

What Happened With The Seventh Share?

You will probably be aware that our PCC gives away 11% of our income. Most of that is designated to eight organisations both in Swindon and around the world. We reserve some for special emergencies. At various times we offer our members the chance to nominate different groups for what is known as “The 7th share.”



After considering all the submissions **The Mission and Outreach Sub-team** gave considerable thought as to how best to divide up the £2000 available at thus tune. The PCC accepted their conclusions.

Their proposal was that PCC should allocate 20% each to **Mercy Ships, Mission Aviation, and The Open Door** Centre in Swindon. Bill Hunt should receive 40% in order to help him fund the time he will be spending on board the hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*.

The total amount on offer was £2000. So, £800 will now go to Bill, and £400 to the other charities. *Mercy Ships* have asked us to support Bill financially and in prayer. We are delighted to do so. £800 will cover the cost of Bill’s flights and most of his inoculation jabs.

Mercy Ships operates the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world, delivering medical care to some of the world’s poorest countries. This “floating hospital” is staffed by volunteers, who give their expertise to help treat dental and eye problems, cleft lips and palates, tumours, club feet, childbirth injuries, burns and a variety of other conditions. Since 1978, *Mercy Ships* has visited more than 55 developing countries, providing services worth more than £1 billion. They have directly helped more than 2.5 million people!



The Open Door Centre is a small charity here in Swindon providing a day resource for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health issues. They operate from a Church Hall in the heart of one of Swindon’s more deprived areas, offering a wide-ranging programme of activities. Each day 40 people attend. It is the aim of *Open Doors* that their members “are independent people, respected within the community”.

Mission Aviation Fellowship UK - or MAF - is a Christian mission organisation that uses planes to reach communities in remote parts of the world where there are no roads and little access to the outside world. MAF delivers relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely and speedily delivered by air. The organisation flies light aircraft in 27 developing countries providing essential support for NGOs, missions and churches.



Thank you all for your submissions and to Chris Hawkes, Tom Vandamme and the Mission and Outreach sub-team for all their work on this. It is great to be able both to support large international charities and small ones here in Swindon.

Good and Bad Feelings

This year our summer teaching programme will be based around some of the things we feel. Some will be things we wish we did not feel, and others things we would love to experience more of.

The themes will be

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| “ Confidence | July 18 |
| “ Serenity | August 4 |
| “ Gratitude | August 11 |
| “ Anger | August 18 |
| “ Anxiety | August 25 |
| “ Regret | September 1 |



Last summer J. John delivered a couple of excellent on video . This year our virtual guest preacher will be John Ortberg. If you have heard John Ortberg at home group you will know that you are in for a good morning.

Children: There will be no children’s groups over the summer. We need to give our leaders a proper rest. We will, however, be providing something which will tie in with the adult themes. (And which adults will enjoy as much as kids.)

October is Getting Closer!

We have will have a good number of Ugandan visitors in Swindon in October as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Bristol Uganda Link in October. We will need to offer hospitality to some people for five days and to four others for ten days.

The five days run from **October 4 to October 9** and the 10 days from **October 4 to October 14**. Transport is also going to be an important issue. If you are willing to drive your car during those first five days, we would love to hear from you..



Last year we closed the balcony for the summer so we could all be together. Most people felt it worked well in that quieter period. Today we have a baptism. But on other Sundays over the summer please don’t expect the balcony to be available.



Sunday

28th July

6th after Trinity

Prayers: Zach Maartens who is being baptised this morning and for his parents **Brent and Abigail** as they bring him and his older brother Ethan up in our church family.

Our sub team chairs **Lesley Mead, Rod Mortimer, Paul Nichol, Mark Sansome and Helen Wheeler**, as they prepare to tackle the areas that have been assigned to their teams in September.

Our new MLT **Raymond Adams, James Bennett, Rod and Sharon Mortimer, Sam Opoka and Tom Vandamme**.

Liz Morecambe who will begin leading Challengers with **Liz Gardner** in the autumn. And for **Doris** whose 95th Birthday is on Tuesday.

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| Tues 30th | 7.30pm | Mission & Outreach Team Meeting in Quiet Room |
| Wed 31st | 1-3pm | Craft Club Bring & Share Meal in Church Room |
| Fri 2nd | 10.30-1.30pm | Rock Cafe |



| Please pray for our church family | |
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| Mon 29th | Kath Zammit |
| Tue 30th | Raymond & Alison Adams |
| Wed 31st | Ruby Allen |
| Thurs 1st | Eileen Arkley |
| Fri 2nd | Gillian Barr |
| Sat 3rd | The Bartlett Family |
| Sun 4th | James & Jo Bennett & family |



Confidence

| Services Next Week | | | |
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| 4th August | 9am 11am | Morning Prayer Morning Praise | John Ortberg at both services (really) |

| Time | Service | Preacher | Readings |
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| 9.00am | Holy Communion | Raymond Adams | Lamentations 3: 13-24 |
| 11.00am | All Age Service | Raymond Adams | Lamentations 3: 13-24 |

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