

As we approach the launch of the 2026 World Watch list, let us pray for our fellow Christians, who live in parts of the world where it is most dangerous to practice your Christian faith.



**Sunday 11 January – Sudan** Pray for an end to conflict in Sudan. Ask the Lord to protect, comfort and provide for Christians who have no safe place to go, and pray for courage to carry Christ’s peace and hope to their communities.

**Monday 12 January – Eritrea** Many Christians are detained in Eritrea’s notorious prison system, often simply for practising their faith. Pray that their hope in Christ remains strong and that they will be set free.

**Tuesday 13 January – Syria** Many Christians live with constant uncertainty since the overthrow of the Assad regime by the Islamist group HST. Pray that Interim President al-Sharaa will respect and protect the rights of all Syrians, regardless of religious or ethnic background.

**Wednesday 14 January – UK&I** Ask God to bless the launch of the World Watch List in Parliament today. Pray that many MPs will attend and be moved to action, and pray for good media coverage that raises greater awareness of the scale and severity of the persecution of Christians.

**Thursday 15 January – Nigeria** According to Open Doors research, more Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country. Pray that Nigeria’s government will do all they can to protect people from violence, and ask God to convict and change those who inflict violence on His people.

**Friday 16 January – Pakistan** Pakistan’s blasphemy laws continue to disproportionately impact Christians. Pray for justice for those unjustly accused of blasphemy and for God’s strength and protection for lawyers working to defend them.

**Saturday 17 January – Libya** Libya’s very few Christians face incredible dangers if their faith is discovered – be it from the authorities, Islamist groups, even families and communities. Pray that believers will ‘be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power’ (Ephesians 6:10).

## Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet 11 January The Baptism of Christ



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

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

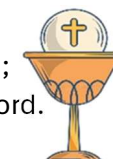
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Haconby</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Irnham
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Plough Sunday Service</b>	<b>Rippingale</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Morton</b>
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	9.00am	Holy Communion	Bassingthorpe
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Morton</b>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
<b>Wednesday Services</b>	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Swayfield
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Morton</b>
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen

#### The Collect for this Sunday

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 for this Sunday

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### **Psalm 29: The Voice of God in a Great Storm**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**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 42.1-9**

**Acts 10.34-43**

**Matthew 3.13-17**



#### **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**

### **Please pray for...**

Jane Nichols, Jonathan Newell, Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Rory O'Riordan, 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 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...**

Wedding Anniversaries: Nicholas and Catherine Walker (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Ashton, Astrid Kuhn (1 year); Shirley Dawson, Peter Chubbuck (2 years)

### **From today's Gospel reading**

*"After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him."*

#### Reflection:

Christ was not spared the costs of being God's Servant. Right after his baptism when saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him, Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. His baptism doesn't guarantee him a smooth path through life; nor does it guarantee us a smooth ride. In fact, our baptism will cost us, for the faithful are to live the life of service that Jesus did.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- ✚ When and how does it "cost" you to be a disciple of Jesus?
- ✚ Do you experience God's help when being a Christian comes with a price?



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