

World Watch List 2024

What's it like to be a Christian in Yemen - the fourth most dangerous place in the world to be one

How many Christians?

A few thousand. It's hard to know the exact number, given the secrecy they have to live under.

Main threats

Islamic and/or clan oppression

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What's life like for Christians in Yemen?

Conversion from Islam is strictly forbidden in Yemen, and even comes with the death penalty – so when Saleh* chose to follow Jesus, you might have thought he'd keep his new faith secret. Instead, he decided to evangelise outside his local mosque. "If we sit at home and do nothing, we would be safe," he says. "But what kind of a Christians would we be if weren't risking our life for others to know Life?"

During his ministry, he has been arrested and harassed by the authorities. Close friends have been locked in prison. He has received death threats, and had his name and contact information shared with those who wish him harm. But he continues to follow Jesus despite the enormous cost.

"In those tough moments, I would receive a call from someone and they would pray for me, or I would receive text messages from brothers and sisters from the global church, encouraging me that they were praying with us and for us. The church in Yemen is living in very harsh conditions but is growing nonetheless!"

Saleh lives outside Yemen but still travels back to meet and disciple believers – currently serving 70 Christian families in Yemen.

PLEASE PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for the courageous faith of our sisters and brothers in Yemen. Strengthen and protect them from evil, meet their every need, and provide more opportunities for believers to gather and learn about You. Give Christians discernment and courage as they follow You despite such the dangers, and may their transformed lives capture the hearts of those around them and draw them to You. Bring peace to this troubled nation and may Your people one day be free to worship You. Amen

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Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



**10 March 2024
Mothering Sunday**

Psalms 34.11-20

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

**Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.**

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

**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

**Exodus 2.1-10
Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.33-35**

Collect for this Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Joan Curtis Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Gordon Lack, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Michael Merrett, Melissa Metcalf, Tom Rae, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, 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 also remember the souls of Derek Bard, Bella Beeken, Audrey Gray, Sophie Sandford, Sylvia Waddingham 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 (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Ivornie Davies (6 months); Arthur Jefferys, Ivor Roberts, Andrew Waddingham (1 year); Celia Wells, Hannah Faupel, Teddie Creasey, Gordon Durno (2 years).

Congratulations to those who were confirmed recently

Our congratulations and prayers for Joanne Davies, Jon, Brooke & Tellulah Tanner, and Brian & Kim Wooldridge, who were all confirmed by Bishop Nicholas last Sunday.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

New from Morton School

Morton School recently underwent a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, which was full of praise for the Christian ethos which underpins all aspects of school life and the positive impact it has on the whole school community. The opening sentence reads **“Adults and pupils flourish at Morton as a result of its deeply rooted Christian vision. It is aspirational which changes lives and equips people to be the best they can.”** The rest of the report is similarly glowing. It is a testament to the whole school community, pupils, parents, staff and governors, and in particular to the leadership of the school - congratulations to you all.

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

10 March	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Deanery Evensong	Edenham
17 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Bourne Abbey
24 March	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6.30pm	Deanery Evensong	Morton
31 March	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replace 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

Additional Services in the Group

14 March	11am	Funeral of Sophie Sandford	Rippingale
22 March	12pm	Funeral of Audrey Gray	Rippingale
7 April	2pm	Baptism of Thomas Green	Kirkby Underwood

Holy Week and Easter services in the Group

24 March	11am	Palm Sunday Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
25 March	7pm	Holy Week Monday Eucharist	Morton
26 March	7pm	Holy Week Tuesday Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
27 March	7pm	Holy Week Wednesday Eucharist	Haconby
28 March	7pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist <i>With washing of feet</i>	Morton
29 March	1.30pm	Last Hour at the Cross	Morton
30 March	7.30pm	Easter Vigil	Morton
31 March	11am	Easter Sunday Eucharist	Haconby

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