

“There is no place where Christ cannot be followed”



“My father said, ‘If you become a Christian, I will be the one to kill you.’”

Christians in Somalia live in one of the harshest environments in the world and persecution arises from multiple sources. A key one amongst them is the extremist group Al-Shabaab, which openly executes anyone they suspect might be a Christian.

Conversion to Christianity comes with extreme risk and some are even killed by their own relatives to preserve the ‘honour’ of the community. Aweis*, a Somali believer, received a death threat from his father when he found out about his son’s interest in Jesus.

Aweis grew up on the outskirts of Somalia’s capital, Mogadishu. He comes from an Islamic background and his father, a Muslim cleric, sought to make him his successor. But when Aweis inadvertently came across a Christian radio station one evening, all that he had known was turned upside-down.

“It was just a matter of intellect, spiritual curiosity,” he recalls. “I had no plan to convert and follow Jesus.” However, when Aweis shared his findings with his father, that was when he received his first threat. From that time on, Aweis explored the Christian faith in secret.

When Aweis became a Christian three years later, he was ejected from his tightly knit community. His life was transformed. “I was an outcast, someone who had defiled the family name,” he says.

“Every time I faced intensive persecution, I identified with Christ, and I felt closer to him.”

“We know the risk, but if you have a calling, you count the cost and you proceed,” he says. “You do not stop, no matter what. Jesus means everything to me, so much so that my life will be worthless, not worth living if I did not have Him.”

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Ringstone in Aveland

News Sheet

15 February

Sunday next before Lent



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

Psalm 2 God’s Promise to His Anointed

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

‘Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.’

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
‘I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.’

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, ‘You are my son;

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

today I have begotten you. You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet,
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

**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
Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21
Matthew 17.1-9



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

The Collect for this Sunday
Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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
Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



15th February	9.00am	Holy Communion	Bassingthorpe
	11.00am	Eucharist	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
Sunday 22 February	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

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, 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 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.

Wednesday Services	10.00am	Eucharist	Morton
	10.00am	Eucharist	Corby Glen

Additional Services

Wednesday 18 February	10am	Ash Wednesday Eucharist	Morton
Tuesday 24 February	11am	Funeral of Eben Atkinson	Rippingale

Anniversaries...
Funeral anniversaries: Gordon Coupland, Brenda Hare (1 year); Isabella Beekin, Fiona Creasey, (2 years)

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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