

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



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As violence and fear continue across Iran, there have been a few small signs of hope. After a long period of complete communication blackout, some Iranians are finally able to contact their friends and relatives again.

“It was such a relief to hear the voices of our sisters and brothers after nine days of silence,” an Open Doors partner shared after managing a few brief calls with believers in Iran. *“Praise the Lord, they are safe.”*

Others are still desperate for answers.

One Open Doors partner spoke about a Christian family whose eldest son has been missing since January, after disappearing during the protests.

“The family has searched everywhere—prisons, hospitals and even mortuaries—but they still have no information,” says the partner. *“Please pray for protection over their son, wherever he may be, and for comfort for his parents as they wait. The silence and uncertainty have been incredibly heavy for them.”*

Please pray:

- **Pray for the children of Iran.** Ask God to protect them from violence, fear and any situation that could place them in danger. *“Children are a heritage from the Lord”* (Psalm 127:3), and we pray for their safety and peace.

- **Pray for Christians in detention.** Especially remember those in Evin Prison and other facilities where conditions are worsening. Pray for God’s protection over their bodies, minds and spirits.

- **Pray for wisdom and courage for believers.**

Many are facing fear, displacement and uncertainty each day. Ask God to strengthen their faith and guide their steps.

- **Pray for healing across the nation.**

Pray for an end to violence and for lasting peace to take root in Iran.

- **Pray for the country’s leaders.**

Ask God to raise up just and compassionate leaders who seek peace and protect their people. Pray also for protection over the whole Middle East during this unstable time.

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

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet 22 March 5th Sunday of Lent



We welcome Revd Peter Lister and thank him for leading our services today

Psalm 130: Waiting for Divine Redemption

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**



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); Arthur Jeffrys (3 years)



Readings for this Sunday
Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45



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

Safeguarding & Contact Information

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

Sunday 22 March	10.15am	Café Church	Swayfield Village Hall
	11.00am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Bitchfield
Sunday 29 March	11.00am	Eucharist	Dunsby
	4.00pm	Corby Group HC	Irnham

Wednesday Services	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
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Easter Services in the Ringstone in Aveland

Sunday 29 March	11.00am	Eucharist	Dunsby
Friday 3 April 2026 – Good Friday	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross	Morton
Sunday 5 April – Easter Sunday	10.30am	Easter Hymns & Prayers	Dunsby
	11.00am	Eucharist	Morton

Additional Services

Tuesday 7 April	7pm	Licensing of Revd Helen Roulston	Morton
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Can you help?

We are excited to be welcoming the new vicar to the group. Revd Helen's licensing service is at 7pm on Tuesday 7 April at St. John the Baptist, Morton

Everyone is welcome to come to this service, however we ask that you let one of us know as soon as possible **and by Friday March 20th**, as we need to know numbers for seating and for catering the refreshments afterwards.

We also need people to be **sidespeople** and to **help with the refreshments** If you are able to help with either of these please would you let us or Dianne know, or email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com.

Many thanks, Colin and Tim