



# AMNESTY

ELY CITY GROUP

**Remembering those experiencing injustice,  
A time for contemplation.....**

**August 2025**

**“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners. And those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.” Hebrews: 13:3**

*A special time is set aside in Bishop Alcock's Chapel between the two morning services on the first Sunday of each month from 9.00am to 10.15am. Here we can hold in mind or pray for the people whose cases are highlighted for the current month. This meditation is open to those of all faiths and none.*

## **Algeria: French football journalist jailed**

French journalists' unions are calling on the Algerian government to release a French football writer who has been jailed for seven years. Christophe Gleizes was found guilty of holding exchanges with a proponent of self-determination for Algeria's Kabyle minority. He specialises in writing about African football for the Paris-based So Foot magazine. Campaign group Reporters without Borders said Christophe was researching an article on the Algerian club JSK when he contacted an exiled Kabyle opposition figure who was once an influential figure at the football club. This person is now a leader of the Movement for Self-Determination of Kabylia. Sources say all the exchanges referenced football not politics.

Please hold in mind or pray:

- For the Algerian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Christophe Gleizes

## **USA: Executions on the rise**

Executions in the United States have hit a 10-year high. So far this year, 26 people have been executed, surpassing the total for the whole of 2024. The most recent executions took place in Florida, where eight have been carried out this year. Florida lawmakers are also trying to widen the use of the death penalty. People executed this year spent an average of 24 years on death row. Meanwhile public support for the death penalty, last measured in November 2024, is the lowest in 50 years (53%).

Please hold in mind or pray:

- For all people living on death row
- For the USA to join many other nations around the world and cease using the death penalty

## **Gaza: Hunger-related deaths rise**

UN-backed global food security experts are warning there is mounting evidence that widespread starvation, malnutrition and disease are driving a rise in hunger-related deaths among the 2.1 million population in the Gaza strip. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification says immediate action must be taken to end the hostilities and allow for an unimpeded, large-scale, life-saving humanitarian response. Meanwhile, two longstanding and respected Israeli human rights groups - B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel – have released separate reports saying the Israeli government's conduct in the war constitutes genocide against the Palestinian population.

Please hold in mind or pray:

- That a ceasefire will hold and food be delivered to the people of Gaza
- For an immediate and permanent end to the conflict

### **Good news**

A 49-year-old man is the 140<sup>th</sup> child found by Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, who search for the children of those who “disappeared” under Argentina’s 1976 to 1983 dictatorship. The man is the son of Graciela Alicia Romero and Raul Eugenio Metz, who became two of the 30,000 Argentinians to be “disappeared” by the regime. About 500 babies are estimated to have been stolen from their biological parents during this period. The man’s sister Adriana Metz had been searching for her long-lost brother for decades.

**Sources for cases:** Amnesty International

‘I pray for all of us, oppressor and friend, that together we may succeed in building a better world, through human understanding and love, and that in doing so we may reduce the pain and suffering of all sentient beings.’

**Dalai Lama XIV**

*“To clasp one’s hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.”*

Please keep this sheet to hand and use it in prayer or meditation, and any action you feel and find possible.

Your local Amnesty group can be contacted at [www.amnestyelycity.org.uk](http://www.amnestyelycity.org.uk)

**ELY AMNESTY NEWS**

Our monthly planning meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next two meetings will be held from 7pm on 5 August and 2 September in St Peter’s House, Broad Street, Ely, CB7 4AH. Anyone interested in attending to find out more or join our group would be very welcome.

Ely Pride will be held on 9 August 10.00-21.30 in the new venue of Amherst Field, Bridge Road, Ely CB7 4DY. We will have a stall there from 10.00-5.00. Do come and visit us.