

Prayers: Prayers: Reports of violence and human rights atrocities from **North Korea** are pervasive. However, the situation faced by Christians in **Afghanistan** is almost as severe. Pray for **Barnabas Fund, Amnesty International, and Open Doors**, who keep a watchful eye on these disturbing trends. Some of our members will have been at the memorial service on Friday for **Helen Marsh**, the Christian teacher from Haydon Wick School who died recently. We remember **Nigel** her husband and her family in their sorrow. **Mark Sansome's mum** suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. Pray that she will make a strong recovery.



Sunday 9th June Pentecost

Mon 10th	9.30-11.30am	Pram Club
	2.30pm	Rock Café Volunteers' Meeting
	7.00pm	FF&G Meeting in the Quiet Room
	7.30pm	Bill Hunt's Homegroup—17 Rother Close
Tues 11th	2pm	Chris Hawke's Homegroup—Quiet Room
	8pm	Paul & Carol Nichol's Homegroup—20 Furlong Close
	8pm	David Rudland's Homegroup—Purton
Wed 12th	1-3pm	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 14th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Cafe



Please pray for our church family

Mon 10th	Sharon & Rod Mortimer
Tue 11th	Trevor & Linda Morton-Holmes
Wed 12th	Tony & Jill Nash
Thurs 13th	Pat & Dave Newman
Fri 14th	Abraham & Esther Ngeru & family
Sat 15th	Paul & Carol Nichol
Sun 16th	Tony & Grace Njoroge & family

Rock Cafe Volunteers' Meeting

Monday, 2.30pm in the café.

If you don't already volunteer but would like to come along to see what is involved you would be very welcome.

Thank you.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

Services Next Week

16th June	9am 11am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Rachel Markham Rachel Markham
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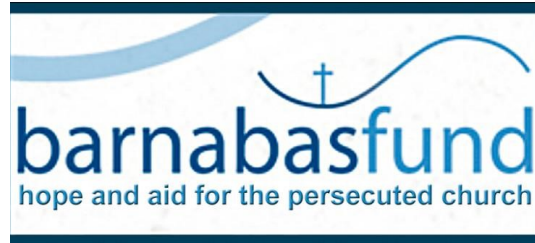
Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Bill & Deana Hunt	Isaiah 58: 6-11 Matthew 25: 31-40
11.00am	All Age Service	Bill & Deana Hunt	Matthew 25: 31-40

How Can I Pray for Christians Suffering Persecution?

Life is very easy for us here in the West. It can cost a great deal to be a believer in

other parts of the world. The *Barnabas Fund* Website will supply you with lots of information about the lives of our brothers and sisters who face severe opposition in following Christ.

Persecution has been part of our faith since its earliest days. It has not gone away. **North Korea, Afghanistan and Pakistan** are the three most difficult places in the world to be a Christian. But the rise in attacks by Hindu extremists in **India** and tough new laws in **China** have seen believers in the world's two most populous countries face "extreme" and "very high" levels of persecution respectively. All in all Christians experience high levels of persecution in 73 countries in the world.



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Paul Rhodes was, until recently, pastor of Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church. He is currently working for the *Barnabas Fund* which focuses on Christians facing persecution around the world. Paul will soon be returning to pastoral ministry. He will be appointed Pastor of Shirehampton Baptist Church later in the year. Paul has asked us to publicise the following event.

Come and hear Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, Founder and International Director, talk about the challenges of political Islam and secular humanism facing the Church in the UK and globally. There will also be an opportunity to get an update from Caroline Kerslake, International Director of Projects, on Barnabas Fund's global work with the persecuted Church. There will also be updates from Christians who live in the former Soviet Union and Africa.

You will also have an opportunity for fellowship and to visit our bookstall.

Saturday, 15 June 2019, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Freshbrook Church, Worsley Road, Freshbrook, Swindon, SN5 8NU

A crèche is available but please pre-book your children in advance.



Mercy Ships

Persecution has sadly been part of our Christian story from the beginning. But so have kindness, mercy, generosity and love.

You will be hearing this morning about another side of world wide Christianity when **Bill and Deana** will tell the story of a floating hospital ship. We will not only find out about what Bill will be doing this autumn, but will discover the extraordinary things that God is doing in His world through His people.

This is a story which needs to be told. It is a remarkable venture and one which, until recently, most of us knew little about.

No doubt there will be those who will want to support Bill financially. We will be giving details of his *just giving* page on Sunday and publishing them more widely or you can drop an envelope in here in church, marked "Bill Hunt—Mercy Ships".



Challengers Coffee morning

When: Saturday 22nd June 10.00 to 12.00

Where: in the Church room

Donations of cakes would be most appreciated – please see or speak to Liz on 07966 314499 there will be a sheet on the table for people to supply with the type of cake they are willing to provide.

Your help is really appreciated in making this day a success and of course we'd love to see you there on the morning.

(For those kind folk who are happy to do some baking for us, please would you also supply a full list of the ingredients so we can comply with the Allergen regulations)