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"This is the confidence that we have in approaching God, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." 1 John 5: 14

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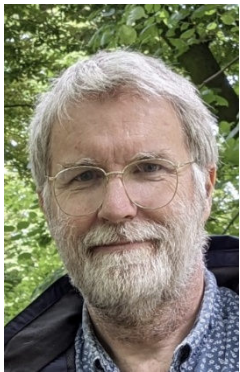
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Pastoral Visits:

At Maidstone Baptist Church we are happy to offer pastoral visits - for prayer, communion, or simply a chat. We can meet at church, in your home, or elsewhere, such as in a park or coffee shop.

If you feel this would be helpful, please speak to Nigel or Al, or to your Pastoral Leader.



I love Sunday mornings! I love being with you all, seeing the Church fill up, watching people greet each other and chat later over coffee. I love hearing the praise as we worship God together, and I love feeling the Holy Spirit move amongst us. But one of my favourite things is when the children and young people leave!! It is a real blessing to see the youngsters leave and to see the church half empty. At one time we were concerned about the small number of children - God has answered prayers. And we really are blessed with so many dedicated class-leaders who go out with them. One thing is certain - when they go out they're not just babysitting the children so they don't get bored and fidget through the sermon: there is a real dedication to Bible teaching, discipling, making space for deep questions. It really encourages the children - and the leaders - when we ask them what they have learnt in their groups.

Being a child in today's world is tough. Many of us worry about the state of the world our children are growing up in. And it can be easy for us to look back with rose-tinted glasses and mutter "back in my day" as we tut at some behaviour or outfit that we don't agree with. And modern-day parenting is hard too. Our children grow up in a world governed by technology. And - love it or loathe it - that technology is here to stay. Youngsters have easy access to 24-hour news of atrocities from across the world. It's hard to protect young minds from images of war and bloodshed. Children need to cope in a world of AI which, used in the right way, brings many benefits. But all too often AI can bring a false narrative to simple everyday happenings. In short we - adults and children - are often uncertain as to whether what we see and read is reliable. Parents need to negotiate that alongside their children.

But God created our children and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life isn't a coincidence or accident, just as ours isn't. As a church we have a duty of care for everyone. We are one family under God, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and so we have to look out for one another. Maybe offer to mind a baby or play with a toddler while mum or dad have a coffee - it may be the only break they get that week. Maybe chat to the teenagers, asking how they are and what's going on in their life. And parents - encourage your children to chat to different adults -

they may be missing young children or grandchildren and would welcome those cross-generational conversation, which can be very powerful and encouraging for all age-groups.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16

In our confusing, fast-paced digital world, life can be really complex. But we can all help make Sundays different. Church is real, it's tangible. Face to face conversations matter. God is real. Safe spaces for asking questions are so important. Church is a place we can be open, honest, raw, vulnerable, safe, loved, ourselves. Who are you going to talk to and get to know next week?

And if you sense God might be calling YOU to do more with our children and young people, come and talk. If you're interested in supporting our work with our Sunday groups chat to Barbara, or talk to Al about getting to know our youth and the various activities designed for them. Our children and teenagers are the future of the church, and they matter enormously!

Nigel

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BMS Birthday Scheme.

August 1 st	Sheila Smith
August 5 th	Mary King
August 9 th	Anne Lever



Happy Birthday to you all!

How to be Thankful

The woman was very poor; she felt very dull and thought she had nothing to be thankful for.

Her minister tried hard to persuade her that she had solid reasons for being thankful to God, but with no success. He pointed out that she had received many good things, some of them spiritual, some not. She replied that she had nothing in body or soul to be thankful for.

The minister silently prayed to God for wisdom and then asked the woman, “Does your neighbour’s husband drink when he is out, and beat her when he returns?”

“Yes”, she agreed.

“Does your husband do so to you?”

“No”, she answered reluctantly.

“Well then, should you not thank God that you have a kind husband?”

The woman did not answer, so the minister repeated his question until the woman agreed she should. He then told her he would not leave the house until she promised to thank God on her knees for this mercy morning and evening, every day. After she agreed to do so, he told her that she had something to be thankful for and she must keep her promise.

Several days later, he came back and found a very different woman waiting for him. She told him, “I have longed to see you and have wished to thank you. For a morning or two I did as I promised, but I did not rightly feel what I said. Then one day when I was thanking God that I had a kind husband, I thought I should thank Him that I had healthy children. And when I was thanking Him for that, I thought that I should thank Him that I had bread to put in their mouths. And when I was thanking the Lord for that, I thought I should thank Him that I had clothes to put on their backs, and a house to cover their heads. I found when I was thanking God for one

thing, another thought came into my head, and another still; now I do not know where to stop, and I feel so happy.”

How many things have we to thank God for? We must thank God for the good things we receive.

Cheering Words magazine. July 2026

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Ladies Picnic



All the ladies of the Maidstone Baptist Church family are invited to come and share a picnic together on **Saturday 8th August** at Teston Country Park, Teston Lane, ME18 5BX.

We will gather at 12:00 and start to head home again about 15:00. Please bring your own picnic; also a rug or chair if needed.

Parking is £3:50 for the day and can be paid by app or card. There is a kiosk serving drinks and snacks but please note this is card only. Plenty of toilet facilities are available.

If getting there is a problem, or you are able to offer lifts, please speak to Sheila or Nic

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Deadline for September Knightrider Street News:

Sunday August 9th

Please e-mail contributions to the address on inside front cover

No later than 20.00hrs on this date



Prayer Points

August 2026

- Sat 1st Let us pray for peace within the Government at this time today, speaking the name of Jesus.
- Sun 2nd Pray for people living in war zones around the world. Pray for those trying to help people who have lost their homes and for lasting peace to be achieved with just settlements for everyone.
- Mon 3rd Pray for those people who are still trying to run from their homelands where there is persecution and violence. Let us pray for children who are travelling alone.
- Tue 4th As our young people who have left school this Summer are embarking on their search for work and security or deciding if they should pursue further education, let us ask God to be with them and guide them.
- Wed 5th Pray for the deacons in the planning of the churchs' role now and in the future, for guidance that right decisions will be made. Pray for the leadership team as they support our minister Nigel.
- Thur 6th Pray for the church worship group and those who conduct the musical items each week.
- Fri 7th Pray today for all those in church who are going through a tough time in their Christian life and struggling .Pray for strength and

guidance, particularly for our new baptismal candidates.

Sat 8th Let us pray for those who are recently bereaved and lost loved ones, for Jesus to comfort them and give peace to all who are looking after dying relatives.

Sun 9th Today pray for the churches here in Maidstone that the members will be united in spirit and in truth.

Mon 10th Pray for those who are sick and those who have recently been diagnosed with a worrying illness: also those who are receiving treatment.

Tue 11th Pray for those in hospital and those in nursing homes receiving 24 hour care here in Maidstone, who are not able to get out as before.

Wed 12th Remember our hospitals and emergency services here in Kent as they endeavour to respond to all kinds of challenges placed on them on the front line.



Thur 13th Pray for the Boys' and Girls' brigade leaders as they have a few weeks break during this summer period. Pray for their renewed strength and enthusiasm as the meetings restart in September.

Fri 14th Remember our youth club and those who run this and for Alastair as he tries to keep his teams spirits up.

Sat 15th May we pray for the Labour Government as they are under new leadership now. Remember MP's across the whole house.

Sun 16th Pray for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted

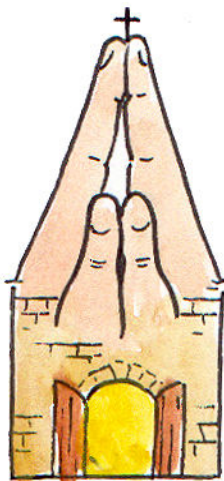
because of their faith both here and abroad.

Mon 17th Let us pray today for the team who are planning the next phase of the Winter Night Shelter this year.

Tue 18th Pray for our elderly folk in church who with advancing years find it difficult to walk and do their daily chores, due to long term illness and may be feeling isolated.

Wed 19th Remember our young people who are finding it challenging, in these days of so much pressure, to keep on the straight and narrow. Pray that they will not lose sight of the marvellous love that Jesus has for them in their struggle.

Thur 20th Pray for the local social services here in Maidstone and the service they provide for the local community. Pray for them to be given the resources they need.



Fri 21st Remember the victims of domestic violence. Pray for peace in our cities in the UK.

Sat 22nd Pray today for our Government departments and the international work they are involved in; the home office, foreign office, international development department and ambassadors.

Sun 23rd May we remember those who are living and sleeping rough in Maidstone of no fixed address; those who are finding it difficult to cope, particularly now that the 5 and 2 lunch service has ended.

Mon 24th Let us pray for all those who are anxious and fearful of the future and finding it difficult to cope with life in general.

- Tue 25th Let us pray for strength in our workplace and schools or wherever we find ourselves in our day to day experiences.
- Wed 26th Pray for families with young children in the church as they spend the summer days together nurturing learning and in peace and harmony.
- Thur 27th Remember the beauty of nature in creation as we enjoy the summer sunshine and see glorious sunsets and green fields.
- Fri 28th Pray for those who are finding things difficult in the workplace and dealing with issues of bullying and victimisation.
- Sat 29th Pray for the Mums and Toddlers who meet in the week and for the work involved in planning the daily tasks in these difficult times.
- Sun 30th Pray for Alastair and his family as he continues to lead the youth work here in Maidstone.
- Mon 31st May we pray to God for courage and strength to keep the faith in these troublesome times and love to share among our neighbours. Pray that the words we say and things we do will leave an inprint that looks like Jesus.





Extract from the July 2026 Prayer Letter of Benjamin Francis, BMS World Mission's Team Leader in India

Benjamin is currently in the United Kingdom, where he is meeting with pastors and church leaders to train and equip them in the principles and practice of the Disciple Making Movement. We are thankful for the opportunities God has opened to strengthen and encourage leaders as they seek to make disciples in their communities

We are delighted to share updates on how God is moving powerfully in our communities and beyond.

From impactful outreach events to inspiring stories of transformed lives, we continue to witness His love and faithfulness at work.

God has faithfully guided and strengthened our ministry, enabling us to overcome many challenges and reach some of the most remote parts of our nation with the message of hope found in Christ. Despite numerous obstacles, the Lord has opened doors to new villages where people are hearing the Gospel for the very first time. The response has been deeply encouraging, and we are seeing lives transformed through evangelistic outreaches, discipleship training, and the faithful witness of local believers. We give thanks to God for BMS, whose faithful partnership through prayer, encouragement, and support has empowered us to move forward with renewed strength and vision. Together, we rejoice in seeing God's Kingdom extended and lives transformed for His glory.

We thank God that He continues to open new doors for the Gospel, creating opportunities to reach people who have never heard the message of Christ. As lives are transformed through faith in Jesus, the powerful testimonies of new believers are drawing others to the Saviour. The Jesus Film ministry has remained one of our most effective outreach tools, enabling us to bring the Gospel to villages where many have had little or no

previous exposure to it. Through this ministry, we have witnessed lives and communities being transformed both spiritually and physically.

Although we continue to face significant challenges, we have experienced God's faithfulness in remarkable ways. He has answered our prayers, sustained His people, and enabled the work of His Kingdom to move forward. We remain encouraged by His provision and guidance and are confident that He will continue to accomplish His purposes through this ministry.

We continue to witness the Lord working in remarkable ways across Asia. Together, we give thanks for His faithfulness in opening new doors for ministry, guiding our steps, and empowering us to faithfully proclaim His Word. We rejoice in the many lives that have been transformed as people have come to faith in Christ, disciples have been made, and leaders have been equipped and raised up to serve in their communities. Throughout every challenge and opportunity, God has faithfully provided for our needs and protected His people.

We look ahead with faith and expectation to our ministry goals for the next couple of months. Our central emphasis is to have obedience-based discipleship—encouraging leaders not only to teach God's Word but to model wholehearted obedience in their own lives. Through practical training, coaching, and shared learning, leaders are being equipped with effective disciple-making strategies and renewed vision to multiply healthy, obedient disciples. Together, we are trusting God to establish thousands of disciple-making groups this year, believing that He will continue to transform lives and communities across Asia for His glory.

Mrs. Laxmi Gudai comes from a non-Christian background. She followed traditional beliefs and was deeply influenced by superstitious practices. These beliefs often left her living in fear and uncertainty, and she struggled to find true peace in her heart. Despite participating in various rituals, she felt an emptiness within and longed for lasting hope and assurance. During an outreach in her village, Sital Pali (Ganjam) our leader had the

opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with her. Although she has never received formal education and cannot read, she listened with great interest and eagerness. She expressed a strong desire to learn more about Jesus and began attending church regularly. To help her grow in her faith, she was given an Audio Bible. Since then, she has faithfully listened to God's Word every day.

Through hearing the Scriptures, she has come to know God's love and is making sincere efforts to live a life that honors Him. The joy and peace she experiences from listening to God's Word have deeply impacted her life. Encouraged by this transformation, she now shares with others how hearing the message of Jesus has brought hope, joy, and purpose to her life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God will enable us to double the number of fellowships by the end of this year. Pray for open doors, faithful leaders, and many people to come to faith, resulting in healthy, multiplying communities of believers.
- Pray for God's protection, strength, and encouragement for believers who are facing persecution, harassment, or violence because of their faith. May they remain steadfast, respond with Christ-like love, and continue to be a powerful witness to their families and communities.
- Pray for the Disciple Making Movements across South Asia, asking God to empower and guide those who are making disciples and leading these movements.
- Pray for the rapid multiplication of disciples who make disciples, for wisdom and perseverance among leaders, and for deep, lasting transformation in lives through faithful obedience to God's Word.

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COPING WITH MUCH MORE THAN A HEATWAVE: A (COOL) IRAQ STORY

Iraq is one of the places already most affected by climate change. Going to school when it's really hot is really hard.

It's really hard to concentrate when it's hot! An opinion poll this week reported that two in three people in the UK lost sleep in the heatwave last month, and more than 20 per cent had felt ill because of the sustained higher temperatures. Scientists link increased heat to lower work productivity and reduced school test scores – although we probably didn't need a scientist to tell us that. We could perhaps also add shorter tempers, greater irritability and creeping lethargy to the impacts we might have expected them to include.

Amal: school principal

For Amal, principal of a secondary school in Iraq though, the type of upper 30s temperatures that has recently had UK schools banning their uniforms or closing altogether as students (and teachers) struggled to cope, are amongst the cooler conditions she and her students have to deal with. Where she lives, April and October see average temperatures in their mid thirties, and from May to September the thermometer spends most of its time in the mid to upper forties. The impacts of the climate crisis have already worsened the extreme heat in Iraq, and the situation looks likely to continue to escalate. Basra now sometimes has temperatures exceeding 50 degrees! In places like Amal's school, the practical effects of the worsening heat are felt on a daily basis.

Championing education for girls

Amal grew up near the school she now leads. She and her husband have a son, and she herself grew up in a large family, surrounded by brothers, which, she says, taught her resilience and determination. She tells us that her father was very supportive of her education, and it was this that instilled a great passion in her for seeing girls in particular to have good

learning opportunities. Before starting as a teaching assistant, then becoming a teacher and eventually moving on to be head of the school, Amal started her career in media – a role which often has a lot to do with bringing to light issues that need attention. And she has brought these skills to her school role.

Giving girls a future

Although it is one of the oldest and largest girls' schools in the area, Amal's school struggled with a lack of investment.

As it is, girls in Iraq face some significant hurdles to accessing education. Though improvements are being made at a government level, poverty, traditional views on whether or not girls should be educated, early marriage and safety concerns are all factors that still keep many girls out of school, resulting in illiteracy rates that are double those of boys.

Many girls drop out of school, particularly in more rural and conflict-affected areas.

Education offers girls and whole communities a better chance at escaping poverty. Without schooling, the future choices and opportunities for women and girls remain limited. And when it's already so difficult for girls to stay in education, having an overheated and unbearably uncomfortable school environment makes it even harder to convince girls to overcome all the other challenges they are facing to pursue an education.

Overheating, underfunding

At Amal's school, the lack of funding had resulted in unreliable electricity, which meant that lots of things – including the air conditioning – often didn't work at all, and damaged and deteriorating floors made things unsafe, unpleasant and uncomfortable – far from an ideal learning environment. There was no greenery or shaded outdoor spaces around the school, giving the girls nowhere to escape from the extreme heat to study, rest or socialise during the school day. It made the school feel harsh and uninviting and didn't help with concentration.

Amal was desperately trying to find ways to protect her students' education. She repeatedly planted seedlings, but younger pupils from

nearby primary schools kept uprooting them. And she was struggling to manage the heavy workload of all her responsibilities as a principal along with trying to improve the school's physical environment. She says she regularly worked seven days a week and she was exhausted and discouraged. On the other hand, she also felt guilty that she was not spending enough time with her own family.

What Amal really needed, she says, was some practical and moral support. And this is exactly what Tearfund's local partner was able to give her.

Tearfund and Women's Empowerment Organisation

Tearfund and Women's Empowerment Organisation (WEO) provided Amal and other school leaders with training to help supplement and build their confidence and skills in management and to look at new, effective ways to improve their school environment. Supporting women like Amal, who are in positions like hers where they have influence and power to make a difference, this sort of training can help bring changes which impact the futures of whole communities.

Amal says the training was different from any she had attended before because it emphasised discussion, dialogue and active participation. This, she says, supplied both practical tools and also moral support, which made her feel encouraged, motivated and optimistic.

'I felt I had a guide and a supporter who provided moral energy and practical advice,' she says. 'I not only learned to participate, but also to involve my students and staff in the work for school.'

The most beautiful school

Amal and her school have already completed several projects inspired by the training. These have included raising funds, painting classrooms, planning small green areas with shrubs to provide shade, and organising competitions that encourage students and staff to take responsibility together for maintaining a clean and welcoming school environment. One example of this is the school-wide competition she introduced for The Most Beautiful Classroom. This, she says, has helped shift the culture within the school from one where each individual just does only what

they have to, to one of working together with shared ownership, teamwork and pride in their school.

Effective collaboration

Getting her students and staff involved, as Amal had been encouraged and equipped to do through the training, has made the work of improving the school more collaborative and much more effective!

And one particularly significant outcome of the training that Amal feels proud they have achieved has been raising funds for a wheelchair for one student who had lost her parents and whose family struggled financially.

Planting trees, growing futures

Amal's school also took part in a tree planting event hosted by Tearfund and WEO. As part of this, the students and teachers planted trees together and attended sessions encouraging them to think about ways to improve their own environment. Amal says the training has given her renewed confidence and she described the experience as transformative – not only because of the practical skills she gained, but because it offered strong moral support and made her feel that her efforts mattered.

Plans for the future

Looking ahead, Amal has plans for even more sustainable, long-term improvements – including planting more trees and introducing modern irrigation methods to create a greener, more comfortable learning space for girls. 'I'm happy to see the classrooms freshly painted, the air conditioners working again, and the school yard cleaner and greener,' she says. 'The atmosphere has completely changed!

'I want to see my school full of green spaces and positive energy. I want to see every corner of my school green with plants.'

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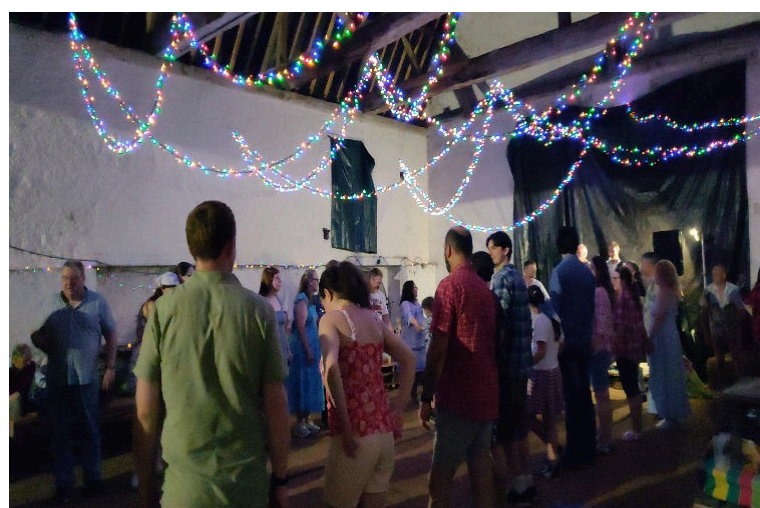


2nd Maidstone Girls' Brigade & 1st Maidstone Boys' Brigade



As we come once again to the end of another Brigade year we are thankful for the busy and fun year we have had with all sections of our Brigades.

We had lots of fun at our Barn Dance at Boxley Abbey at the end of June. As always there was some enthusiastic dancing, lots of laughter and a lovely atmosphere. Special thanks to Dave and Sam for all their work in getting this set up and run, but also to the Brigade team for their hard work in setting up and on the night – and to all who supported us by coming along or making a donation – we really appreciate it.



Summer programme activities have been fun despite the best efforts of the weather and it has been good to have been out and about together. The younger groups did some activities local to the Church and then had evenings in Cobtree Park and in Mote Park with games, walks and scavenger / treasure hunts and always some time in the play area too. The older groups enjoyed an archery session at Honeyhill one evening, and water games in Mote Park as part of their programme. All sections had a fun evening swimming at Larkfield Leisure Centre too. We will round the

Brigade year off with a picnic at Honeyhill for all our members and their families.



We always love to welcome new members. If you have or know of any boys or girls aged 5 or above who would like to join us then please do get in touch with myself or Alastair or bring them down on Wednesday 9th September when we restart for the new session, and see what we get up to.

At the end of another Brigade year I want to thank all who support the work of the Brigades in prayer, by showing interest in what we do and in other practical ways too. We really do value your support and I would encourage you please to continue to remember the children and young people and the Brigade staff as we prepare for the start of the new session in September.

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Nearly 150 Christians massacred as Islamic State violence persists

Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) has claimed the killing of nearly 150 Christians in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as the terrorists' campaign of violent persecution persists.

In just one attack on 5th May, an estimated 60 “Christian combatants” were killed in Beni Territory on the border of North Kivu and Ituri provinces. In recent months, Islamic State (IS – also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) propaganda has used the word “combatants” to describe Christians who have refused to accept either conversion to Islam or dhimmi status as subjugated people.

In classical Islam, those who accept such a status must pay the jizya tax to their Islamic conquerors.

A statement published on IS social media channels declared, “Let the worshippers of the cross know that they have no security except by submitting willingly or paying the jizya in humiliation.”

A further 24 believers were killed in the days that followed. These attacks came just over a month after a mass killing in the village of Bafwakoa, Mambasa Territory, Ituri.

An IS source reported that its fighters “targeted Christians” after they “rejected the generous offer made to them by Islamic State, based on the just rulings of Islam”. This “generous offer” was likely a demand for the villagers to convert or begin paying jizya.

ISCAP (then known as the Allied Democratic Forces or ADF) pledged allegiance to Islamic State in 2017. The group has claimed the killing of nearly 1,000 Christians in north-eastern DRC since December 2024.

Christian communities devastated as Islamic State campaign of violence continues in volatile north-east

Christian communities are being devastated as a campaign of violence waged by Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) continues in Nigeria's volatile north-east.

The region is the epicentre of ISWAP and Boko Haram activity, with Borno State experiencing the worst of the violence and neighbouring Adamawa State also affected.

At least 29 people were killed in an attack on the Christian community of Sabon-Gari in Gombi Local Government Area (LGA), Adamawa, in which the terrorists also burned down a church building.

This assault came just five days after 12 Christians were killed in the nearby village of Kubako, and only three weeks after the slaughter of ten

Christians in the village of Komoza, Borno State.

In early March, fighters from either ISWAP or Boko Haram overran a Nigerian Army base near the town of Ngoshe, Gwoza LGA, resulting in the deaths of 50 soldiers. The terrorists then attacked Ngoshe along with its surrounding villages, killing 200 civilians, including Christians and Muslims.

Christian communities in Middle Belt Nigeria are also suffering from a campaign of violence waged by the Islamist Fulani militia.

On Palm Sunday militants massacred 29 people in a Christian-majority community near Jos in Plateau State. On Easter Sunday, seven worshippers were killed and 31 abducted as militants struck two church services in Kachia LGA, Kaduna State.

Tens of thousands of Christians have been killed by Islamists in northern and Middle Belt Nigeria over the last 15 years in what church leaders have called an anti-Christian "genocide".

Legal registration granted to another 191 churches

Licences have been approved by the Egyptian government for another 191 churches and church-affiliated buildings. The go-ahead for the 30th batch of applications was given on 16th April by the licensing committee, headed by Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly.

It brings the number of registrations approved to 3,804 out of a new total of 5,415 applications. Of these applications, 3,730 had been submitted before September 2017, the deadline set by the 2016 Law for Building and Restoring Churches, which abolished Ottoman-era restrictions on houses of worship.

The remaining 1,685 applications were submitted more recently when the deadline was extended.

To secure governmental approval, churches must prove ownership of land and meet structural and safety standards. It was extremely difficult for churches to obtain registration in Egypt before 2017, when the licensing committee began work. A year later, in 2018, the government allowed Christians to worship in unlicensed buildings pending the completion of the registration process. In some areas, however, congregations risk having their churches sealed or demolished by local authorities under the pretext of lacking permits, even when they have applied.

Tens of thousands of churches still await legal recognition. Some have applied, but it is not clear whether their the applications are under consideration; others have been unable to apply due to various bureaucratic reasons. Small house churches, especially those attended by converts from Islam, often operate in secret, vulnerable to raids and community backlash.

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Regular Sunday Meetings.

Every Sunday: 10.30hrs In-person Worship at Knightrider Street

Services are also streamed on YouTube when possible.

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