

**Please pray for the many women in Asia who are targeted and persecuted for their faith**

Sunday 23 March – India As an increasing number of states tighten anticonversion laws, more Christians are facing false arrest. Pray for the immediate release of these believers, and that house church leaders will not be attacked or imprisoned

Monday 24 March – Laos Amphon\*, his wife Veena\* and their three children have been repeatedly forced to move because they are determined to follow Jesus. When Amphon's relatives cut off his family's electricity, Open Doors partners provided emergency relief. Please pray for the family to stand firm in their faith.

Tuesday 25 March – Indonesia Pray for Rani\* and David\*, two believers from different parts of Indonesia whose families put them under house arrest after they discovered their Christian faith. By the grace of God, they were able to escape. Pray for their resilience and protection.

Wednesday 26 March – Ramadan Tonight, Muslims celebrate the Night of Power in Ramadan – when Muslims believe that the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the prophet Muhammad. As Muslims pray and fast, ask God to reveal Jesus, the true Word, to them, and open their eyes to His love.

Thursday 27 March – Kazakhstan Kazakhstan's parliament is considering an amendment to the current Religion Law which would further tighten regulations on religious activity. Pray that this does not go through, and that the government would recognise the blessing of freedom of religion in the country.

Friday 28 March – Uzbekistan Pray for protection for several house church leaders who are being watched and must be careful in their activities. Ask God to give them courage, and that He will strengthen the Uzbek church as they meet together.

Saturday 29 March – Bhutan Pastors and leaders in Dagana district have been warned by the local government not to gather for fellowship without official permission. Please pray for wisdom and creativity in how they gather for worship

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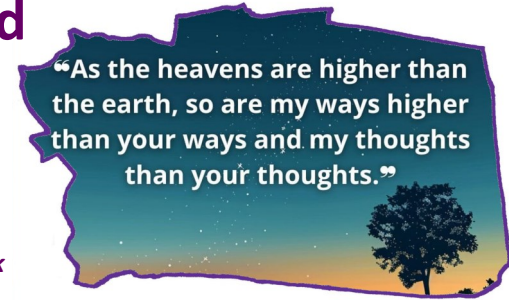


# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

**23 March 2025  
third Sunday of Lent**

*We welcome Revd Peter Lister, and thank him for leading our Eucharist service*

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*



## **Psalm 63 - Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence**

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
**when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**  
for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;

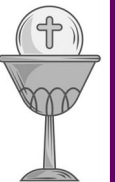
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**

## **The Collect for this Sunday**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

## **The Post-Communion prayer for this Sunday**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 pray for Charlie Hopkinson as he takes his next steps on his journey of faith. We remember Mary Richardson, Ivan Spencer, Brenda Hare, and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Funeral anniversaries: Margaret Winter, Audrey Gray, Sophie Sandford (1 year); Ivor Roberts, Arthur Jefferys (2 years)

Wedding Anniversaries: Clare and Geoff Wadsworth (35 years)



### Readings for this Sunday

**Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

**Luke 13.1-9**



### From today's Gospel reading

*Jesus said, ...those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than anyone else who lived in Jerusalem?*

#### Reflection:

Are the misfortunes people who experience a punishment for their sins? Jesus responds, "By no means!" Still, as we have experienced, sin may have dire or fragmentary consequences on our lives, now, or in the not-too distant future.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

In light of Jesus' call to consider our lives and repent of our sins, we reflect on sin's consequences in our lives:

- ✠ Are the ill effects of our sins staring us in the face?
- ✠ What's falling apart in our lives? What hurts? Where do we seem stymied in our spiritual journey?

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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

23 March	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
30 March	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
Wednesday	10 am	Morning Prayer	Morton

### Changes to the services rota starting in April

Following lengthy discussions at PCC, Deanery and Diocesan level, the decision has been taken to combine the Ringstone in Aveland Group with the Corby Glen Group, and seek to appoint an incumbent who will be responsible for all the parishes in this new enlarged group.

As preparation for becoming a single group, it was thought that we should share information of all services within this larger group, so that everyone can see the different opportunities for prayer and worship.

Because of the number of services, it will not be possible to include a whole month in the news sheet so each week the current and following weeks' services will be included.

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. Alternatively, scan this QR code to use the website's contact form.



### 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.**

Milk (UHT cartons)	Fruit juice / squash	Coffee
Tinned meat	Jam	Deserts
Custard	Snacks—pot nodles, rice etc	
Laundry powder / liquid	Washing up liquid	Toothbrushes
Toilet roll	Razors and shaving foam	