



Earthquakes: “Our God of life is at work” in Turkey through refugees like Fardin

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for your church family in Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes. Thanks to you, believers are able to reach out to their communities with essential aid and shelter – like Fardin, who sees being spared from the worst of the disaster as an opportunity to bless the people around him. All names in this article have been changed.

Before the earthquakes struck, Fardin felt he had finally made a new life for himself and his family after eight years in Turkey. Forced to leave his home country Iran because of his Christian faith in 2015, he – along with his wife and two children, Arsh and Aysha – became refugees. But this new life was drastically changed in a moment, in the middle of the night. Fardin is grateful to have survived the earthquakes, and now he is helping those who were severely impacted. Along with his local church pastor, he was able to help hundreds of people with basic needs like clean water, food, heaters and blankets: “I can see that God is at work in the middle of this suffering and pain and confusion and grieving. I can see God’s mercy through the people reaching out to help, the organisations and charities, the volunteers. God is working through the people helping, whether it is financially or emotionally or physically. God is good.

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ For Fardin and his church, that God will give them wisdom, new ideas and more facilities to be able to help
- ✚ For protection and strength for the relief workers, doctors and volunteers who are helping
- ✚ That God gives wisdom to the Turkish government as they coordinate rescue and rebuilding efforts.

If you feel able to donate to this urgent appeal for help, please go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Alternatively, scan this QR code to get straight to the website



Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

If you see or experience anything that concerns you, please contact either Revd Neil (our Rector): revdneil@yahoo.com, 01778 219626 or Anthony Andrews (our group safeguarding officer): andrews.seed@btconnect.com, 01778 440669

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26 February 2023
The First Sunday of Lent

Readings for this Sunday



Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 for this Sunday

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 32 - The Joy of Forgiveness

Of David. A Maskil.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’,
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without
understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in
the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Debbie Dams, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Jane Knight, 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 Peter Emmingham, Arthur Jeffries, John Kearsy, Ivor Roberts and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wedding Anniversaries: Anita and Gary Ramsden (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Phyllis Cotton(1 year)

Deanery Evensong in Lent

Each Sunday at 6.30pm

26 February	Ropsley
5 March	Morton
12 March	Edenham
19 March	Bourne Abbey
26 March	Colsterworth
2 April	Corby Glen

12 March - Special Service at Morton

Friendship service with Morton School.

Bring a friend, make new friends. Worship

The Real Easter Egg



Out of the 80 million Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.

You can get your through the Peterborough Christian Bookshop. Email them from their website <https://www.p-christianbooks.co.uk>, or phone them on 01733 551915

Or, you can order eggs online (eden.co.uk is one site that has them)

Reflections for Lent

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” – John 10:27 (NIV)

Think of a time God spoke to you. How did God do it? How did you know it was God?

Is there anything that worries you about hearing God? Have you ever experienced hearing God ‘wrong’, or been hurt by someone claiming to hear God say something?

Try this:

Read John 10:22-30 to yourself. Why not try reading a different bible version from the one that you normally read.

Meditate and think of any words or phrases that jump out to you.

Read the passage again.

What’s the one thing from this passage that you will take into the rest of the week?

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

26 February	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Ropsley
5 March	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Morton
12 March	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Edenham
19 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Bourne Abbey

Each morning 9 am Morning Prayer/Eucharist see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Morning Prayer, 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

From today's Gospel reading

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil for forty days and forty nights.

Reflection:

During Lent we can look death, or anything that threatens our vocation to follow God, in the face and not be afraid. Jesus has preceded us into the place of temptation, the desert, and can help us get through our own deserts, the places where, like the Israelites, we have wandered from the path.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✠ What is the path I need to get back on to be a more faithful follower of Jesus?
- ✠ What and who help me return to the ways of the Lord?



THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

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

Tinned meat
Tinned rice pudding
Jars of pasta sauce
Squash or fruit juice
Instant mash
Toothbrushes

Tinned custard
Tinned vegetables
Packets of plain rice
Tinned potatoes
Shaving gel