

Please pray for Iran and the wider region as the impact of war intensifies



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*“This pain is like childbirth, it comes with distress, but we pray for it to bring life and freedom soon,”* shares Sahar\*, a Christian woman from southern Iran. *“Please keep praying, people here need hope. They need to know that there is a Saviour.”*

Sahar’s hope and prayer describe the general situation in Iran as it ends a violent week of military strikes and ongoing devastation.

Iranian Christians have been praying and fasting since long before the war escalated, grieving oppression from government and its crackdowns on civilian protestors that left thousands dead. And now, those prayers have taken on an even greater urgency as they live in a warzone and grapple with uncertain futures. Believers are asking God for freedom, justice, courage, peace and salvation for their nation.

Ahmad\*, a Christian man from a port city echoes this hope. *“He strengthens us. In these days, Psalm 94 has been my comforting passage. It acknowledges despair and injustice, yet declares that God sees, judges and acts.”*

These testimonies remind us that despite fear and uncertainty, the church in Iran remains united in prayer, expecting God’s mighty work for a future where Iranian believers can finally practice their faith freely. *“We trust that the birth of a new future for Iran is coming, in His perfect timing and will,”* shares Behzad\*.

### Please pray

Heavenly Father, we join with our brothers and sisters in Iran and the region in calling for peace and protection over citizens in those countries. Please strengthen our church family to be salt and light in the midst of crisis, and may Your kindness and mercy be powerfully present. Give wisdom and restraint to all decision-makers and let hope, love and freedom reign in Iran. Amen.

*\*Name changed for security reasons.*

For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/iran-urgent-prayer>

## Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet 8 March Third Sunday of Lent



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

### Psalm 95: A Call to Worship and Obedience

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

For he is our God,

**O come, let us worship and bow down,**

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

**Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,**

**as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

when your ancestors tested me,

and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**For forty years I loathed that generation**

**and said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,**

**and they do not regard my ways.’**

Therefore in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’

**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 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11  
John 4.5-42



### Please pray for...

Clifford Hitchens, Jane Nichols, Jonathan Newell, 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 Eben Atkinson, 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

### Anniversaries...

Baptism Anniversaries: Charlie Hopkinson (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: David Scotney, Norma Worth, Beryl Grange (1 year); Margaret Winter, Audrey Gray, Sophie Sandford (2 years)

### The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

### The Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### Did you know?.....



If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in our drop off bin at the back of the church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be available in the foodbank. **Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>**

**These are a few of the things that are running low. Can you help?**

**Shampoo**

**Deodorant (M)**

**Pasta Sauce**

**Tinned Meat**

**UHT Milk**

**Washing Powder**

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

<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Haconby</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnhem
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Morton</b>
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
<b>Sunday 15 March</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Bassingthorpe
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Morton</b>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Irnhem
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield

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<b>Wednesday Services</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Morton</b>
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### Additional Services

<b>Monday 9 March</b>	11am	Funeral of Lesley Lawrance	Morton
<b>Tuesday 7 April</b>	7pm	Licensing of Revd Helen Roulston	Morton

### The Bishop of Grantham (Acting Bishop of Lincoln) is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Helen Roulston to the Corby Glen & Ringstone in Aveland Groups.

Helen has most recently been working as a Self Supporting Minister in the Diocese of Lincoln.

Helen will be licensed 7pm, Tuesday April 7, 2026 at St John the Baptist, Morton with the Acting Bishop of Lincoln and the Archdeacon of Lincoln officiating.

**If you would like to attend the licensing service**, please would you speak with Colin Brown (07836 326547) of Tim O'Riordan (07985 011212) or email Sue on ringstoneoffice@gmail.com **no later than Monday 9 March.**

**If you would be willing to help as a sides person**, or with serving the refreshments afterwards, again please contact Tim, Colin or Sue

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