

Emerging news from Nigeria - 6 June 2022

At least 50 Christians, including children, have been killed and dozens injured in an attack on a church in south west Nigeria as it gathered to celebrate Pentecost. Several believers were also kidnapped.

The attackers shot at people outside and inside St Francis Catholic Church in the town of Owo in Ondo State on Sunday (5 June).



Explosives were also detonated. The presiding priest is among those abducted. The attack is believed to have been carried out by militant Fulani herdsmen in retaliation to the state recently imposing restrictions on grazing following a surge in kidnappings.

“We have enjoyed improved security since herdsmen were driven away from our forests by this administration,” Olayemi said. “This is a reprisal attack to send a diabolical message to the governor.” This latest attack reflects how the Islamic insurgency typically concentrated in northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt is affecting other parts of the country, including the Christian-majority south where Owo is located.

Nigeria is number seven on the World Watch List, but it would be number one if it were based purely on violence. More Christians were killed there last year for their faith than in all other countries combined.

Please pray:

- ✚ That those who've lost loved ones in this latest attack will feel the depths of God's comfort
- ✚ For the healing of those injured, and pray that those abducted will be released imminently
- ✚ For the protection of our Nigerian family and that they will have the strength and courage to stand firm in their faith.

Financial Support:

If you are moved by this news and to offer practical support to help those suffering persecution in West Africa, please go to www.opendoors.org

Source: www.opendoorsuk.org



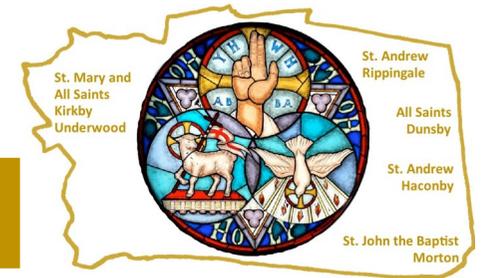
Bourne Foodbank

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	

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Trinity Sunday



Psalm 8 - Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!



Readings for this Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Annie Hersey, Arthur Jeffries, Maxine Jessop, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Neil Morgan, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, 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 Ed Cunningham, 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: Rocco Ward (19 June at Morton)

Events in the group

19 June, 2-4pm - Summer afternoon at Morton House

BBQ, Jazz band, drinks, beautiful surroundings—a perfect Sunday afternoon. Tickets are £25 and there are a few remaining. Please contact Sue or 07962 238413 or oridan123@gmail.com to reserve your ticket

24 June, service 6pm, Feast 7pm - Feast celebrations for St John the Baptist, Morton

Come and celebrate the church's patronal festival by celebrating the service, the feast or both. Tickets for the meal are £10 (bring your own drink). Contact Sue for tickets for the feast meal.

30 June pm (time and venue tbc) - Group Council meeting

3 July, 3pm - Pet Service, Morton

Bring your pet (real, cuddly toy, photo) to this family friendly service. As always this will be a joyful service with activities for the children, and tea/coffee etc afterwards.

Visitors from Ukraine

Following a few false starts, including the loss of a visa application (despite confirmed paperwork for that application), by the time you read this news sheet, Anastasiya & Liudmyla should have arrived (from Chernihiv & Kyiv respectively - via Krakow, Poland) and have moved into the vicarage.

I sincerely hope that they receive the same warm welcome that I did when I arrived just over three years ago, but please do allow them time and space to settle in as they will have experienced things that none of us can even begin to comprehend.

Revd Neil.

Matthew 25.38-40

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

12 June	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
19 June	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
26 June	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
3 July	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Pet Service	Morton
10 July	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
Each morning	9 am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist	see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Eucharist, 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

Have you come to church and forgotten to bring cash for the collection?

Fortunately this need not be a problem if the service is at Haconby, Kirkby Underwood, Morton or Rippingale as they all have online giving pages.

How do I access these pages?

- Use your phone and go to the group website, www.ringstonegroupchurches.org
- Go to the dark blue box on the home page and select the name of the church
- Follow the instructions online and select one of the set amounts, or choose your own amount
- Enter your card details (you may have these already saved on your phone)
- ALL DONE

If this seems too tricky, you can always make a payment from your PC, laptop or tablet when you get home.

EVEN EASIER Morton now has a card reader, so you can donate to the collection using your card or payment app on your phone.

If you already use the online giving pages, thank you for your generosity, and please spread the word as to how easy it is now to give to your church.

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