

## World Cup Prayer Diary for during the group stages of the competition

### Sunday 27 November Belgium v Morocco

Morocco's penal code criminalises 'shaking the faith of a Muslim'. This means Christians must be very careful when talking about Jesus, as it could lead to arrest and prosecution. PLEASE PRAY That opportunities will emerge for believers to safely share the gospel with others, and ask the Holy Spirit to give them the right words to say.

### Monday 28 November Cameroon v Serbia

The Boko Haram insurgency in Cameroon has forced Fadi\* from village to village. In 2015, her sister was kidnapped. Two weeks later, her mother died from hypertension. Fadi struggles with nightmares and often feels alone. Despite everything, her faith in Jesus remains strong. "I need God with me in every situation, to display His wonderful power in my life," says Fadi. PLEASE PRAY That God will meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all those affected by persecution in Cameroon.

### TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER Netherlands v Qatar

Qatari Christians – who are very small in number – are not allowed to have their own church buildings. However, this is allowed for foreigners, although space is limited and there are some restrictions, including a ban on Qataris visiting. PLEASE PRAY That God will use the World Cup to prompt the authorities to grant greater religious freedom to Qataris.

### WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER Saudi Arabia v Mexico

When Imeldo\* started a church in their small indigenous community, opposition surfaced. Christian worship is considered a betrayal by such communities in Mexico who highly value their ancestral traditions. "No, I will not give up my Christ," said Imeldo when the community forbade church services. "Do what you want – I won't give up." Imeldo was locked up and the church building destroyed. Sadly, Imeldo later died from Covid-19. PLEASE PRAY For safety, boldness and strength for Christians in Mexico who are vulnerable to hostility from indigenous groups and criminal gangs.

### THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER Canada v Morocco

In 2021, 11 Christians in Morocco were detained, and 34 physically or mentally abused. This includes one man who was beaten by his family after they found a Bible in his room. PLEASE PRAY That God will heal all those who've suffered in Morocco because of their love for Jesus, and that God will use their experiences to draw them and others nearer to Jesus.

### Friday 2 December Cameroon v Brazil

Baldina's life in Cameroon has been devastated by Boko Haram. One of her sons was killed by the militant group, and the other fled to a faraway town for fear of them. For most of her life, Baldina – who is elderly and has a husband who's frail – had been a nominal Christian. After her son's death, she went to church in search of peace. "When I hear the message and listen to the songs, I am comforted," Baldina shares. "I thank God for everything. He is helping me to be strong today." PLEASE PRAY That Jesus will reveal Himself to Boko Haram fighters in sub-Saharan Africa through dreams and visions, and the witness of the church, and that they will turn and follow Him.

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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

27 November 2022  
First Sunday of Advent



## Psalm 122

### Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem

A Song of Ascents. Of David.  
I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'  
Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
For there the thrones for judgement were  
set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
'May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.'  
For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our  
God,  
I will seek your good.



### Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

### Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to  
cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of  
light, now in the time of this  
mortal life, in which your Son  
Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility; that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the  
living and the dead, we may rise  
to the life immortal; through him  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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, Clive Walker, 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 Emma Green and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Funeral anniversaries: John MacMillan (2 year anniversary)



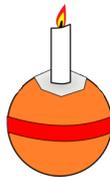
**THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED**

- Tinned meat
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Packets of plain rice
- Squash or fruit juice
- Tinned potatoes
- Instant mash
- Shaving gel
- Toothbrushes

There is a collection box in St. John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church

**Advent and Christmas services**

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|--------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 Dec  | 3pm     | Christingle           | Morton<br>with Morton School |
| 11 Dec | 4pm     | Christingle           | Rippingale                   |
| 15 Dec | 6pm     | Nativity Service      | Kirkby Underwood             |
| 18 Dec | 4pm     | Christingle           | Haconby                      |
| 24 Dec | 5pm     | Carols by Candlelight | Morton                       |
| 24 Dec | 7pm     | Carols by Candlelight | Dunsby                       |
| 24 Dec | 11.30pm | Midnight Eucharist    | Haconby                      |
| 25 Dec | 10am    | Eucharist             | Rippingale                   |



**Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group**

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|---|---------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 27 November   | 11am    | Eucharist                | Rippingale                   |
|   | 4pm     | Evening Prayer           | Kirkby Underwood             |
| 4 December  | 11am    | Eucharist                | Haconby                      |
|   | 3pm     | Christingle              | Morton<br>with Morton School |
| 11 December   | 10.30am | Eucharist                | Kirkby Underwood             |
|   | 4pm     | Christingle              | Rippingale                   |
| 18 December   | 11am    | Eucharist                | Morton                       |
|   | 4pm     | Christingle              | Haconby                      |
| Each morning  | 9 am    | Morning Prayer/Eucharist | see below                    |
| Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; <b>Wednesday: 10am, Eucharist, Morton;</b><br>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](mailto:revdneil@yahoo.com)

**Upcoming events in the Group**

**Every Wednesday at 10.45am - coffee morning at Morton.**

**Wednesday 30 November 6pm, Haconby**

Eucharist to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew. This will be followed by a fish & chip supper. Please let Jill Hall know if you are going so she knows how many meals to order.

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

*The Wednesday Singers present...*

**"Songs for Christmas"**

on Saturday 3rd December at 3 pm  
in Dunsby Village Hall.

Tickets are £8 and include tea and cake after the concert.

There will be a raffle. Free parking on Fen Road.

To reserve a seat please phone 01778 440234.

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

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