

Holidaying where Christians are persecuted - Egypt

The persecution of Christians in Egypt commonly occurs at community level and in Upper Egypt, where ultra-conservative Islamic Salafist movements are active in rural communities. While Egypt's government speaks positively about the Christian community, the lack of serious law enforcement adds to the vulnerability of believers.

Christian women are regularly targeted through coerced marriage, rape and forced conversion, especially those living in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. Female converts from Islam are also vulnerable to house arrest, physical abuse, divorce, disinheritance, torture or even death. Christian men are regularly the victims of abduction. This is often carried out to secure a ransom. Such incidents engender fear among the local Christian community. Social media is also used as a tool to falsely accuse Christian men. The challenges facing Christian men in Egypt extend to difficulty finding work, particularly in rural areas.

Christians in Egypt are typically treated as second-class citizens – and it's for this reason many believers are attacked.

This includes Sara*. The day she was attacked was like many other days: she was walking a busy, brightly lit street without wearing a veil, which distinguished her as a Christian, and praying the Lord's Prayer. But then she felt a sharp object hit her body.

"Dirty Christian, die!" she heard a man shouting as her legs began to tremble and she fell to the floor. Sara later heard that, after fainting, the attacker – dressed in the typical white clothes of Islamic extremist Salafists – continued threatening her. Though a crowd had gathered, he didn't feel the need to flee – probably because he knew he was unlikely to face any consequences.

Sara miraculously survived, but her story is not unique. Attacks on Christians are frequent and many extremists avoid punishment, often because they have allies in the police force.

Remarkably, Sara has forgiven her attacker and regularly prays for him. "I hope that God will touch his heart," she says with a smile.

**Name changed for security reasons*

Please pray:

Father God, we recognise that many of our brothers and sisters are hurting, grieving and fearful because of the cost that comes with following Jesus in Egypt. Powerfully minister Your peace, healing and comfort to their hearts and fill them with fresh hope, joy and faith. Keep Your children from harm. May the light of Your love shine brightly through them, drawing many to You. Amen.



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	

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



10 July 2022
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

We welcome Richard and Sylvia Rice-Oxley, and thank them for leading our Eucharist worship today

Psalm Psalm 25.1-10 - Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance

Of David.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your

steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.



Readings for this Sunday

Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Arthur Jeffries, 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 Margaret Andrews, Ed Cunningham, Albert Edwards, Annie Hershey, Maxine Jessop, 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.

Weddings: Thomas Nott and Abigail Key (2 July, Morton); Daniel Day and Georgina Orlowskyj (16 July, Morton); James Parrott and Kari Ward (22 July, Rippingale)

Events in the group

20 July 7.00pm - PCC meeting, Morton.

From today's Gospel reading

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

Reflection:

The Samaritan would have known from his own experience what it felt like to be "beaten up" and left behind. He was a member of a despised group, an outsider to the religious and national thinking of the Jew. Which may have stirred him to respond to the victim by the side of the road. He knew what it was like to be victimized.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✝ Can we remember an experience of being left out, treated as an outsider?
- ✝ Does that experience make us more aware and sensitive to the plight of outsiders these days? Who are these outsiders?x

Coffee morning in Morton Church
Wednesday at 10:45am
Specially to welcome our Ukrainian Guests.
ALL WELCOME!!

Ранкова кава в церкві Мортон Середа о 10:45 Особливо
вітати наших українських гостей.
ВСІХ ВІТАЄМО!!

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

10 July	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
17 July	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
24 July	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
31 July	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
7 August	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	4pm	Evensong	Morton

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.

Please send items for the news sheet to Sue via email
by the **Thursday** of each week

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