

## Seven days of prayer for Manipur

This week marks a year since devastating violence broke out in Manipur, India, between the majority Meitei and minority Kuki ethnic groups, with Christians from both tribes disproportionately targeted. Please join together in a week of prayer for the area and its Christians.

*Christians standing in a church in Manipur that was targeted during the devastating violence*



### Day 1: God of all comfort

Mohan\*, a Meitei Christian and pastor, was away when the violence broke out. His wife and children suffered death threats, saw the violence and destruction, and managed to escape their village. *Please pray for all those who have been traumatised by the violence, especially children, who have been exposed to so much violence at such a young age.*

**Day 2: God, the provider** Brother Boipu\* (32) is one of 41,500 Christians displaced from their homes due to the violence, having lost his home in which he lived for more than 20 years. He is at a refugee camp with his elderly parents. *Please pray that God will meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all those affected by the violence in Manipur.*

**Day 3: God of justice** Some people live in IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps with their entire families, while others have lost family members whose whereabouts are unknown. There are others who are in despair because they've been unable to bury their family members' bodies. *Please pray that justice will be served for the victims in Manipur, including the families who've been unable to provide a proper burial for their loved ones.*

**Day 4: God of peace** "The Meiteis and Kukis have been sharing a particularly good relationship, so we never expected these kinds of atrocities [that we have seen]," says Pastor John Haokip\*. *Please pray that the spread of hatred and violence will end, and that the good relationship between the Meiteis and Kukis will be restored.*

**Day 5: God our healer** "I had been out in the market buying something, when suddenly some attackers appeared on bikes with guns in their hands; they fired several rounds of pellets at us," says Raghav\*, who was shot at and almost died. *Please pray for complete physical, emotional and spiritual healing for Raghav and all others who've suffered wounds because of the violence.*

**Day 6: God is our dwelling place, our home** The ethnoreligious violence has displaced thousands of believers, with many of their homes burnt. *Please pray that all those displaced will know deeply the dwelling place of God – a home where security and rest are found – and ask God to provide new physical homes for them.*

**Day 7: God is good** When churches and Christian villages were set on fire by Meitei Hindu extremists, Istuti\*, an Open Doors local partner, was in a neighbouring city conducting training with other believers. Members of her own family even helped carry out the attacks. Because of the tension and riots, Istuti was rushed to her hospital where she lost her unborn baby. Despite her own grief, Istuti continues to reach out to affected believers. "I want to be a voice for Meitei Christians because they are struggling," she says. *Please pray that Open Doors local partners will be given strength, protection and encouragement as they serve Christians in Manipur.*

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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Collect for this Sunday

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Acts 10.44-48; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

### Psalm 98 Praise the Judge of the World

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**  
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**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**

### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Gordon Lack, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Tom Rae, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, 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 also remember the souls of Tony Bradbury, Nellie Machin, Belinda Neumann, Elsie 'Mary' Perkins, Michael Rowe, Pat Woodger and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Funeral anniversaries: John Coddington (6 months); Frank Wyer, Peter Green (1 year).

### From today's Gospel Reading

*Jesus said to his disciples... "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

#### Reflection:

Love is one commandment with many faces, many opportunities to put it into practice. If there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend, then we can begin by reflecting on what part of our lives must we "lay down" for the sake of another?

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- ✚ What prejudice, angry feelings and grudges must I lay down out of love for my sisters and brothers?
- ✚ How willing am I to "lay down" my free time when another has need?

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

5 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
12 May	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Family Service goes wild at Morton School	Morton
19 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
26 May	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replaced 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? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626***

### Funeral Services in the Group

10May	2pm	Belinda Neumann	Morton
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**Ascension Day  
Dawn Eucharist Service**  
9 May at 5.30am  
Haconby Church  
Eucharist service followed  
by breakfast

**Family Service goes wild at  
Morton School**  
12 May at 3pm  
Morton School Forest School  
Celebrate creation through  
prayers, songs and activities  
Stay for tea and cake

 **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