

## Let us join in prayer with the persecuted brothers and sisters in Asia

**Sunday 8 October – Pakistan** A general election is anticipated to take place by 7 November. Pray for a free, fair and peaceful election process, and that God will raise up leaders who will govern with equity and justice for all Pakistanis, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

**Monday 9 October – Bangladesh** Pray for students receiving advanced adult literacy training. At this level, students are able to attend Scripture reading classes where they can explore the Bible more deeply. Pray that they will be blessed by what they learn and grow spiritually as well as in their literacy skills.

**Tuesday 10 October – Central Asia** Thousands of Afghan refugees are in limbo in Central Asia, without enough money to move on, and without their legal papers because of the haste in which they left Afghanistan. Pray for wisdom and protection for Open Doors partners reaching out to both Christian and Muslim refugees with practical aid and spiritual support.

**Wednesday 11 October – Central Asia** Give thanks that Muslim Afghan refugees are now able to hear the gospel. Many have given their lives to Jesus and want to be baptised! Pray that the hearts of many more Muslims, especially those who have been radicalised, will be opened to the gospel and touched by the love of Jesus.

**Thursday 12 October – Central Asia** Ask God to open doors for Afghan refugees to earn an income so they can support their families and not become dependent on relief aid. Pray that youth and children will have opportunities to continue their education and build a more hopeful future for themselves.

**Friday 13 October – Indonesia** In Indonesia, a church needs 90 members before it is granted a building permit. This is a challenging figure in a majority-Muslim country. Ask the Lord to add to the number of those who are being saved, so that more believers can come together to form congregations.

**Saturday 14 October – Indonesia** Additionally, the church needs the approval of the village chief and 60 signatures from locals. This has proven to be almost impossible. Pray for a softening of the hearts of these villagers to allow Muslims and Christians to live together in harmony, and to worship freely.

Source: [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)



*Narmin (name changed) is a secret believer in a country neighbouring Afghanistan*

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## Psalm 80.9-17

### Prayer for Israel's Restoration

**You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;  
**it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck  
its fruit?

**The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
**the stock that your right hand planted.**  
They have burned it with fire, they have cut  
it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your  
countenance.

**But let your hand be upon the one at your  
right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for  
yourself.**

**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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith that,  
forsaking what lies behind and  
reaching out to that which is  
before, we may run the way of your  
commandments and win the crown  
of everlasting joy; 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**

## Readings for this Sunday

**Isaiah 5.1-7  
Philippians 3.4b-14  
Matthew 21.33-46**

## Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

We praise and thank you, O Christ,  
for this sacred feast: for here we  
receive you, here the memory of  
your passion is renewed, here our  
minds are filled with grace, and  
here a pledge of future glory is  
given, when we shall feast at that  
table where you reign with all your  
saints for ever. **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, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, 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 Verne Davies, 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)

Funeral anniversaries: Robert Wellman (6 months); Nigel Kuhn (2 years)

### From today's Gospel reading

*"Finally, the owner of the vineyard sent his son to [the tenants of the vineyard], thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him."*

#### Reflection:

We need the middle section of today's gospel story - the part about the additional servants and the owner's son being sent to the rebellious tenants of the vineyard. Jesus is telling us something about God that we need to hear. God doesn't give up on us, even when we have turned away from God. God is even willing to risk looking foolish in our eyes, willing to come again and again to us. God's love doesn't diminish, even when we reject God or live lukewarm lives of faith.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✝ Is there someone in my life who has been a persistent voice urging me to change?
- ✝ Is it possible in that person's persistence, God is urging me to make some necessary changes and God is using that person to reach out to me?

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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### Harvest Services in the Group

8 October

3pm

Dunsby

Fruit and veg auction and tea in the village hall

### 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.

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

8 October	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
15 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
22 October	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
29 October	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
5 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replace 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](mailto:revdneil@yahoo.com)***



### 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