



“The war cannot stop the worshipping of the Lord,” says Bishop Abdo

“I have lost all my possessions; my house is burnt and everything we had in the house is completely gone. Even the church is burnt, and everything in it is all gone.”

This is the reality for Abdo* (69), a Sudanese church leader displaced from his home in Gezira State. His story reflects the reality for the civilians caught in the crosshairs of Sudan’s war. After Abdo’s house and church were destroyed, he fled with his family, but life remains difficult. “I can’t work, and so it’s a struggle to feed my family, and my children can’t go to school,” he says.

Christians make up a tiny minority in Sudan – just 4% of the population – but are just as affected by the war as the rest of the country. Neither the SAF nor the RSF welcome Christians, and since the start of the war, more than 100 church buildings have been damaged, and Christians have been abducted and killed.

Additionally, Christians are experiencing exceptional hardship in the hunger crisis as local communities discriminate against them because of their faith and won’t give them support. And many of the churches that could support believers with aid distribution are on the run.

After nearly three years of war, a negotiated end to the violence has still not been reached. There’s no end in sight and no signs of peace for the Sudanese people and the church.

“We don’t ask that the Lord bless you so you can bless us,” shares a displaced church leader. “But we ask that He encourages you to continue in prayer. And your prayer is very important us. Pray that peace finds its home in Sudan.”

*Name changed for security reasons

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We welcome Revd Sylvia Rice-Oxley and thank her for leading our Eucharist service

Psalm 121: Assurance of God’s Protection

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Please pray for...

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 loss.

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)



Readings for this Sunday
Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5,13-17
John 3.1-17



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.

This is to ensure that we have a good idea of numbers for catering and seating.

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

Sunday 1 March	9.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
	11.00am	Eucharist	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
Sunday 8 March	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Irnham
	9.00am	Eucharist	Haconby
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnham
	3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen

Wednesday Services	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
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Additional Services

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



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
Tinned Meat

Deodorant (M)
UHT Milk

Pasta Sauce
Washing Powder

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