

Life in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith—Mozambique

What's life like for Christians in Mozambique?

Furaia* knows first-hand how brutal jihadist attacks in Mozambique have become. She had to watch as they seized and killed her husband.

“The attackers rounded us up,” says Furaia. “I managed to hide in some of the tall grass. They did not see me, but I watched everything that was happening. I saw them tie up my husband. They cut his throat. I saw them kill my brother and some other men in the same way.”

It wasn't just the men of Furaia's Christian community who were targeted, though. “They finally left, taking with them my sisters and some other women,” adds Furaia. “I have not heard from any of them since. I do not know if they are alive or dead.”

Furaia now needs to care for her 14 children without her husband – but, thanks to Open Doors supporters, she isn't alone. Open Doors partners are providing food and other essentials. It could not have come at a better time.

“I thank God for the help that arrived,” says Furaia. “My children and I now have something to eat. Without this help we would have starved. I am very, very thankful for all the things I received. To the donors, I would like to say thank you and God bless you.”

*Name changed for security reasons

Is it getting harder to be a Christian in Mozambique?

Yes. Mozambique only entered the World Watch List Top 50 last year, at number 45, and has risen several places this year. This is largely because of an increased number of attacks and pressure, particularly in the north. An Islamic State-affiliated group is seeking to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Mozambique. They have burned churches and religious schools, and tens of thousands of people have fled from the northern part of the country.

Please pray:

Heavenly Father, pour Your healing into all those affected by persecution in Mozambique. Give them fresh hope. Protect and provide for Christians who've been forced to flee violence. Intervene to diminish the rising threat of Islamic extremists and drug cartels, and enable believers to return to their homes and live safely. Equip the security forces to decisively deal with criminality. Powerfully encourage our family in Mozambique. May they see Your hand at work in their lives and country. Amen.

Source: www.opendoorsuk.org/world-watch-list

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

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Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

9 October 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



Psalm 100 - All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.



Readings for this Sunday

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; 2.1-4

Revelation 14.14-18

John 6.25-35



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Jane Creasey, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Arthur Jeffries, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Amanda Thomson, 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 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: Parker and Miller Leyland (2 Oct); Enya and Nile Trevor (9 Oct); Adrian Bruce (23 Oct); Isobel Eagle (2 year anniversary)

Weddings: Rene Dames and Toby Uglow (1 Oct); Fern and Matthew Field-Lucas (2 year anniversary)

Funeral anniversaries: Nigel Kuhn (1 year anniversary); Daphne Willson (2 year anniversary)

Upcoming events in the Group

Every Wednesday at 10.45am - coffee morning at Morton. We extend a special welcome to the Ukrainian members of the community

Saturday 22 October at 7.30pm - Honey and the Bear in concert. This is a very well reviewed duo, who write and play their own music. Tickets cost £12.50. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles and drink, but refreshments will be available.

Please contact Sue on oriordan123@gmail.com or 07962 238413 if you'd like tickets

If you have an event taking place in the next four weeks that is not on this list, please let Sue know.

A message from Neil Griffiths, Rector of the Colsterworth Group of Churches:

I've heard today that Stoke Rochford Hall Hotel is being used again by the Home Office to house refugees and asylum seekers (we are not allowed to know any more about them). I am told that there are 55 at present, but this is likely to grow, and as new people arrive, they will also need helping.

They receive their food, somewhere to stay, toiletries and £8 per week to spend. It is thought that more will arrive in the next few weeks and months, and that many will need to be at the hotel for up to a year, as claims etc are processed. They are free to wander, but asked to be back at the hotel at night. Doctors and transport are being organised and in due course schooling.

They are not allowed to work but can volunteer. As before they have arrived in what the stand up in, so are in desperate need of clothing, things to entertain their children and 3 pin to 2 pin mains adapters (to charge mobile phones).

Please consider if / how you might be able to help. Thank you.

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

9 October	11am	Harvest Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	Dunsby
16 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
23 October	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
30 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
6 November	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	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

In Loving Memory Service

Wednesday 2 November at 6pm
Kirkby Underwood

During the service we shall recall each person by name with suitable commemorations and prayers and the lighting of a candle.

If you would like the name or names of your loved ones read out please email details to ringstoneoffice@gmail.com



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