

Priest in Belarus removed from post after speaking out against war in Ukraine

When Fr Andrei Nozdrin, an Orthodox priest from Belarus, publicly opposed Russia's renewed invasion of Ukraine and his country's role in it, the police came knocking with a warning. "They questioned me about my statements regarding Ukraine and why we sing

Mighty God in the church," Fr Nozdrin told Forum 18. "They even talked to my neighbours and friends but found no criminal wrongdoing."

On 18 May, Archbishop Antony Doronin of Grodno dismissed Fr Nozdrin from all his diocesan roles, and transferred him away from Grodno to a small village. The regime sent a police unit to attend Fr Nozdrin's 20 May farewell service, 'but the people showed them out because they did not pray,' Fr Nozdrin said.

The spokesperson for Grodno Diocese, Fr Igor Danilchik, insisted that Fr Nozdrin's transfer was Archbishop Antony's decision alone, and claimed that the transfer was not done under pressure from the regime. He did not explain why the regime sent police to Fr Nozdrin's farewell service.

Fr Nozdrin is not the only one facing backlash for his comments; the regime has similarly targeted other Orthodox and Catholic priests.

Please pray:

- ✚ For continued boldness for Fr Nozdrin, that he and others will continue to speak out against the war in Ukraine
- ✚ That the church in Belarus will not bow to pressure from the government, and will become more united
- ✚ That Fr Nozdrin's outspokenness will create change and give others the courage to take a stand.
- ✚ That tensions will de-escalate between Russia and Ukraine
- ✚ That the church in Ukraine will be a beacon of hope
- ✚ That God will thwart the plans of the enemy towards Ukraine.

18 and www.opendoorsuk.org



Fr Nozdrin says that 'a Christian cannot say that what's going on in Ukraine is good'

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



19 June 2022
First Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 22.19-28 - Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of

Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.



Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 65.1-9; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Bourne Foodbank

THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables

Squash or fruit juice

Shaving gel

Tinned custard

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned potatoes

Toothbrushes

Tinned rice pudding

packets of plain rice

Instant mash

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 Ed Cunningham, Annie Hersey, 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.

Baptisms: Rocco Ward (19 June at Morton)

Weddings: Nicholas O'Riordan and Jill Roy (25 June); Thomas Nott and Abigail Key (2 July, Morton)

Events in the group

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

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
17 July	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
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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