

## Prayer with the Persecuted Church

**Saturday 11 May – Sri Lanka** Many government schools are Buddhist schools. They teach Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism, but don't give Christianity the same attention. Open Doors partners support volunteer teachers to teach minority Christian students in rural schools. *Pray for strength to keep serving despite opposition.*

**Sunday 12 May – Bangladesh** Mojnu (27) was jailed in January for sharing the gospel and distributing gospel leaflets. A case was also filed against his church leader, Lovelu, who has gone into hiding. *Pray for a wise lawyer to represent these brothers and ask God to provide for their families.*

**Monday 13 May – Bangladesh** Praise God for the release of Akram\*, a Muslim background believer jailed in 2023 on false charges of conducting anti-government activities and converting poor Muslims. *Pray for his full recovery.* "I am thankful to all of you for continuously praying for me and supporting my family in my absence," he says.

**Tuesday 14 May – Pakistan** Pray for those living in fear following August's attacks on Christians in Jaranwala. Some youths are seeking to arm themselves to defend their churches. *Pray that Christians will instead take refuge in the name of the Lord, their strong tower (Proverbs 18:10).*

**Wednesday 15 May – Pakistan** Nationwide prayer and evangelistic outreaches are taking place across the country. *Pray that many will be impacted by God's love and that the church will grow.*

**Thursday 16 May** Pray for Open Doors partners meeting to review the progress of projects in the region and to plan for the future. *Ask God for insight, guidance and unity.*

**Friday 17 May** Nina\*, a local partner's daughter, is sharing the gospel with her friends. They even come to her for prayer. She's one of several children in the region bravely expressing their faith in schools. *Pray for their passion and influence to grow.*

**Saturday 18 May – Brunei** "Leave that book at home!" Lina\* was told by friends who saw her reading the Bible. "I was so frightened," she says. *Ask the Lord to guide and embolden young believers, like Lina.*



*\*Names changed for security reasons;  
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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



12 May 2024  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Collect for this Sunday

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Readings for this Sunday

Acts 1.15-17,21-26  
1 John 5.9-13  
John 17.6-19

### Psalm 1: The Two Ways

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.** They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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**

### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Belinda Neumann, Elsie 'Mary' Perkins, Barbara Robinson, Michael Rowe, Pat Woodger and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Funeral anniversaries: John Coddington (6 months); Frank Wyer, Peter Green (1 year).

### From the Acts of the Apostles

*While meeting with the apostles,*

*Jesus enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem*

*but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you heard me speak."*

#### Reflection:

Jesus has gifted us with the same powerful Spirit that animated and sustained him, not only through his preaching and healing ministry, but through his long suffering and death. Thanks to the Spirit, we are called and empowered to be modern witnesses to the living Christ, who is reaching out in a new age to do through us, what he did in his lifetime – preach the gospel, heal the sick and bring people back to God.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- ✦ What gifts has God given me to use in the service of Jesus' gospel?
- ✦ How am I exercising these gifts now?

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

12 May	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Family Service goes wild at Morton School	Morton
19 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
26 May	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
2 June	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 replaced 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

### Family Service goes wild at Morton School

TODAY at 3pm

Morton School Forest School

Celebrate creation through prayers, songs and activities

Stay for tea and cake



**AFRO CARIBBEAN COMES TO MORTON**

Live music | Soul Food  
All Day Pub & Bar

**DILGRIM STEEL BAND**      **SLEAFORD TRAINING BAND**

**SATURDAY 1st JUNE**  
7:00pm start  
St. John the Baptist Church  
with **FIVE BELLS MORTON**

Tickets: £10 per adult and £5 for children under 12 (food and drink not included in the price)  
Tickets from nick@humphreyshall.com / 07931 709053 OR The Five Bells Pub, Morton

### 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