

**Please pray for the many women in Asia who are targeted and persecuted for their faith**

Sunday 16 March – India As an increasing number of states tighten anticonversion laws, more Christians are facing false arrest. Pray for the immediate release of these believers, and that house church leaders will not be attacked or imprisoned

Monday 17 March – Sri Lanka A local Buddhist monk has been harassing Pastor Sarith\*, even pressuring his landlord to evict him. The pastor is now looking for a new place to live. Pray that he will find a new home and that his ministry will continue.

Tuesday 18 March – Pakistan Pray for those who facilitate programmes that teach hundreds of women about their health. Pray for the women who attend, especially expectant and new mothers, and for those who run the training, that their teaching will be effective.

Wednesday 19 March – Pakistan Pray for an education programme for young people, which takes in children who have been rejected by their schools because of their Christian faith. Ask God to strengthen the children in their faith.

Thursday 20 March – Maldives The Maldives is considered to be 100% Muslim, but there are a small number of Christian converts. Please pray that they will have access to God's Word.

Friday 21 March – Nepal Pastor Manoj Pokhrel's church building was attacked by Hindu extremists. His church members have been threatened; many have stopped coming. Pray that God will encourage Pastor Manoj and his church.

Saturday 22 March – North Korea As the secret church continues to grow, ask God to provide protection for those who smuggle Bibles across the border, and for those who will receive them to encounter God in His Word.



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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

16 March 2025  
Second Sunday of Lent



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

## Psalm 27 - Triumphant Song of Confidence

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his  
temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the  
cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his  
tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
**'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.**  
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen  
against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

**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**

### 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 pray for Charlie Hopkinson as he takes his next steps on his journey of faith. We remember Mary Richardson, Ivan Spencer, Brenda Hare, and 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.

Funeral anniversaries: Margaret Winter, Audrey Gray, Sophie Sandford (1 year); Ivor Roberts, Arthur Jefferys (2 years)

Wedding Anniversaries: Clare and Geoff Wadsworth (35 years)

### Additional Services in the Group

20 March	10.30am	Funeral of Norma Worth	Kirkby Underwood
30 March	11am	5th Sunday Eucharist	Haconby

### Readings for this Sunday

**Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17 - 4.1**  
**Luke 13.31-35**



### Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

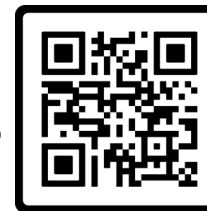
16 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
23 March	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
30 March	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
Wednesday	10 am	Morning Prayer	Morton

### Changes to the services rota starting in April

Following lengthy discussions at PCC, Deanery and Diocesan level, the decision has been taken to combine the Ringstone in Aveland Group with the Corby Glen Group, and seek to appoint an incumbent who will be responsible for all the parishes in this new enlarged group.

As preparation for becoming a single group, it was thought that we should share information of all services within this larger group, so that everyone can see the different opportunities for prayer and worship. Because of the number of services, it will not be possible to include a whole month in the news sheet so each week the current and following weeks' services will be included.

A monthly list of services is available by email. If you would like to receive it, please email [ringstoneoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ringstoneoffice@gmail.com) and ask to be included on the services list. Alternatively, scan this QR code to use the website's contact form.



### 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 noodles, rice etc	
Laundry powder / liquid	Washing up liquid	Toothbrushes
Toilet roll	Razors and shaving foam	

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