

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Robert & Annabel Elrick
Tues	John Evans
Wed	Judy Evans
Thurs	Phil & Jenny Evans
Fri	Irene Fergusson & Peter
Sat	Peter & Pam Fletcher
Sun	Loretta Francis & Tom

**Prayers**

**For the Light Party** at the end of the month and for opportunities to invite children and families along to it.

**For the Hong Kong Welcome Course** and those attending it. For those who have left families behind.

**For those young people** considering confirmation.

**The Confirmation itself** takes place in Malmesbury Abbey on Nov 6. Pray for **Bishop Viv** and for the candidates who will be confirmed that day.



# Sunday October 23 Trinity 19



## The Mystery of the Two Witnesses

**Hester Millsop: Head of St Francis**

Joy Farrell, former head teacher at St. Francis, was a huge supporter of the **Uganda Link**. The school has maintained its support for the primary school at Bwaziba over recent years, once rescuing it after a landslide destroyed the latrines. Hester Millsop took over as head teacher at St. Francis in September and is keen to maintain the link with Bwaziba.

Our local heads at Haydon Wick and Greenmeadow are also strong supporters of "The Light Party"



Services for Next Sunday			
Oct 30th Advent -4	9am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams
	11am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Revelation 10: 1-4
11.00am	Morning Praise		Revelation 11: 1-14

## Hong Kong Welcome Course No 2

The second Welcome Course is well under way. Charmain, John and their team are putting the experience gained on the first course to good use.

Last time our Shepherd's Pie Lunch was a great success. We are planning to offer that typical British dish once again, this time on **Monday Nov 7th**. Last time we had a problem with the cooker and had to do it with slow cookers. Not very easy.

The good news is that by the end of next week we will have a brand new cooker in place. Many thanks to Sharon and Ali for organising that for us.

If you can help to provide a shepherds pie on that occasion, we would love to hear from you. Please let Sharon know via the parish office. Here is her email address: [parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk)



## Light Party Invitations

**Hallowe'en is not Christmas.** At Christmas everyone comes naturally to church. At Hallowe'en we need to work a bit harder at giving out invitations. Invitations are available in church for a family evening of crafts, songs and a puppet theatre.



**Light Party**  
**Saturday**  
**October 29th**  
**6.00 pm to**  
**7.45pm**

## "Can I Just Say "Hello"?"

Imagine you are standing in the car park trying to decide whether to go through the door— or not.

If you have been a church member for some years, it can be daunting. If you are not familiar with churches at all, it is an even bigger step.

That is why the sides-people have a really important job. The first thing people need to see coming through the door is a warm smile.

People are sometimes afraid of saying the wrong thing.

"Hello! Lovely to see you! Is this your first time here?" you ask with a smile, only to get the cool reply, "I've actually been coming every week since the end of Covid."

A better question is probably, "Have we met?" You really can't go wrong with that.

Everybody thinks their church is really welcoming to new people. But it might not be. A good test would be to ask, "How many people, at the end of the service, look round and try to identify people who have been coming for a very short time in order to welcome them."

If you are here for the first time, and end up standing in the lounge with a cup of coffee and no one speaking to you, we have failed. That really should not happen. But we would be mad to think it never did. We can all get

caught up in our conversations.

In that case, please feel free to come up to someone and say, "Can I say, "Hello"?" It is a good question to ask of someone you don't know.

You will always get a friendly response .

