

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Robert & Annabel Elrick
Tue	John Evans
Wed	Irene Ferguson & Peter
Thurs	Peter & Pam Fletcher
Fri	Loretta Francis & Tom
Sat	Linda Frost & Eddie
Sun	Alan Futter

### Please Pray

For the family and friends of Dorothy Strowger, following the sad news of her recent passing.

For the UK-HK Welcome course starting next week, that the warm welcome attendees receive will help them to feel at home in the UK and to thrive here.

For the vacancy, that this current round of advertising will bear fruit and inspire the right candidate to apply for the job of vicar in our church.



# Sunday 25th Feb Lent 2



**The Church Electoral Roll** is being revised between Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. The Electoral Roll is a list of church members, and is revised on an annual basis.

If you are a regular worshipper with us, we would love you to be included in that list. Please see Sharon Mortimer for more information and an application form, or email the parish office.

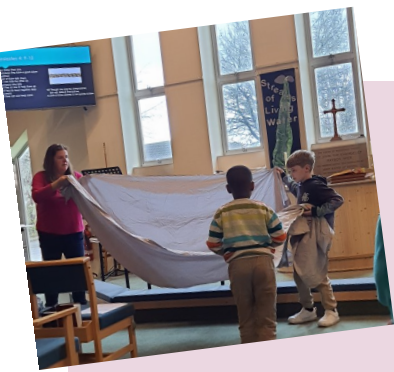
If you are already on the Roll, but have changed your address or phone number since last April, please let Sharon know so that she can update your details.

## *A Biblical vision for sexuality*

Services for Next Sunday			
3rd March Lent 3	9am	Holy Communion	Simon Robertson
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Tom Morgan	Romans 1: 18-32 Matthew 16: 21-28
11.00 am	Holy Communion		

*Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please*



**"Two [or three!] are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour."** Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV

Last Sunday, as part of our current sermon series, we learned how friends can help each other in practical ways, such as folding a bedsheet!

### **We're looking for a new mission partner – can you help?**

As a church we partner with eight local, national and international mission partners, who we support through regular financial giving. Sadly, one of our current mission partners - Pregnancy Choices Swindon - has told us it is permanently closing. The PCC therefore wants to choose a new mission partner: one that operates in the Swindon area and whose purpose and ethos is aligned with our own mission 'to shine the light of Christ in our neighbourhood'.

We would love your help! If you have a heart for, or are involved with, a local charity you would like us to consider, please send the following information to Tom Vandamme ([t\\_d\\_vandamme@hotmail.com](mailto:t_d_vandamme@hotmail.com)) or the Parish Office ([parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk)):

- The charity's name and registered charity number (this should be on their website);
- A brief summary of what they do and how this aligns with our church's mission;
- Your involvement / how you know about the charity;
- Why you would like the PCC to consider the charity as a new local mission partner.

All submissions need to be received by 15 March to be considered when the PCC meets on 25 March. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Tom Vandamme.

Charmain writes:

### **Both the 9am and 11am congregation got a taste of Chinese New Year last Sunday!**



The lounge turned red - symbolizing good luck, joy and happiness - and looked very festive with Chinese New Year greetings. Most greetings have a Christian

basis, such as *May God be with you* or *Blessings from God*. I hope everyone picked up a Red Pocket.



The Candy Box looked a bit empty at the end but it was full and colourful at the start. Many people enjoyed the Crisp Candy which came in cashew, peanut, coconut, and black sesame flavours.

We also had fun cracking sunflower seeds. The Chinese character for seed (子) also means child or children, and symbolizes having many sons

and grandsons! (It's a great way to spend time together too, as shown in this picture of the boys 😊).

There will be more CNY strawberry candy and sunflower seeds available on Sunday if you missed out last week. Chinese New Year lasts for 15 days.

