

Prayers: Mary Southgate, Henry & Ellie and their families following the passing of Mike. **MLT & PCC members** as they meet to discuss the future opening up the church. **Jo Bennett** as she leads the scouts in a few weeks time in their thinking about the events of Good Friday and Easter. **Mark Mortimer** whose job in London has come to an end. Pray that God will lead him to another nearer home. **Kath Zammit** —the news about her broken wrist is good, but there is more treatment to go. **The people of Myanmar** as they fight against those who have launched a coup in their nation. The people of **Hong Kong** as China erodes their liberty. (see below)



Sunday
14th March 2021
Mothing
Sunday

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Joan Conner
Tue	Laurane & Cliff Cooper
Wed	Mike & Wendy Crosby
Thurs	Rachel and Matt Crosby
Fri	Nigel & Jill Crowhurst
Sat	Harry & Pauline Davis
Sun	Jean Dean

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll will be revised between 28th March and 5th May. If you are a regular worshipper with us, and would like to be included on the Roll, please ask Sharon Mortimer for more details and an application form.

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**Zoffee
at Noon**

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Passcode: 076070



*What's it like
to be the
mother of the
perfect child?*

Services Next Week			
March 21st	9 am	Holy Communion in church	Andy Hall
	11am	Morning Praise Online	Andy Hall

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion 1662 in Church	Raymond Adams	Mark 10:13-16
11.00 am	All Age Service Online		1 John 5:14-15

James and the Renewal of Giving.

James will be giving us the most up to date news about the result of the 2021 Renewal of Giving at both our online and in-person services on Mothering Sunday. We want to thank him in advance for all his work on our behalf throughout the year and for the financial leadership he provides for the church.



This graph might be a shade optimistic

Easter Services

- ◆ **Palm Sunday:** We will have online congregational singing as members come together to sing the same hymn from our individual homes.
- ◆ **On Maundy Thursday** there will be a service of Holy Communion in church at 7.30 pm. We will share bread and wine together safely as we do every Sunday morning at our 9am service
- ◆ **On Good Friday** there will be an online service of meditation and prayer, which you will be able to access at any time during the day.
- ◆ **Easter Day:** As ever there will be a 9am service in church and an 11am All Age online service with lots of contributions from Lesley and the team.
- ◆ **There will not be a Walk of Witness** this year. It would be illegal.
- ◆ **Nor can we meet for the dawn SonRise** service at Barbury Castle



Mothering Sunday Flowers

This year we will be giving out flowers at our 9am service and also to the members of our *James Wilks House* Communion service. Flowers will be available to members of the 9am so they can drop them off to friends and neighbours after the service.



Mercy Ships on Mothering Sunday

In a few months' time, the *Africa Mercy* will appear on the West African horizon, as Mercy Ships continue to follow the 2000-year-old model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to even more patients like Diacko.

When he was three years old, his legs began to bend under the pressure of his growing body. Others in his village started to mock him and called him "Diacko Bowed Legs". With no solution in sight, his mother Youma held on to the hope that her son would one day be healed. After hearing of *Mercy Ships*, her hope of healing became a reality.

It is a heart-warming story and you will see it on video on Sunday. It is also a reminder of why St John's supports this organisation as it both trains medics in Africa and brings volunteers from across the world together.

In the book of James, we read 'the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. We have a great story of a praying mother for Mothering Sunday. Now, more than ever, *Mercy Ships* needs our prayers as they prepare to head back to a nation that has weathered the tiring storm of the pandemic.

Please will you join us in praying for:

- ◆ **Wisdom for the leaders of Mercy Ships** as they tackle Covid and recruit crew members for Senegal later this year
- ◆ **Safety and health for the crew** on board, as they prepare to return with the ship to support in-land advance teams
- ◆ **The ongoing provision** of PPE, donations and training, for African hospitals and medical workers in 11 nations
- ◆ **For the final stages** of the fitting out of *Global Mercy* – a new ship, that will double their ability to change lives and train medics in Africa

Not only are *Mercy Ships* one of our four big mission partners, but Bill Hunt has himself been on board the *Africa Mercy*. This should bring back warm memories for Bill and for us as we recall the videos from the ship.



The brand new *Global Mercy*



Diacko finds a new life through *Mercy Ships*