



Church leader released from prison in North Korea

Deacon Jang* Released After 11 Years in Prison

Thank you for your faithful prayers for Christians imprisoned in North Korea. We give thanks that your prayers—and the prayers of believers around the world—have contributed to the wonderful news of a church leader’s release after more than ten years in captivity.

Deacon Jang* is an ethnic

Korean-Chinese Christian from Changbai, a town on the Chinese side of the border with North Korea. He was known for offering humanitarian help to North Koreans who crossed the border in search of food, medicine, and temporary shelter. Alongside this practical support, he also shared his Christian faith. He was later sentenced to 15 years in prison for alleged “defamation” and “subversion.”

It is believed he was unexpectedly released on 5 November 2025. This is highly unusual, as Christians detained for their faith—especially those with foreign links—are rarely freed early. Jang is now recovering with his family in China, though he is physically and mentally exhausted.

Simon Lee*, who supports ministry among North Koreans, reminds us: “Not everyone survives imprisonment in North Korea. We must thank God that Jang did, and pray for his full recovery.” He also notes the extreme danger faced by anyone who helps North Koreans or shares the Christian faith.

Open Doors estimates that 50,000–70,000 North Korean Christians remain imprisoned today, many for simply owning a Bible or meeting secretly for worship. Conditions are harsh and often deadly.

Jang’s release encourages us to keep praying for those still detained.

Please Pray

- Give thanks for Deacon Jang’s release and pray for his healing and reunion with family
- Pray for freedom for the many Christians still imprisoned for their faith
- Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen and sustain all believers currently detained

**Names changed for security reasons.*

For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsk.org>

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Psalm 8: Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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
Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31
2 Corinthians 13.11-13
Matthew 28.16-20



Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, 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 Charles Friend, Tina Bradley, Janet Chubbock, Clifford Hitchens, 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.

The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Friendship Service at St John the Baptist, Morton

Sunday 7 June at 3pm

This is a service for all ages, led by the children at Morton School. A joyous service around the theme of friendship and welcome, with tea and cake afterwards.

Please come along and support the children in their faith journey.



Services for the next week in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 31st May	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (Group) Holy Communion (Group)	Burton le Coggles Rippingale
Wednesday 3rd June	10.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Morton Corby Glen
Sunday 7th June	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 5.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Friendship and Welcome Service, led by Morton School Evensong	Swayfield Morton Corby Glen Morton Irnham
Wednesday 10th June	10.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Corby Glen Morton
Sunday 14th June	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Haconby Irnham Corby Glen 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

Additionally needed items - can you help?

Tinned vegetables Squash Soap hand wash Toilet rolls
Shower gel Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard etc) Tea bags

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