

Pray with our persecuted brothers and sisters

Sunday 19th July – Men's World Cup Final Mexico is co-host for this year's tournament. Pray that the world's focus on Mexico will also bring the plight of persecuted Mexican Christians to greater attention, and lead to change for our brothers and sisters.

Monday 20th July

– Mexico *"When we faced*

persecution, I didn't know the global church was praying,"

says Silvia from Oaxaca. *"Those prayers*

sustained us in

our darkest moments." Ask God to shine His face upon those facing hostility, giving them peace (Numbers 6:25-26).

Tuesday 21st July – Venezuela The country is experiencing uncertainty following the capture of President Nicolás Maduro by the US in January. Ask the Holy Spirit to work through this situation to strengthen the church and draw many to Jesus.

Wednesday 22nd July – Cuba Cubans are facing a worsening humanitarian crisis because of fuel shortages. Food is scarce, electricity fails, medicine is limited, and water supplies are unreliable. Pray for food and resources, and for the crisis to end.

Thursday 23rd July – Cuba Christians are suffering increasing repression. Pastors are being questioned, spies infiltrate services, and churches are being closed. Pastor Luis* requests your prayers, sharing, *"We're worried and stressed, but we're trying to rest in the Lord, asking for strength."*

Friday 24th July – Honduras Honduras is going through a fragile transition following controversial elections last year. Pray that the new government will act with integrity, transparency and justice.

Saturday 25th July – Nicaragua Tomorrow is Liberation Day, a national holiday which carries significant political and ideological weight. Pray for the church's effective witness over the coming days.

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Psalm 139.1-11,23,24: The Inescapable God

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.**

See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**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**

Collect for this Sunday

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all
good things: graft in our
hearts the love of your
name, increase in us true
religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great
mercy keep us in the same;
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



Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 28.10-19a

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43



Please pray for...

Adrian Marryat, Linda Hall, Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, 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 Elizabeth Hayward, John Hibbins 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.

Please pray for Jacob and Phillipe who will be baptised this Sunday at Morton.

Anniversaries

Weddings: Natasha and Daniel Green (2 years)

Baptisms: Florence Larham (1 year)

Funerals: June Jenkins, Eric Wyer (1 year)

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



From today's gospel

Jacob is on the run—isolated, anxious, and far from home—yet it's precisely there, in the wilderness with only a stone for a pillow, that he discovers God is nearer than he ever imagined. The ladder stretching between heaven and earth is a picture of God's initiative: Jacob isn't climbing up to reach God; God is coming down to meet Jacob. Grace arrives not in the comfortable places, but in the uncertain ones.

Jacob wakes with a realisation that feels both awestruck and tender: *"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."* It's a reminder that God's presence is often quieter, deeper, and more present than our circumstances suggest. The ground that felt like exile becomes holy ground.

A question for reflection: Where might God already be present in your life—quietly, unexpectedly—waiting for you to notice?

Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 19th July	9.00am	Eucharist Service	*Burton w Bassingthorpe
	11.00am	Eucharist Service	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	11.00am	Eucharist Service	Swayfield
Wednesday 22nd July	10.00am	Eucharist Service	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
Sunday 26th July	9.00am	Eucharist Service	Corby Glen
	10.15am	Café Church	Swayfield Village Hall
	11.00am	Eucharist Service	Kirkby Underwood
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	6.00pm	Eucharist Service	Bitchfield
Wednesday 29th July	10.00am	Eucharist Service	Morton
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen

Additional Services

Saturday 29 th August	tbc	Baptism of Louie, Jonathan & Michael Blackbourn	Haconby
Saturday 26 th September	2pm	Baptism of Freya Cambell	Morton

Did you know?.....

If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in the drop off bin at the back of Morton 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>

Urgently needed items – can you help?

Pasta Sauce UHT Milk Washing Powder

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