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GOOD NEWS

EMERGENCY AID

is now being shipped into Gaza by UK, USA and EU.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Good to keep these traditions. Originally this was the Sunday in the middle of Lent when those working in domestic service were given time off to visit their mothers and took cake with them.

At our church in the morning service, the children gave out bunches of daffodils to their mothers.

MIDWIFERY IN THE NHS

Today I became a great great aunt! (yes two greats). All was going very well and looked fine yesterday, but the baby today had to be delivered by an emergency Caesarean. So a beautiful baby arrived safely and mother was fine. In many countries still women do not have access to antenatal and delivery care and many mothers and babies die. We have much to be thankful for, and worldwide Christian missionaries and NGOs provide primary health care and medical facilities in isolated rural areas and urban slums/shanty towns, sometimes working under dangerous conditions themselves. May we pray for them.

FALMOUTH ROTARY CLUB CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT

A Invitation to the Public. A two day event was staged last week at the Falmouth Poly, inviting schools and the public to find out more about a climate change and our personal responses. Many NGOs participated including Cornwall Gleaning Network, the Foodbank, Surfers Against Sewage, and No Plastic Falmouth and there were half hour presentations for primary schools.

WORLD BOOK DAY AND ITS IMPORTANCE

World Book Day is celebrated on the first Thursday of March. On this day every child and young person in full time education receives a book voucher to buy a book for themselves. The aim of the day is to promote reading for pleasure, thereby changing lives. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than

family circumstances, parent's education and income.

UNESCO started World Book Day in 1995, now over 100 countries participate. In the UK, only 25% of Children read for pleasure daily. Half a million have no book of their own and one in five who have free school meals don't own a book. Booksellers and publishers donate towards the scheme which is a registered charity.

FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

HAITI

Chaos reigns, with armed gangs rampaging the streets with breakdown of government and infrastructure, ordinary people living in fear of their lives.

NIGERIA

In the last week over 300 children have been kidnapped and taken from their schools. Pray that the children will be found and returned to their families unhurt.

ISRAEL

has expanded settlements at a record rate, a UN report has found, amounting to a war crime. Settler violence and settlement-related violations have reached shocking new levels. Israel plans to build nearly 3,500 settler homes in occupied Palestinian territory.

CHINA

Surveillance technology. 1.3 billion people are under constant surveillance by 2.1million facial recognition cameras. Every church has these cameras. For children churches are off limits. The communist party has declared war against Christians. Many church leaders have been arrested. Those who talk to foreigners are accused of being a threat to national security.

Much to reflect upon and pray about this week, especially for those persecuted for their faith, and for the restoration of Law and Order in Haiti and Nigeria.

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