

Littlehampton Churches

Together



PRAISE

From schools

- Our school has been inundated with requests for places for keyworker and vulnerable pupils. So much so, we have not been able to open fully to any year groups and remain open only for those keyworker and vulnerable children. We have approximately 160 children in throughout the week so we have staff in school providing child care for these, and other staff at working from home to provide the online learning.
- As well as this, we are still providing our care packs for those families most in need - these include breakfast supplies and essentials we have had donated. We have a fantastic group of parents who we have branded the 'WM community angels' who have been delivering these to the families who need them. We have also had some very kind donations from local businesses such as Wicks (paint and decorating supplies), Dunelm and Morrisons (toasters) and bacon roll vouchers for staff.
- We are very thankful for those who have supported our school and community during this difficult time.
- Thank you for the prayers. They are needed. Yes, we have Yr, Y1 and Y6 returned from June 1st.
- We have 8 'bubbles': 2 x Y6; 2 x Y1; 2 x YR; 2 x Key Worker groups
- All well so far and children are very good at adapting to new routines and structures. Tricky for the littlest ones who of course want to hug and kiss their friends.
- Life looks very different with no assembles, separate meal times and lunch breaks. We have a one way system for pick up and drop off and all have slightly staggered start and finish times.
- Parents and staff have been very supportive and thoughtful.
- for the health of all our families and staff.
- for understanding and kindness from all in our school community

WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Week beginning 21.06.20

- Thanks that our families are able to provide caring and loving homes for all of our children at school.
- We are back with key workers + EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) + Year 1.
- We have 200 children in so 1/3 of our usual capacity but everyone is now settled and the children seem happy.
- *School is fine and it has been lovely to welcome some children back in to it.*
- *It makes me realise why I really came into teaching!*
- Thank You so much for reaching out.
- We are doing well here, we have all the younger children who want to come, not all the Year 6s yet as we've had quite a few keyworkers.
- I hope all in the Littlehampton Churches are well. Thank You all for everything you are doing.

From Churches

- while it has been a steep learning curve for many of us, our IT skills are improving!
- General:
- We give thanks that the daily death toll is decreasing.
- We thank God that some families are able to meet now, and that shops are opening.
- *for new jobs for members of the church and for healing and good health*
- for some reduction in the number of deaths and infections .
- for some easing of restrictions.
- for continuing blessings of Christian Fellowship in spite of lockdown.
- for some children able to be back in school.
- *for the ongoing success of Alpha and Youth Alpha running online, with around 40 people discovering Jesus on each course!*

- *for the amazing work of Christian partners around the world, bringing food parcels to impoverished communities in India, Sri Lanka and Colombia*
- *All Saints have been able to secure housing for their curate and his family joining us and our ministry team from next month*



PRAYER

From Schools

- for our hardworking and committed staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this period,
- for our families who we look forward to welcoming back as soon as we can.
- our thoughts are also with our families who are struggling during this time.
- for those families who are finding the work/ home school balance a struggle
- for those children who are missing friends and finding the isolation difficult
- for those children who have returned to school and find the change in routine new and unsettling
- *for all our staff who may be feeling anxious and worried about their own families as they go to work on the frontline*
- *for all our families and particularly those who have been affected financially by the current crisis*
- *for the children who have been missing their friends and normal routine and may be feeling anxious in ways they cannot express.*

From Churches

- that God will lead the Scientists to an effective vaccine.

- In the light of 2 Chronicles 7. 13-14, we pray that all God's people will see their responsibility to pray for our land, and that there will not be a second spike in infections.
- We pray against any low morale in our churches, our clergy and our families, and that a spirit of endurance may bless Christians.
- With the opening of more shops, we pray for shop-workers, that they may have patience and be kept safe.
- for those in special need of care support who have had close help withdrawn, and for those who are trying to support them "at a distance."

- *that the many people who have been viewing our online service across the churches of the town continue to engage with us and most importantly come to know Jesus.*

- *for a rapid end to the spread of the virus across the world.*
- *for Pastor Rory's daughter who is having surgery on her broken arm. For swift healing.*
- *for those also suffering ill health and who are worried about long term health issues. For prompt effective treatment.*
- *for those not sleeping well because of anxiety. For peace.*
- *that all will hold firmly to the Lord and be confident in Him as we have hope for the future as we are Christ's house (Hebrews 3:6)*
- for those whose jobs are uncertain as businesses start to re-open.
- for our leaders, pastors, councillors and others as they make difficult decisions to keep people safe and well.
- *for wisdom for us all in terms of re-opening buildings, reconnecting with people and reaching out to a confused world with the solid hope we have in Jesus*