

While we enjoy the freedom to worship as we choose, let us stand with those who are persecuted for their faith

**Sunday 17 November – Mexico** “We never stopped praying, always singing praises and saying that we wouldn’t faint in the way of the Lord,” says Lazaro, one of 35 people expelled from their community. They’ve since returned – and their number is growing! *“Pray that my community will come to know God.”*

**Monday 18 November – Indonesia** Dina\* became a Christian in Hong Kong, but when she returned home her father labelled her an infidel. After fleeing home, local partners helped her start a business. “I love sharing my faith, I’m not afraid,” she says. *Pray for people to encounter Jesus through her.*

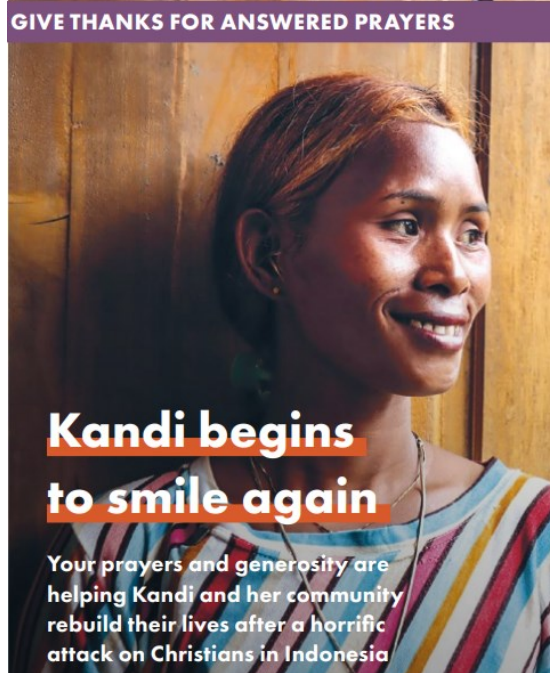
**Tuesday 19 November – Ethiopia** When Miftah\* (26) gave his life to Jesus, his family were furious and he was driven from home. “I thank those who persecuted me; they made me run to God,” he says. *“Pray that I stand strong in all things.”*

**Wednesday 20 November – China** In the 1990s, Fen\* was handcuffed for her faith and paraded in the streets. “All this did not affect my faith in Christ, and after more than 20 years, I am still holding onto Jesus.” *Pray for Fen as she seeks opportunities to share this enduring faith with others.*

**Thursday 21 November – Central Asia** Danmar\* was sacked as a policeman when he couldn’t stop telling others about Jesus and how his son was healed of leukaemia. When two ex-colleagues asked for prayer, they said, “We’re so grateful for your kind heart and for your prayer – you brought hope.” *Pray for their salvation.*

**Friday 22 November – Sri Lanka** Amaya’s\* husband allows her to attend church, but he limits her engagement with Christianity. “Sometimes he calls me from his work to check if I’m praying,” she says. It’s been this way for ten years, but still she stands strong. *“Please pray that he comes to know Christ.”*

**Saturday 23 November – Nicaragua** Many Christian leaders are under increasing government surveillance. “It’s time to share the good news,” says Pastor Wilber. “We must employ many strategies, knowing we may not complete our work, but we cannot stay silent.” *Pray for continued resilience.*



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**PRESERVE ME, O GOD:**  
for in thee do  
**I PUT MY TRUST.**

Psalm 16:1 KJV  
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**17 November 2024**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**

We welcome Silvia Rice-Oxley to St John the Baptist Church,  
and thank her for taking today’s service

### Collect for this Sunday

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world’s salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Psalm 16: Song of Trust and Security in God

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures 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**

### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, 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 also remember the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wedding anniversaries: Margaret and Toby Uglow (2 years)

Baptism anniversaries: Jasper Williams (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Barbara Robinson, Belinda Neumann, Patricia Woodger (6 months); John Coddington (1 year); Emma Green (2 years)



### Readings for this Sunday

Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14; Mark 13.1-8



### .Can you help?

Here is a list of items that are running low, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food at any of our Donation Points

Milk (UHT cartons)	Tinned or Packet Potatoes	Squash
Tinned vegetables	Tinned Rice Pudding	Pulses
Tinned or carton custard	Tea Bags (80 packs preferred)	Rice

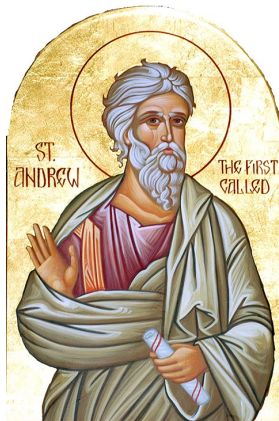
**There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible.**

### Commemorating the Feast of St. Andrew Saturday 30 November

This year there will be a Eucharist service at 6pm at St Andrew's Church, Haconby to celebrate the Feats of St. Andrew.

Afterwards there is a Fish & Chip supper at The Hare and Hounds.

Meals need to be pre-ordered and cost £12 a head. Please let Jill Hall know if you would like to come to the supper. She can be contacted on 01778570653



### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

17 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
24 November	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
1 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
8 December	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Christingle Service	Morton

Wednesday 10 am See below Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion. On occasions this will be replaced by a service of Morning Prayer

**Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626**

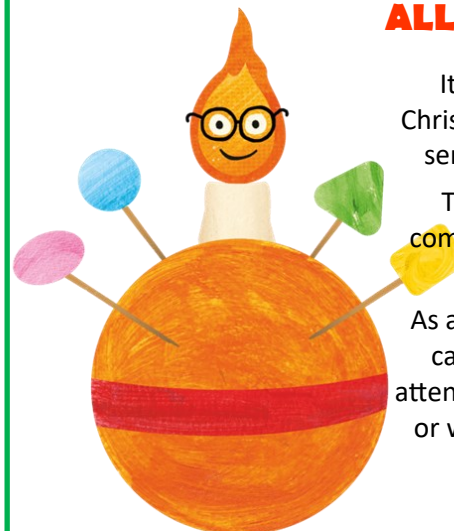
### Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Group Administrator and for entries to news sheet (by Tuesday please)  
Sue O'Riordan: ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

### Sunday 8 December at 3pm Christingle service at Morton ALL WELCOME



It's hard to believe that it is almost time for Christingle and Carol Services, but the first advent service in the group is only a few weeks away.

This service is well supported by the village community, especially as the children of Morton School play an active part in the service.

As always, we would like to offer tea, coffee and cake after the service, for all those who have attended. If you are able to help by providing cake, or with serving/tidying up, please would you let Dianne, Fay or Sue know.