

Please pray for Myanmar

In the wake of two earthquakes in Myanmar on Friday, 28 March, Christians in Myanmar are calling on their global church family to join them in prayer. After Myanmar's devastating earthquake, here are two ways to pray for the situation

1. Pray for protection and comfort for the people of Myanmar

More than 2,000 people have died as a result of the earthquake, which also affected neighbouring countries Thailand and China. Thousands more have been injured, and even more have seen their homes, businesses, hospitals, churches and other buildings destroyed. "There is no electricity, and the water supply is not functioning. It's becoming a challenge to even go to the toilet," shares a local Christian.

Please pray for all who are mourning their loved ones, for those who are displaced from their homes and for those who are fearful. Pray that there would be no further casualties, and that water, electricity and WiFi would be restored, so people can communicate and have safe sanitation.

2. Pray for Christians who already faced displacement and persecution

Even before the earthquake, many thousands of Burmese people were living in displacement – ever since the military coup in 2021. Christians are among those displaced, both by conflict and persecution, and Christian communities have been particularly targeted by both the military government and opposing rebel groups.

"For the Christians in Myanmar, those who have already been affected by the war, and those who have been displaced, this may have a compounding effect," explains Daisy Htun. "They have already experienced the coup, there is economic hardship, and now, a natural disaster has befallen them."

Please pray for them to receive resilience and strength from God, and to know His kindness and presence.



Devastation in Myanmar (photo shared by Open Doors local partners)

Urgent appeal

The devastating earthquake in Myanmar comes after years of conflict and persecution have already made the country a very difficult place for followers of Jesus.

Your gift of £33 could provide a month of urgent assistance and relief to three believers in Myanmar.

Please go to

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/donate/myanmar>

And donate what you feel able to share

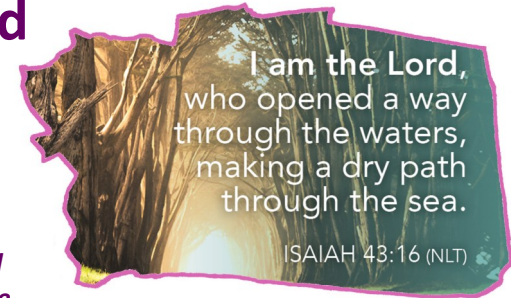
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Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

6 April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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



Psalm 126: A Harvest of Joy

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Isaiah 43.16-21

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8



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 of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

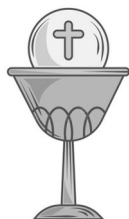
We welcome Isabel Sherwin and William Blades to our Christian family when they are baptised on Easter Sunday

Funeral anniversaries: Nellie Machin (1 year)

Baptism Anniversaries: Penelope Healy (2 years)

The prayer after communion for this Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**



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	

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

Sunday 6 April	9am	Eucharist	Swayfield
	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	11am	Morning Worship with Sunday School	Corby Glen
Sunday 13 April (Palm Sunday)	11am	Morning Prayers	Irnham
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
	9am	Eucharist	Burton le Coggles
Wednesday services	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	11am	Eucharist	Irnham
	3pm	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	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.

Easter Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Thursday 17 April	8pm	Maundy Thursday Liturgy	Corby Glen
Friday 18 April	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Corby Glen
	2pm	Last Hour st the Cross	Morton
Saturday 19 April	2pm	Messy Church	CG Street Rooms
	8pm	Easter Vigil	Corby Glen
Sunday 20 April	11am	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	11am	Easter service	Irnham
	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	11am	Easter service	Swayfield

