

Pray on Easter Sunday with the persecuted church



Democratic Republic of the Congo. While these Christians were celebrating, a group of young men kept watch outside in case there was an attack by Islamic militants. And in nearby towns, their Easter service started at 7.15 am and lasted just 35 minutes - such was the fear and tension at the time.

An Easter prayer from Sunil (not his real name), a persecuted church leader

Thank You Lord for giving us a day to celebrate Your victory.

Thank You Lord for helping us to understand that our life doesn't end here, but that we have a great hope with You.

Father, I pray for those who cannot celebrate this Easter because they lost their beloved family members.

Lord, I am praying that they will be encouraged by knowing that one day they will see them because of our hope in Easter.

Lord, bless all those people who cannot celebrate this Easter as we celebrate. Comfort them, and remind them of the hope we have in You, Father.

I also thank You, Lord, for Your salvation,

Thank You, Lord, for Your victory,

Thank You, Lord, for the hope You have given us,

Thank You, Lord, for helping us to testify to the world that the empty tomb has given us the hope that one day we will see You face to face.

We pray in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

APCMs

Tuesday	25 April	7pm	Kirkby Underwood (Village Hall)
Sunday	21 May	12.30pm	Morton (church) Haconby (church)

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Collect for this Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalms 118 - A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Debbie Dams, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Jane Knight, June Langley, Judy Long, Janice McDonnell, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, John Weatherspoon, Kevin Whitfield, 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 Arthur Jeffries, John Kearsey, Janice McDonnell, Mary Mountain, Richard Rice-Oxley, Robert (Bob) Wellman 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: Michael Nicholson (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Margret Gibson (1 year); Annie Bagworth, Mark Dow (2 years)

Baptisms this month: Penelope Healy, 29 April at Morton

Events to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla



Sunday 7 May 2-4pm: BBQ at Morton House. Tickets £15 (adult) £8 (child). All proceeds are given to St. John the Baptist

Sunday 7 May 11am: Eucharist with prayers for the newly crowned monarch

Monday 8 May: Celebration picnic at the village hall, Kirkby Underwood

(Please let me know if there are more events to add to this list. Sue)

Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

There is a collection box in St. John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church



Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables

Squash or fruit juice

Shaving gel

Tinned custard

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned potatoes

Toothbrushes

Tinned rice pudding

Packets of plain rice

Household goods

Toiletries

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

9 April	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
16 April	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
23 April	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
30 April	11am	Eucharist	Dunsby

Each morning 9 am Morning Prayer/Eucharist see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Morning Prayer, Morton**; 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

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Christ has Risen!

Reflections for Easter

"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.... The angel said to the women..., "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." – Acts 17:24-25

Reflection

It is, "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning." The event happens on an ordinary day in the week when people are finished with the Sabbath and have returned to their daily work and routines – mostly struggling at very hard work to feed and support their families. Don't expect resurrection appearances just on high holy days, in dedicated places and under certain, ideal conditions. Look for the Risen One where "the rubber hits the road," in daily life, while doing ordinary chores. If the Risen Christ isn't with us where we work out our Christian lives, he is still in the grave with the stone still sealing the entrance and the guards keeping close watch.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ✠ Have I discovered new life after a deep loss or disappointment?
- ✠ Who helped me find it?
- ✠ How can I bring the Risen Christ to another person suffering loss, or death?