways. The challenge is deciding when we are to choose Mary's way and when we are to choose Martha's. As one commentator has said, "The Christian life involves, among other things, a sense of timing."

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ When does your life resemble Martha's?
- ✚ When do you choose to follow Mary's way?
- ✚ How balanced in you life are these two ways?

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!!

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

17 July	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
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

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

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
- 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.

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

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