

Prayer with those who are persecuted for their faith in Communist Asia

Sunday 11 May – Laos Lajor*, Kavia*, Jane* and Nacha* were imprisoned last year for leading a house church service. Each one is the family breadwinner. Pray for their release and for those supporting their families.

Monday 12 May – North Korea Praise God for an elderly fieldworker who roams the woods in China to find North Korean escapees to help them and share the gospel. He recently fell ill and doctors gave up on him, but he's recovered enough to resume part of his ministry. Pray for continued fruit in old age (Psalm 92:14).

Tuesday 13 May – China "We have heard cases where believers are unprepared for persecution, and when it comes, they don't know how to react," says Yingfei*, a partner. "Pray that our persecution survival trainings can help, so they can bring light into the darkness."

Wednesday 14 May – China Praise God for the recent conversion of several people from Muslim backgrounds in north west China. They need discipling, but 'the workers are few' (Luke 10:2). Pray for more leaders.

Thursday 15 May – Vietnam A celebration at Vietnam Buddhist University in Ho Chi Minh City to mark United Nations Day of Vesak concludes today. Pray for opportunities for Christians to share their faith during this sacred Buddhist event.

Friday 16 May – Vietnam Land, machinery and equipment owned by Pastor Bao* have been confiscated because of his faith. He also believes the authorities poisoned the shrimp he farms for his business. Pray for resilience and the return of all possessions.

Saturday 17 May – Laos This month, local partners are hosting several Bible teaching and prayer events. Pray for safe travel and that people's faith will be strengthened.

Give thanks for answered prayers

When Christians in Chhattisgarh, India, were threatened with impending mob violence in March, they asked you to pray – and the impact was immediate! Hindu extremists called for a large-scale rally against majority-Christian villages on 1 March, after two religious leaders made inflammatory speeches suggesting that 'cow slaughterers' were fair game for attack. In Hinduism, cows are sacred animals, and some Indian states ban the slaughter of cows. Various Christian and human rights organisations spoke out, and Christian leaders in Chhattisgarh had high-level meetings with government officials and other religious leaders. Believers from different denominations gathered in protest. Praise God, the rally was cancelled and there were no reports of violence or persecution throughout the day.

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ Give thanks that the rally was cancelled
- ✚ For continued peace and harmony in the state
- ✚ For protection of Christians in India.

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Mob violence against Christians cancelled

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

We welcome Revd Peter Lister, and thank him for leading our Eucharist service



Psalm 23 The Divine Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long

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

The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The prayer after communion for this Sunday

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 remember the souls Molly Rogers, Barbara Durno and of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

We congratulate Rowena and Thomas Sutton, who were married on Saturday 26 April

Funeral anniversaries: Barbara Robinson, Belinda Neumann, Patricia Woodger(1 year); Frank Wyer (2 years)

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 9.36-43

Revelation 7.9-17

John 10.22-30



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Can you help?

The following items are just a few things that they are running low on.

Tinned Veg	Tinned Fruit
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Meat
Custard	Rice Pudding
Coffee	Toilet Paper
Squash	Snack Bars
Tinned Potatoes	Long Life Fruit Juice

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 you can

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 11 May	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	11am	Eucharist	Irnham
	3pm	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Sunday 18 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	11am	Eucharist	Swayfield
	11am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	11am	Morning Worship with Sunday School	Corby Glen
Sunday 25 May	10.15am	Café Church	Swayfield Village Hall
	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	11am	Eucharist	Corby Glen
	11am	Hymns and Prayers	Irnham
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	6pm	Eucharist	Bitchfield
Wednesday services	10am	Morning Prayer	Morton
	10am	Eucharist	Corby Glen

A monthly list of services is available by email. If you would like to receive it, please email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com and ask to be included on the services list.

From today's Book of Revelation reading

"I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue."

Reflection:

In a competing and divided world, the Book of Revelation gives us a vision of our mutuality. We are interdependent; our present and our future are entwined. We cannot live lives of indifference and isolation; not if we plan to go before, "the one who sits on the throne" and be fed together at the same eternal banquet table.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ✠ Do I share John's vision of the future unity of all peoples?
- ✠ What am I doing to heal divisions that I perceive around me?