

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Helen Wheeler & Steve and family
Tue	David & Viv Williams
Wed	Ali Wiltshire
Thurs	Kathleen Zammit & Tony
Fri	Raymond & Alison Adams
Sat	Tomi Aliu and family
Sun	Wendy Barker

Prayers

For Lesley, Isaac and their fractures

For Denise Rees's dad in S Africa who went through the trauma of a double amputation last week. Pray for his physical and emotional recovery and well-being.

For the youth weekend on the Trinity Lightship, that our young people may find their own hope and trust in Christ strengthened.

For the young people on our *Considering Confirmation Course*, as we consider the question next week —“Why did Jesus die?”



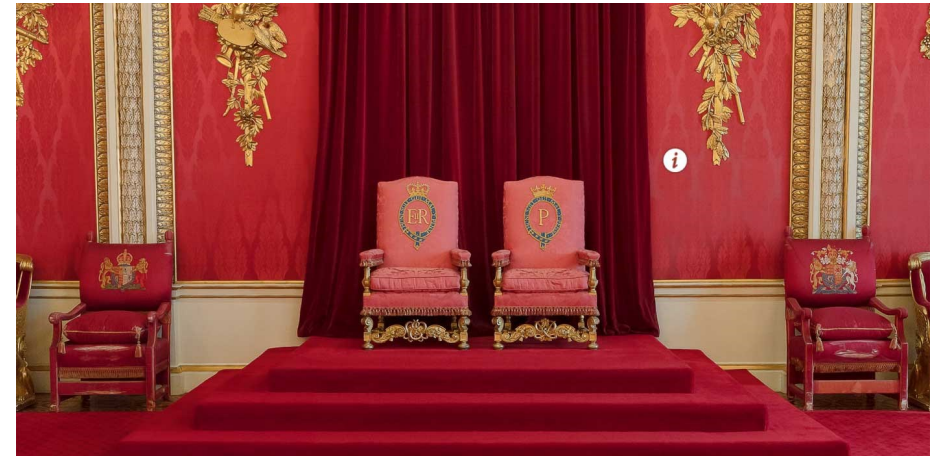
Sunday September 25, 2022

UK Welcome Course— Is This For You?

The Hong Kong video, which we will show this week at 9am, reveals the impact the Course had, not just on the Hong Kongers, but on the Swindonians who were helping to run it. Nothing makes us feel better than helping other people. And Hong Kongers have so many challenges to face. A warm welcome from local people is a huge part of making them feel at home. The dates for the next welcome course are:

(Mondays) Oct 10, 17 & 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
(Course: 11:30am to 12:30pm)
Lunch together: 12:30pm to 1:30pm)

Services for Next Sunday			
Oct 2nd	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
Trinity 16	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams



In The Throne Room

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Revelation 4:1-8
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Revelation 5:1-10

Harvest— Families Under Pressure

The cost of living crisis has left the *Food Collective* more dependent on Harvest Festivals than ever before. But, equally, we are strong supporters of *The Filling Station* and do not want to neglect them. We want to help both this year.



So we are getting in early, asking you to do your best to accumulate as many of the following items as you possibly can before **October 11th**.

Tins of beans or spaghetti + Tins of meat or fish + Tins of soup + Biscuits + Tinned Potatoes + Tinned puddings + Small Jars of Coffee + Tinned Fruit

Where is Everybody?

The answer to that is simple. About 30 people are on the Trinity lightship.

Bishop Viv was very impressed by the numbers of children and young people worshipping with us.

Pray for a great weekend. We want the young people to get to know each other better, to get to know their leaders better, and to get to know Christ better. **Fellowship Afloat's** centre is a unique place for adventure, relaxation and exploring the environment.

Based on a converted light-vessel moored on the coast, it's an ideal activity venue for youth clubs, schools, and churches. Guests are served by the centre staff and expert volunteers who form the lively Christian community which is *Fellowship Afloat*.



Thanks to our own wonderful leaders for making this possible!

How The Bible Came Together

The Bible, as we have it today, came into being over a period of time.

First of all, the early church recognised that the writings of the apostles like Paul, Peter and John should be added to the books of the Old Testament. It still took around 300 years before there was a clear consensus as to what should be included in the final “Bible”. The list of what could be counted as scripture was called the “canon”.

In the 405 verses of *Revelation*, there are 676 different allusions to the Old Testament, even though there is not one single direct quotation! Here they are— broken down by book

- Isaiah – 128 times
- Psalms – 99 times
- Ezekiel – 92 times
- Daniel – 82 times
- Exodus - 53 time



Why Should Reading *Revelation* Be so Difficult?

The book of *Revelation* claims to “lift the lid” on what is really happening in our world. An “apocalypse” simply means an “uncovering”. A bit like wondering what’s for lunch, and not being sure until the cook lifts the lid. But there are lids – *and lids!*

Cars are becoming ever more complex. People used to do their own car maintenance. They don’t anymore. If you open the bonnet of your car, it looks hopelessly confusing. Try reading a maintenance manual, and it gets more complex still. Just as opening the bonnet of a modern car needs a whole new understanding, so reading *Revelation* requires

background knowledge if we are to make sense of it. We cannot just read it off the page like a newspaper. That background is what we want to provide in sermons and home-groups this autumn.

