



What next, after the earthquakes? Interview with Rev. Ibrahim, Syria

The front part of the church was very dangerous. I said, "Please go out of the church and go to our shelter in the school." At that second, I said, "It is not enough to get people into the shelter. People are out of their homes with nothing. What should be done now?"

I started to organise the shelter, and this shelter was open to everybody. We never asked the people about their religion, we never asked about their ethnicity. I thought about what Jesus said: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in [...] Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35, 40).

On the first day, we received 633 people, whom we took care of. On the second day we received 697 people, whom we took care of. On the third day, we received 253, whom we took care of. I don't remember the other numbers on the days after. And every day we provide 1,500 sandwiches for lunch for public shelters, as nobody can afford food. We offer them food and water. This isn't just for Christians, by the way. The shelters are for anybody.

They have seen Jesus Christ working through us. One woman, a non-Christian, wanted to thank us but didn't even know the word 'Christian'. "People of the cross," she told me, "you were our family, taking care of us." Instead of concentrating on the bad situation, I was leading the church of Aleppo in how to deal with this critical situation – bringing transformation in the lives of society because of the presence of Jesus Christ within this church.

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ For the church in Syria to be a unified light of hope in the midst of this ongoing crisis
- ✚ For strength and equipping for Reverend Ibrahim and all Open Doors partners in the region
- ✚ That God would bless and encourage all who are suffering and mourning.

If you feel able to donate to this urgent appeal for help, please go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

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Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

If you see or experience anything that concerns you, please contact either Revd Neil (our Rector): revdneil@yahoo.com, 01778 219626 or Anthony Andrews (our group safeguarding officer): andrews.seed@btconnect.com, 01778 440669

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5 March 2023
The Second Sunday of Lent

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Psalm 121 - Assurance of God's Protection

A Song of Ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17



Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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, Imogen Matthews, Richard Rice-Oxley, 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 Peter Emmingham, Arthur Jeffries, John Kearsey, Ivor Roberts 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: Sadie Hall (6 months), Celia Wells (1 year), Hannah Faupel (1 Year), Teddie Creasey (1 Year), Gordon Durno (1 Year), Joan Coupland (2 Year), Kenneth Exton (2 Year)

Deanery Evensong in Lent

Each Sunday at 6.30pm

5 March	Morton
12 March	Edenham
19 March	Bourne Abbey
26 March	Colsterworth
2 April	Corby Glen

12 March - Special Service at Morton

Friendship service with Morton School.
Bring a friend, make new friends. Worship then stay for tea/coffee.

The Real Easter Egg

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Reflections for Lent

“They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us.’” Luke 24:13-33

How do you feel when you think about reading the Bible? What emotions does it spark? When it comes to hearing God the Bible is the primary way in which he speaks. It is the very language of his heart. The Bible is an invitation into conversation with God

Try this:

Read Mark 4:35-41 to yourself.

Meditate and think of any words or phrases that jump out to you. Read the passage again. What’s the one thing from this passage that you will take into the rest of the week?

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

5 March	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Morton
12 March	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Edenham
19 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Bourne Abbey
26 March	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Colsterworth

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



Friendship Service with Morton School

12 March at 3pm, St. John the Baptist Church

Bring a friend! Make new friends!

Readings and prayers suitable for all ages
Related activities for the young and the young at heart
Well known hymns and songs
Stay for tea, coffee and cake



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 rice pudding
Jars of pasta sauce
Squash or fruit juice
Instant mash
Toothbrushes

Tinned custard
Tinned vegetables
Packets of plain rice
Tinned potatoes
Shaving gel