

Let us pray with the persecuted church

North Africa

Sunday 12 November: Morocco Praise God that people are becoming Christians after discovering about Jesus online. The digital sphere is also providing opportunities for believers to connect (something many cannot do in-person). Ask the Holy Spirit to do abundantly more in Morocco, and across North Africa, through online networks to draw people to each other and to Jesus.

Monday 13 November: Libya Ask for God's mercy on those bereaved and displaced by floods bursting two dams in the eastern city of Derma, killing over 11,000 people. Libya has no central government, making recovery efforts even harder. Pray that the two Libyan governments will cooperate with one another and the international community in efforts to rebuild and restore

Tuesday 14 November: Libya Like Morocco, the church in Libya is small and hidden. But despite intense pressure, believers – whether expatriates from sub-Saharan Africa or Libyans from Muslim backgrounds – courageously persevere in their faith. Pray that, amidst the country's mounting problems, they 'shine like stars' (Philippians 2:15), leading people to Jesus.

Wednesday 15 November: There are Christians from North Africa stuck in detention camps after being blocked from entering Europe. In the camps, they're vulnerable to persecution for their faith. Pray that God will enable them to move on 'into a spacious place' of safety and freedom (Psalm 18:19).

Middle East

Thursday 16 November: Egypt In recent months, three Christian women have gone missing. Miriana Boutros (27) was shopping when she disappeared, while Miriana Shahhat (17) was heading to church and Nada Jerjes (17) was on her way to school. Pray for their safe return.

Friday 17 November: Iraq Unemployment is high, and drug addiction is increasing among young people. Pray for Open Doors partners helping people to build businesses through Centres of Hope. Pray that these businesses will thrive, and bring dignity and hope to many.

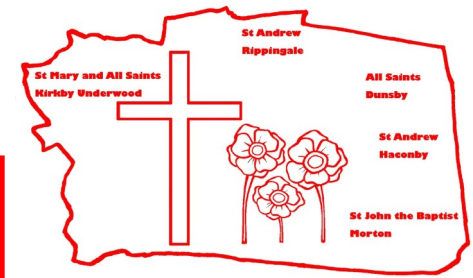
Saturday 18 November: Israel/Gaza Cry to God for mercy on all those bereaved or injured in fighting following October's attack on Israel by Hamas militants. Pray for an end to hostilities, for a just and lasting peace, and for Christians in Israel and Gaza to be beacons of Christ's love and forgiveness to their communities.

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**12 November 2023
Remembrance Sunday**



Psalm 70

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!

**Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.**

**Let those be turned back and brought to
dishonour**

who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.

**Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, 'God is great!'**

But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

**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**

Readings for this Sunday

**Amos 5.18-24
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
Matthew 25.1-13**



Collect for this Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews, Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Joan Curtis Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Rob Hubbard, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Ruth Osborne, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, 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 John Coddington, Revd Gerry Curtis, Verne Davies, Mary Furey, Elva Lamb, Celine Pek Shang Tang, Peter Ward and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Baptism Anniversaries: Jasper Williams (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Green, Frank Wyer (6 months); Emma Green (1 years)

Saturday Retreats at Edenham House

25th November: 'The Nature of Hope & Hopeful Waiting: Advent Retreat'.

With Rev Dr Rhona Knight

9th December: 'Storytelling, Communication & Faith'.

With Rev Simon Airey*

All retreats run from 10am to 4pm and cost £16pp. Bring your own lunch

To reserve your place, email edenhamoffice@gmail.com

Remembrance services in the Group

10.30am

Haconby (on the green)

Kirkby Underwood, Morton, Rippingale

6pm

Dunsby



Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

12 November	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
19 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
26 November	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
3 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion. On occasions this will be replaced by a service of Morning Prayer

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

Thursday 30 November The Feast of St Andrew

6pm Patronal Eucharistic Service Rippingale

A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reflection:

Our daily routine can be shattered by the unexpected and sudden demands life puts on us and our loved ones. Will we be ready to respond? It depends on how well we have tended to our "oil" supply.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ What helps me "stay awake" and alert to God's entrance into my daily life?
- ✚ Is there a practice of prayer, or reflection, I can adopt to help me better respond to Christ each day?



Can you help?

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

Tinned meat	Tinned custard	Tinned rice pudding
Tinned vegetables	Jars of pasta sauce	Packets of plain rice
Squash or fruit juice	Tinned potatoes	Household goods
Shaving gel	Toothbrushes	Toiletries