

Let us pray with our brothers and sisters in Israel, Palestine and Gaza

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Spirit of the living God, Come afresh on your holy land. Help your people to restore broken relationships. Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear. Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be established on earth. For Jesus' sake.

Father God, we see images and hear stories from the unfolding violence in Israel and Palestine. Our heads are full, and our hearts are heavy. We watch the unfolding brutality and violence, sectarianism and hatred. Lord have mercy.

We choose not to turn away but to turn to You as we pray the words of Simon Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Jesus, You love these places and these people, all of them. Speak Your words of eternal life over them today. Make your presence known.

Creator of this earth, a world with no guns or bombs or borders, You walked these lands with compassion and grace. Prince of peace, would You walk there again today. We echo the words of psalmists and prophets: hear the cries of orphans and widows; swiftly bring justice and healing. Heal these lands.

You died and rose from the dusty earth outside Jerusalem. Today, may Your shed blood bring healing. May Your resurrection power bring life.

We dare to hope to see new images and hear new stories of transformation; hatred to hospitality; swords to ploughshares; and mourning to dancing. Lord, hear our prayer, and may your kingdom come in Israel and Palestine as it is in Heaven. Amen.

God of light and salvation, our refuge and our strength, we pray for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the escalating violence taking place in these days. We pray for those killed and injured. May your rod and staff comfort them. We pray for those who are grieving and fearful. We pray protection over those who have been taken hostage into Gaza.

Oh God, we call on you this day to change hearts, bring an end to this current violence and protect the people living in this land that is so precious and dear to your heart. Amen



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Psalm 96: Praise to God Who Comes in Judgement

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it. then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

**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**

Collect for this Sunday

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 for this Sunday

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Dennis Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Rob Hubbard, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Ruth Osborne, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, 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 John Coddington, Verne Davies, Mary Furey, Elva Lamb, Peter Ward and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wesley Morgan and Zoe Clampin-Kent who will be baptised this month

Wedding Anniversaries: Renee & Toby Uglow (1 year)

Baptism Anniversaries: Adam Bruce, Enya Trevor, Nile Trevor, Parker Leyland and Miller Leyland (1 year)



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 45.1-7

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-22



From today's 1 Thessalonians reading

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Reflection:

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they not only heard the word of the gospel, but saw its effects on their lives. If we are going through a testing time it's good to remind ourselves how God helped us in the past. Such a reminder can build hope and enable endurance in the present.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ Is there someone who needs to hear an encouraging word from us?
- ✚ When I try to give that support will I do as Paul does, remind them of the faith they have received and how God is their source of power and endurance?

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

22 October	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
29 October	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
5 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
12 November	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
19 November	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? Just contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626 or revdneil@yahoo.com

Additional services in the Group

26 October	6pm	Eucharist	Dunsby
2 November	7pm	'In Loving Memory' service	Morton

Please email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com by **Friday 27 October**, with the names of anyone you would like named and prayed for in this service.

Remembrance services in the Group

10.30am

Haconby (on the green)
Kirkby Underwood, Morton, Rippingale

6pm

Dunsby



Confirmation classes

Confirmations will be taking place in the new year. If you are interested in confirmation, please contact Revd Neil as soon as possible.



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