

Let us pray this week for church leaders

Saturday 22 February – Venezuela When Pastor Manuel shared Psalm 119:114 with the leader of a prison gang who opposed his work, the leader cried and said his mother used to read the verse to him. He now supports the pastor, with prisoners coming to know Jesus. Pray for more salvation.

Monday 24 February – Uzbekistan Pray for several house church leaders whose activities are being watched by the authorities. Ask God to strengthen and protect them and give them courage to keep meeting.

Tuesday 25 February – Malaysia Pastor Tiang*, who works among an undocumented people group, is being watched by the authorities. They know his vehicle, where he parks, even where he goes for breakfast. Pray for protection and wellbeing for him and his family, and ask God to make seeing eyes blind.

Wednesday 26 February – Mexico Father Marcelo Pérez, a well-known priest and activist, was shot dead in October, a month after saying there was ‘a price on my head’ for speaking out against organised crime. Pray for the protection of church leaders who are bravely seeking to counter crime.

Thursday 27 February – Vietnam “I’ve learned how to lead a small group in prayer ministry,” says Mai*, who attends a leadership programme run by Open Doors partners. Pray that students will ‘set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity’ (1 Timothy 4:12).

Friday 28 February – Bhutan Power and water have been cut off from Pastor Rajen’s home after he used it to host church meetings. He had sought permission but it was denied, and there’s nowhere else for his church to gather. Pray for breakthrough and favour.

Saturday 1 March – DRC “Christians come to church with fear in their eyes,” says Pastor Jacob (left), survivor of eight attacks by Allied Democratic Forces militants. “You can see it when you preach.” Pray that he will have ‘a wellinstructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary’ (Isaiah 50:4)

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Second Sunday before Lent

He commands
even the winds and the water,
and they obey him.”

Luke 8:25 NIV

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

Psalm 65: Thanksgiving for Earth’s Bounty

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

**By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with
might.**

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of
the peoples.

**Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full
of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with
showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with
richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves
with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

**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**

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, 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 Mary Richardson, Ivan Spencer, Brenda Hare, Peter Ashton, Astrid Kuhn, 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.

Funeral anniversaries: John Cottingham (6 months); Peter Emmingham (1 year);

Can you help?

There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church.

Please be as generous as possible.



Milk (UHT cartons)
Tinned meat
Custard
Laundry powder / liquid
Toilet roll

Fruit juice / squash
Jam
Snacks—pot noodles, rice etc
Washing up liquid
Razors and shaving foam

Coffee
Deserts
Toothbrushes

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

23 February	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
2 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
9 March	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Friendship Service	Morton
16 March	11am	Eucharist	Morton
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

From 1 January, the Wednesday service will be Morning Prayer.

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Please speak with your church warden, or email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25; Revelation 4

Luke 8.22-25



Friendship Service

When: Sunday 9 March

Time: 3pm

Where: St John the Baptist, Morton

This is a service for all ages, led by the children at Morton School. A joyous service around the theme of friendship, with tea and cake afterwards. Please come along and support the children in their faith journey.



Ash Wednesday Eucharist

We are pleased to announce that Revd Peter Lister has offered to lead a Eucharist service on Ash Wednesday.

When: Wednesday 5 March

Time: 5.30pm

Where: St John the Baptist, Morton

This service replaces Morning Prayers at Morton 5 March

