

Let us pray with the persecuted church

Persecuted children

Sunday 5 November: Twins Fasil* and Ezana* (7) were vulnerable to persecution in their school in a Muslimmajority village (see Magazine p8). Praise God that they have been moved to a bridge school built by Open Doors. "I am no longer worried about their safety," says their father, Ermias*. "They go there and learn and come back with freedom as they wish." Pray that they will grow in wisdom and knowledge of Jesus



Monday 6 November: Africa In parts of sub-Saharan Africa, Christian girls are particularly vulnerable to sexual abuse, forced marriage and missing out on school. Pray that they will be protected by their parents, churches and communities, and will grow up to know they are deeply loved and valued by God.

Tuesday 7 November: Africa In countries like Nigeria, CAR and Burkina Faso, where violence against Christians is severe, boys often grow up without fathers and take up financial and parental responsibilities at a young age. Pray they will be cared for and supported by faithful men in the church, knowing their Heavenly Father is always with them.

Wednesday 8 November: Persecuted children are often excluded and hidden because of their faith, making them harder to reach and support. Pray for wisdom and compassion for Open Doors workers as they discern how best to meet these children's needs and show them the love of their Heavenly Father.

North Africa

Thursday 9 November: Morocco Morocco is still reeling from the impact of the devastating earthquake that killed over 3,000 people in the High Atlas mountains. Pray for healing for all who grieve, and for wisdom and stamina for NGOs and aid organisations helping those left homeless and jobless by the disaster.

Friday 10 November: Morocco There are believed to be around 31,300 Christians in Morocco – 0.1% of the mostly Muslim population. Since it's illegal to 'shake the faith of a Muslim', telling others about Jesus is risky. Pray that believers will be given wisdom and courage as they seek to share God's love with those impacted by the earthquake.

Saturday 11 November: Morocco Nassif* is a believer who tragically lost his father, as well as his home and possessions, in the earthquake. He's alone and struggling with traumatic memories of the day. Ask the Lord to heal, strengthen and restore our brother, and provide him with fellowship.

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All Saints Day

Psalm 34.1-10

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

**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

Revelation 7.9-17

1 John 3.1-3

Matthew 5.1-12



Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Dennis Gentleman, 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, 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)

A prayer for lasting peace in Gaza and Israel

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Remembrance services in the Group

10.30am

Haconby (on the green)

Kirkby Underwood, Morton, Rippingale

6pm

Dunsby



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Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

5 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
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

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

A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Reflection:

Today's gospel reading comes from the beginning of Jesus' famous "Sermon on the Mount." We hear today, in particular, the beatitudes, which teach us how Jesus wants us to live as His followers. The world says success is based on wealth, but Jesus says we are to be "poor in spirit." Money itself is not bad, but "the love of money is the root of all evil."

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ Do I desire to be a saint?
- ✚ What steps do I need to take to become more holy?



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