

## Praise God for rescue of another Chibok girl

Another Chibok schoolgirl has been rescued! Lydia Simon was rescued by the Nigerian Army, in an answer to the fervent prayers of Christians in Nigeria and around the world.

*Chibok parents recently gathered for a special service for the 10th anniversary of the abduction*



Lydia Simon has recently been rescued by the Nigerian army, according to a BBC report. She is a mother of three children born in captivity, and is five-months pregnant with her fourth child. A spokesperson for the Nigerian Army, as reported in the Nigerian newspaper Punch said, "Lydia was rescued along with her three children by troops conducting Operation Desert Sanity III." The army did not share further details of the rescue, but it is a wonderful answer to prayer for the Chibok parents who gathered last weekend to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the abduction by Islamic militants Boko Haram. On 14 April 2014, more than 270 schoolgirls – mostly Christian – were kidnapped from their dormitories at the federal government school in Chibok. Around 90 are still missing.

During the special anniversary service, parents told Open Doors partners that even if their daughters are freed with children, they do not care about the stigma that is often associated with women who return pregnant or have children with the Islamic militants who have held them captive.

"My hope and prayer is that the God that doesn't fail will bring back our own children," said Yana Gala, the parent of Rifkatu, a young woman who is still among the missing Chibok girls. She added, "Even if they have children now, no matter the condition they are in, we want them that way."

The news of Lydia Simon's release is reason for thanksgiving. Please continue to pray alongside the Chibok parents and community for the release of all the young women. "Prayer is our only solution," shared Hanata Dauda. Her daughter Saratu was freed but now lives in the government-run rehabilitation camp in Maiduguri. "If not for prayers, we don't know what else to do, and with that we trust that, as God released some, He will release all."

### PLEASE PRAY

- Praise God for the rescue of Lydia, and pray for her healing from trauma
- For all the Chibok girls, now young women, to be released
- That communities would be reunited, and joined together in the love of Christ.

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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



28 April 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Psalm 22.25-31: Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live for ever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**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

**Acts 8.26-40**  
**1 John 4.7-21**  
**John 15.1-8**



### Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Gordon Lack, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Tom Rae, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, Kevin Whitfield, Patricia Woodger, 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 Tony Bradbury, Nellie Machin, Belinda Neumann, Elsie 'Mary' Perkins, 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: Penelope Healy (1 year), Michael Nicholson (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Ward (6 months); Robert Wellman (1 year); Celia Margaret Gibson (2 years).

### From today's Gospel Reading

*Jesus said, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."*

#### Reflection:

If God has any "pruning" to do so that we can become more fruitful disciples of Jesus, it can happen when we are attentive to the Word at our Eucharist. What we hear may help us realize how often we have missed or ignored God's gracious outreach to us. Having heard that Word will keep us connected to Jesus the Vine and give us renewed energy and desire to bear fruit as his disciples.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- ✚ When have I felt God has spoken a special word to me?
- ✚ What have I done to respond to what I have heard?

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

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### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

28 April	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
5 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
12 May	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Family Service goes wild at Morton School	Morton
19 May	11am	Eucharist	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? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626***

### Funeral Services in the Group

30 April	1pm	Elsie 'Mary' Perkins	Dunsby
9 May	5.30am	Ascension Day Dawn Eucharist	Haconby

**Ascension Day  
Dawn Eucharist Service**  
9 May at 5.30am  
Haconby Church  
Eucharist service followed  
by breakfast

**Family Service goes wild at  
Morton School**  
12 May at 3pm  
Morton School Forest School  
Celebrate creation through  
prayers, songs and activities  
Stay for tea and cake



**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