

## Pray through the week with the Persecuted Church

### AFRICA

**Sunday 14 April – Nigeria** Today marks 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok. While many have since been released or escaped, 112 girls are still unaccounted for. Pray that God will comfort their grieving families – and that the remaining girls will be released.

**Monday 15 April – Uganda** As violence against Christians in Uganda increases, Open Doors partners are stepping up their support. Pray for wisdom and compassion as they visit believers and assess their needs.

### ASIA

**Tuesday 16 April – Myanmar** Seventeen people, including eleven believers, were killed when a church was bombed by the military in January. “Among the dead were some parents who left their children behind,” says a local partner. Pray for our partners as they seek to help those affected by this tragedy.

**Wednesday 17 April – Vietnam** Tho\*, a doctor, has been told to renounce his new faith or risk losing his job. Family and neighbours are also pressurising him. “His local church has been praying with him and encouraging his family to stay strong in the Lord,” says a partner. “And he needs your prayers, too.”

**Thursday 18 April – Indonesia** “I feel very understood, because our experiences are similar and we’re strengthened by each testimony,” said Mira\*, after attending a retreat hosted by local partners for believers from Muslim backgrounds. Pray that the friendships formed and lessons learned will have a lasting impact on those present.

**Friday 19 April – China** A partner was running training for some 90 church leaders when the authorities arrived on the premises. “In soft murmur, we prayed,” says the partner. “The atmosphere was filled with peace and love.” Praise God that the authorities left without entering the room where the training was happening. Pray that the experience will encourage those present.

**Saturday 20 April – Philippines** Praise God for a gathering of 1,000 believers from different tribal Muslim backgrounds, which included 40 baptisms! “Seeing my childhood friends, once Muslims and now worshipping Jesus together, reinforces my belief in the love of God and the truth of His promises,” says a participant.



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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



14 April 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

### Psalm 4

#### Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?**

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**When you are disturbed, do not sin;**

**ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!’**

**Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!’**

You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

**I will both lie down and sleep in peace;**

**for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

**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**

### Readings for this Sunday

**Acts 3.12 – 19**

**1 John 3.1-7**

**Luke 24.36b-48**



### Collect for this Sunday

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; 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, Elsie 'Mary' Perkins, Sylvia Waddingham and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Baptism Anniversaries: Penelope Healy (1 year), Michael Nicholson (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Ward (6 months); Robert Wellman (1 year); Celia Margaret Gibson (2 years).

### From the Acts of the Apostles

*Peter said to the people.... The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead;  
of this we are witnesses.*

#### Reflection:

After curing a crippled beggar, Peter announces what the first generation of Christians and we believe: Christ is raised from the dead and a new age has dawned. The old order of death is passing away. Jesus is alive and his followers are showing in their words and actions bold signs of his healing presence working with them.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- ✚ Can I name some ways I witness to my faith in the risen Christ?
- ✚ How am I a sign to others of Jesus' healing presence in the world?



### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

14 April	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
21 April	11am	Eucharist	Morton
28 April	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
5 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	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? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626***

### Additional Services

25 April	11.30am	Funeral of Nellie Machin	Morton
30 April	1pm	Elsie 'Mary' Perkins	Dunsby

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

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### 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