

Pray with our persecuted brothers and sisters

Sunday 21 July – Vietnam Pastor Phuc* died in prison whilst serving a 16-year sentence for his faith. “The family have been suffering a difficult life and it got worse because their hope for his return is no longer possible,” reports a partner. Ask the Lord to heal, comfort and restore Phuc’s wife and two children.

Monday 22 July – Colombia Many churches in Colombia do amazing work in speaking out against violence and corruption, and even telling gang members about Jesus. But this can come at a huge cost, because it can make Christians – particularly leaders – a target for attack. Pray for continued boldness, strength and protection.

Tuesday 23 July – Morocco Laila* was divorced by her husband after he discovered her Christian faith. She is now a single mother and struggling to survive in a society where women mostly have to rely on men for financial security. Pray that Laila will know that ‘God is my help’ and ‘the one who sustains me’ (Psalm 54:4).

Wednesday 24 July This year, Open Doors is attending some 13 festivals across the UK and Ireland, including New Wine, Keswick and Satellites. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and strengthen staff and volunteers, and pray that many new hearts will be stirred into committing their support to our persecuted family. Persecuted children

Thursday 25 July – North Korea Pray for believers secretly listening to Christian radio broadcasts from abroad who want to learn more about the Bible and how to covertly explain the gospel to their children. Ask the Holy Spirit to meet these needs.

Friday 26 July – Colombia The Open Doors Children’s Centre in Colombia provides safety, education and discipleship for young people vulnerable to persecution from armed groups and indigenous communities. There are currently 70 children aged 11-18 at the centre. Pray that each one will know how deeply they’re loved by God.

Saturday 27 July – China Kindergartens in Wenzhou have asked parents to sign a document that forbids them from teaching religion to their children. Pray that Christian parents in China will know how to be ‘shrewd as snakes’ (Matthew 10:16) as they seek to share their faith with their children.



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Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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**

Psalm 23: The Divine Shepherd

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

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

Jeremiah 23.1-6
Ephesians 2.11-22
Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, 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 Ernest Michael Appleby, Marie Calvert, Gordon Lack, Tom Rae, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Please pray for Natasha Male and Daniel Green as they approach their wedding day, Emma and Paul Taylor as they embark on married life together.

Weddings: Kari and James Parrott, Georgina and Daniel Day, Abigail and Thomas Knott (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Chubbuck, Shirley Dawson (6 months); Fred Hall, Alan Rock (1 year); Margaret Andrews (2 years).

From today's reading from Jeremiah

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply.

Reflection:

God will not leave us wandering and untended in any deserted place we may find ourselves. Today's gospel will show that Jeremiah's promise of God's care for us has taken flesh in Jesus, our shepherd.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✠ Is there a "deserted place" in your life where you are experiencing the limits of endurance and the testing of your faith?
- ✠ To what pasture is Jesus urging you to go for nourishment and strength?

Be part of mass art as Lincoln Cathedral prepares to display hand-written dove messages

A beautiful installation of paper doves suspended from on high at Lincoln Cathedral will be displayed from 5 September. They will all contain messages of peace, love and hope which will inspire our area and be a fitting addition to the sacred space. The artist is asking all churches and groups to write their own messages for the artwork, which will be on display from 5 September to 14 November. A pack has been requested for the group.

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

21 July	11am	Eucharist	Morton
28 July	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
4 August	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
11 August	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	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 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

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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.Can you help?

The Food Bank relies on food donations to feed local people in crisis. Here is a list of items that are running low, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food at any of or Donation Points



- Milk (UHT cartons)
- Tinned or Packet Potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned or carton custard
- Tea Bags (80 packs preferred)
- Squash
- Pulses
- Rice

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.