

## Brother Andrew - Founder of Open Doors

Each week a country is featured from the Open Doors World Watch List, where Christians are regularly persecuted for their faith. To put some context round this, a staggering 260 million Christians in the top 50 countries on the World Watch List face high or extreme levels of persecution for their faith, and Open Doors estimates that there are another 50 million Christians facing high levels of persecution in a further 23 countries outside the top 50. In 2019, 2,983 Christians were killed for their faith. That figure is shocking and upsetting, but it is fewer than the number of believers reported killed in 2018 (4,305) or 2017 (3,066). This is largely due to fewer murders in Nigeria, which remains far and away the country where Christians are most likely to be killed for their faith.

This week Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors died at the age of 94. He started his ministry to help persecuted Christians in the 1950s, when he smuggled bibles into Communist Eastern Europe. This is one of his most loved stories about his ministry:

Brother Andrew was approaching the Romanian border in his car which was packed with illegal Bibles. While waiting in line at the border, he noticed how much time the border guards were taking with each car and how they thoroughly searched each one.

"Dear Lord," Brother Andrew remembered praying, "What am I going to do?"

Then as he prayed, he had a bold idea. "I know that no amount of cleverness on my part can get me through this border search. Dare I ask for a miracle? Let me take some of the Bibles out and leave them in the open where they will be seen," he later recalled.

So he put the Bibles out in open so the guards could see them. He pulled up to the guard post and the guard looked at his passport and then waved him on.

"I coasted forward, my foot poised above the brake. Nothing happened. I looked out the rear mirror. The guard was waving the next car to a stop, indicating to the driver that he had to get out," Brother Andrew said. His prayer had been answered.

From this beginning, Open Doors now works across the world, helping Christians to develop resilience in the face of persecution. In 2021 the ministry raised \$81million to support nearly 1,400 projects in over 50 countries around the world.

### **Please pray:**

Lord God, we thank You for the life of Brother Andrew, and for the ways You have long served Your persecuted children through his ministry. We pray You comfort his family and all who love him, and may his legacy continue for many, many years. Amen. Christians, so that greater protection is given to them. Amen.

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

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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

2 October 2022  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



## Psalm 37 - Exhortation to Patience and Trust

Of David.

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy  
security.

Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your  
heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the

light,

and the justice of your cause like the  
noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently  
for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in  
their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall  
inherit the land.



## Readings for this Sunday

**Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10**



## Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

### **Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Please pray for...**

**From our prayer list**

Eben Atkinson, Christine Baldock, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Jane Creasey, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Arthur Jeffries, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, 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 Sadie Hall, 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.

Baptisms: Parker and Miller Leyland (2 Oct); Enya and Nile Trevor (9 Oct); Adrian Bruce (23 Oct)

Weddings: Rene Dames and Toby Uglow (1 Oct); Fern and Matthew Field-Lucas (2 year anniversary)

Funeral anniversaries: Nigel Kuhn (1 year anniversary); Daphne Willson (2 year anniversary)

**Upcoming events in the Group**

**Every Wednesday at 10.45am** - coffee morning at Morton. We extend a special welcome to the Ukrainian members of the community

**Saturday 22 October at 7.30pm** - Honey and the Bear in concert. This is a very well reviewed duo, who write and play their own music. Tickets cost £12.50. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles and drink, but refreshments will be available.

Please contact Sue on oriordan123@gmail.com or 07962 238413 if you'd like tickets

*If you have an event taking place in the next four weeks that is not on this list, please let Sue know.*

**A message from Neil Griffiths, Rector of the Colsterworth Group of Churches:**

I've heard today that Stoke Rochford Hall Hotel is being used again by the Home Office to house refugees and asylum seekers (we are not allowed to know any more about them). I am told that there are 55 at present, but this is likely to grow, and as new people arrive, they will also need helping.

They receive their food, somewhere to stay, toiletries and £8 per week to spend. It is thought that more will arrive in the next few weeks and months, and that many will need to be at the hotel for up to a year, as claims etc are processed. They are free to wander, but asked to be back at the hotel at night. Doctors and transport are being organised and in due course schooling.

They are not allowed to work but can volunteer. As before they have arrived in what the stand up in, so are in desperate need of clothing, things to entertain their children and 3 pin to 2 pin mains adapters (to charge mobile phones).

Please consider if / how you might be able to help. Thank you.

**Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group**

3 October	11am	Harvest Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Morton
			with Morton School
9 October	11am	Harvest Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	Dunsby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
16 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
23 October	11am	Harvest Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
30 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
Each morning	9 am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist	see below
Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; <b>Wednesday: 10am, Eucharist, Morton</b> ; 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](mailto:revdneil@yahoo.com)



**Harvest Festivals in the Group**

2 October	3pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Morton
			with Morton School
9 October	11am	Harvest Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
9 October	3pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	Dunsby



**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	