

Pray with our persecuted brothers and sisters

Manipur, India

Sunday 14 July Please keep praying for Christians in Manipur following May's outbreak of ethnoreligious violence which left at least 80 believers dead, 400 churches destroyed and 10,000 believers homeless (see Magazine p4). Pray for comfort for the bereaved and displaced, and for an end to the violence.

Monday 15 July There are fears that the violence will exacerbate Christian persecution. Hindu extremists have already used the crisis to hunt out church leaders and force Christian communities to convert to Hinduism. "We want to be strong," says a local believer. "Pray that God helps us."

Tuesday 16 July The violence has forced thousands of Christians from their homes, many of which have been destroyed. Believers have also been deeply traumatised. Pray that Open Doors local partners – who, with your help, are providing emergency support for those affected – will be given wisdom, strength and protection.

Wednesday 17 July The outbreak of violence was met with a muted response from the government. It echoes the refusal of India's Solicitor General earlier this year to acknowledge Christian persecution in many parts of the country. Pray that a light will shine on the government's urgent need to better protect religious minorities in India.

FIFA Women's World Cup

Thursday 20 July The Women's World Cup – beginning today in Australia and New Zealand – features five countries on the World Watch List: Nigeria, China, Vietnam, Colombia and Morocco. Pray for Christians facing persecution in these countries.

Friday 21 July – Nigeria There is an informal agreement among political parties in Nigeria that presidential terms switch between Christian and Muslim leaders. However, Bola Tinubu's victory in this year's election means consecutive leaders are Muslims. Pray that Christians will get equal treatment under the new government.

Saturday 22 July – China Praise God that, despite a ban on under-18s attending church activities, young people are still being reached and discipled. "These young believers spent time in worship and prayer for their country, family members and other nonbelievers," said a partner who visited an underground youth camp. "It was very powerful!"

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Collect for this Sunday

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

Psalm 85.8-13

Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

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

**Amos 7.7-15
Ephesians 1.3-14
Mark 6.14-29**



Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Calvert, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, 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, 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 Amos

I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

The prophet Amos from our Old Testament lesson today was a businessman and a farmer. Yet his closeness to God helped him to realise that it was important to speak out strongly for justice and against the religious leaders of the day, he took severe criticism for doing so. He spoke about abuse of the poor, perverting the course of justice, and of thinking that wealth and riches were a sign of God's blessing, instead of exploitation of others.

Amos recognised that religious conviction extends beyond church things and makes demands upon national standards of behaviour and character. Amos is an example to us all, as a small man who spoke out against the system for justice and human rights, and for what he believed to be right, holding up the word and ways of God as the ultimate arbiter.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✠ Have I ever had the courage to stand up and say what is right, even if I was I was afraid how others would react?
- ✠ When have I had to do what I thought was right and found even those closest to me did not support me?

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

14 July	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
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
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

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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 our 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.