

Please pray for our church family	
<b>Mon</b>	Liz & Andy Gardner
<b>Tue</b>	Libby Gash and family
<b>Wed</b>	Janet Gash
<b>Thurs</b>	Barbara Gates
<b>Fri</b>	Eileen Gibson
<b>Sat</b>	Lynda Gough & Colin
<b>Sun</b>	Richard & Pauline Gray and family

**Please Pray**

For the family of Dorothy Strowger, as they make funeral arrangements following Dorothy's recent passing.

For this year's Renewal of Giving, as we prayerfully consider how much we can give to God of our money, time and talents.

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.  
1 Chronicles 29:14b NIV*




**Sunday  
3rd March  
Lent 3**



***Renewal of Giving***

**Prayer Meeting - next week!**

Our monthly church prayer meeting for March will take place next Wednesday (6th March) at 7.30pm in the Quiet Room.



Services for Next Sunday			
10th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9am	Holy Communion 1662	Tom Morgan
	11am	All Age Service	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Simon Robertson	2 Corinthians 9 Mark 12:41-44
11.00 am	Morning Praise		

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

## 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)):

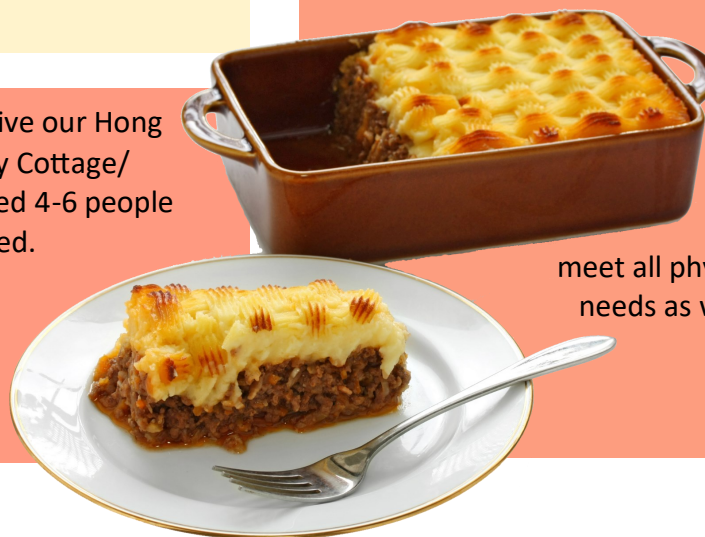
- The charity's name and registered charity number (this should be on their website);
- A brief summary of what they do and how this aligns with our church's mission;
- Your involvement / how you know about the charity;
- Why you would like the PCC to consider the charity as a new local mission partner.

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.

**As in previous Welcome Courses** we would like to give our Hong Kong friends a taste of home-cooked British food - namely Cottage/ Shepherd's Pie. If you are able to cook one that would feed 4-6 people for 12.45pm on 25th March it would be greatly appreciated.

And just a note that if you would like to contribute financially because you don't have the time (or skill?) to make one, please partner with someone or speak to me.

Thanks very much! Carol Hall



*Carol Hall writes:*

**UKHK Welcome Course 4** began on Monday 26th February with an eager group of participants!

For a variety of reasons we had to delay the course until now so many of the Hongkongers have already been here for about 6 months. Settling in to a new country, even though many have good language skills, is an ongoing adaptation for them and they are keen to learn all they can from the course. Some have jobs, some do not, some would like to work. Some have children still settling into new schools in a new culture - some parents complain their children aren't given enough homework!

The differences between here and HK are many - the weather, how to respond to casual language exchanges, culture, food - but we find that these lovely people are resourceful, good-humoured and respectful.

Please pray for volunteers and attendees that our loving Heavenly Father would meet all physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs as we go through the course.