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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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Sunday 9 August 2026
10.30am Morning Worship

led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson & Rachel Buckingham

Rachel is a paediatric surgeon & volunteer with Mercy Ships

Church Stewards on duty: Adam Hagar & Malcolm Newton

Pianist: Larysa Vlasenko

Audio – Visual Team: Pauline Main & Eve Newton

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service.

There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** will not be meeting today. Visiting children are very welcome to use the Junior Church resources in the North Transept, or to take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

Welcome

A Time of Quiet

Call to Worship & Gathering Prayer

A Psalm of thanksgiving (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Lord, we come as we are

Come let us worship God,

Creator, Son and Spirit!

Amen.

♪ Praise the Lord! You heavens adore him

StF 86

Opening Prayers

♪ Longing for light

StF 706

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,

we are fortunate to have shelter, warmth, food and freedom.

As you give to us, so we respond with our gifts, talents, money, and time
to be used for your purposes in your world.

May all we offer bring light and love in your world and for your people.

Amen.

Mercy Ships

Introduction

Fudia's Mercy Ships Journey

♪ Sacred the body God has created

StF 618

Reading

This is the way of Christ
Reader

Romans 10: 8-15

Thanks be to God
Rosemary Richards

Reading

This is the word of the Lord
Reader

Matthew 14:22-33

Thanks be to God
Judith Payne

Brief Reflection

Mercy Ships

Part 2

🎵 Brother, sister let me serve you

StF 611

Prayers of Intercession

The Lords Prayer

🎵 To God be the glory

StF 94

Sending out Prayer and Blessing

Let us go out to live and work for Christ
We go out in the power of the Holy Spirit
to bless others with hope and healing.
Amen.

You are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after today's service
thanks to today's **Coffee Rota volunteers**: Lindsay Busby & Chris Foskett

Next Week at Trinity

16 August

10:30am Morning Worship
led by Graham Luscombe



Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need.

Conditions requiring surgical treatment kill more people in **low-income countries** than HIV/Aids, TB and malaria combined. Globally, five billion people have no access to safe, affordable surgery when they need it.

In sub-Saharan Africa, up to 69% of people live on less than £2 a day. Healthcare in these countries either doesn't exist or is unaffordable to the vast majority of the population.

Among the countries Mercy Ships serves, which lie on the lower third of the World Health Organisation's Human Development Index, access to safe, affordable and timely surgery is extremely limited. As a result, countless people suffer and die from "diseases of poverty" that can easily be cured.

Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 55 countries, providing services valued at more than £1.3 billion. By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job. Mercy Ships follows the model of Jesus by "bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor", helping people of all faiths and none.

As well as completing thousands of urgent operations onboard our floating hospitals, the Africa Mercy and the Global Mercy, Mercy Ships volunteers also work closely with host nations to improve the way healthcare is delivered across the country, by training and mentoring local medical staff, and renovating hospitals and clinics.

To achieve this, Mercy Ships delivers a customised five-year partnership model with every country it is invited to support. Relationships are built with the national government and ministry of health, so that the needs of each country are met.

In this way, Mercy Ships doesn't just address the immediate need on the ground, but also works to strengthen the country's healthcare systems and drive policy change. The aim is to tackle the root causes of the problems rather than just the consequences.

Read more: <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>