

## Prayer with those who are persecuted for their faith in Myanmar

Sunday 4 May Pray for God's comfort and restoration for the thousands of people affected by March's devastating earthquake. Pray that aid agencies and NGOs will gain access to those who remain in need of aid, and that diseases will not spread

Monday 5 May Pray for Open Doors partners who are supporting persecuted believers impacted by the earthquake with spiritual and practical aid. Pray that the Burmese church will be strengthened to bring Christ's hope to others in the midst of this disaster.

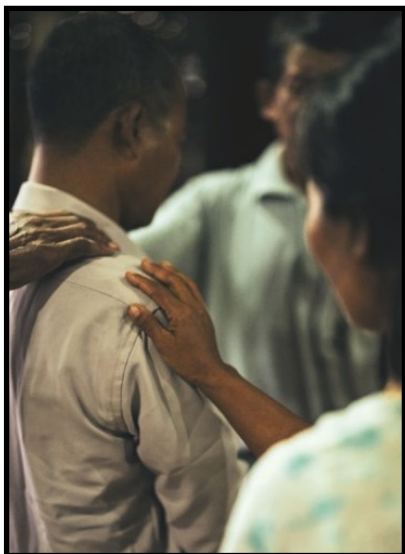
Tuesday 6 May Last year, 40,000 Christians were internally displaced because of their faith, with many seeking refuge in places like forests and displacement camps where conditions are often deplorable and dangerous. Pray for safe, caring and well-resourced havens of refuge

Wednesday 7 May Conflict has had a crippling impact on church life. Churches have been destroyed and, in places, attendance is down by 80%. Pastors have lost income and fellowship has been disrupted, bringing disharmony and distrust. Pray for reconciliation and opportunities to gather.

Thursday 8 May Many Christians say they would've lost their faith were it not for the help of Open Doors partners. Support includes food, training and trauma care. Some displaced believers liken their presence to angels. Pray for the safety and equipping of our partners.

Friday 9 May Christians must tread with extreme caution. Those who gather can be suspected of being rebels and social media posts can be seen as attempts to convert Buddhists. Pray for believers to be 'shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves' (Matthew 10:16).

Saturday 10 May "We learned about persecution and how to respond to it from the Bible," says Moe Moe\* after attending persecution survival training. "It was timely spiritual food for us." Pray for the spiritual nourishment of believers across Myanmar. For the latest prayer updates from Myanmar, go to [opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org) Communist Asia.



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

# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

*We welcome Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley, and  
thank her for leading our Eucharist service*



## Psalm 30 Thanksgiving for Recovery from Grave Illness

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'**

By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.**

**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**

### Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember the souls Molly Rogers, Barbara Durno and of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

We congratulate Rowena and Thomas Sutton, who were married last Saturday

Funeral anniversaries: Barbara Robinson, Belinda Neumann, Patricia Woodger(1 year); Frank Wyer (2 years)

### The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Acts 9:1-6

Revelation 5.11-14

John 21.1-19



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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 4 May	9am	Eucharist	Swayfield
	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	11am	Morning Worship with Sunday School	Corby Glen
Sunday 11 May	11am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
Sunday 18 May	11am	Eucharist	Irnham
	3pm	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	11am	Eucharist	Swayfield
Wednesday services	11am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	11am	Morning Worship with Sunday School	Corby Glen
	10am	Morning Prayer	Morton
	10am	Eucharist	Corby Glen

A monthly list of services is available by email. If you would like to receive it, please email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com and ask to be included on the services list.



### Can you help?

There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church.  
Please be as generous as possible.

### The prayer after communion for this Sunday

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

