

Littlehampton Churches

Together



From the Schools – the Headteachers say...

- Teachers and all staff at St M's have been so brilliant over the most challenging times I've ever known in school.
- There isn't one person who hasn't shown love and care for the children and families.
- There have been unexpected kindnesses from so many, and the whole school community have developed an attitude of looking for who needs help and just giving without looking for recognition.
- I think the way St M's has dealt with Covid 19 is something I will always be proud of.
- well staff and families
- the children who have been able to get back to school and be with their friends
- the support and friendship of colleagues, parents and wider school friends
- *It would be great if we could offer praise for all the staff who have worked so hard during the pandemic, for all the parents/carers who have supported the school, and for all the charitable organizations who have supported us and our families.*

WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Week beginning 19.07.20

From the Churches

- for a great response to our virtual vicarage get together for those who've connected with us locally during lockdown. A good evening sharing about the church, inviting to Alpha and hearing people's stories
- for the Lord's clear leading in some difficult situations.
- for those who are wanting to know the Lord better.
- for the continuing reduction in the number of new cases and deaths from COVID-19

From Turning Tides

- for a positive community spirit, mental health and support workers, members of churches and others who continue to carry out unseen practical work
- for dedicated staff and volunteers who continue to support our homeless men and women during these challenging times
- for individuals and organisations who give time and goods to those in need



Summer Camp is going to happen from Sunday 9th-Friday 14th August BUT... only as a Day Camp, with the children and young leaders coming and going each day. This is because of the ongoing guidance from the government. We have been taking advice all along the way. Please pray...

- for safety
- for a great time
- for children and young people to come to faith in the Lord Jesus

A number of families have asked for financial help in paying for their child to come to camp. If you can help, please contact Roger Purdom at roger.purdom@btinternet.com

From the Schools – the Headteachers write...

- at St. M's we have a number of staff who are leaving and a couple of new ones starting.
- there is quite a lot of anxiety brewing, all around change.
- perhaps we could put all the staff at St M's on the list – including the new Headteacher
- we're also thinking about our Year 6 pupils who have not had quite the send-off we've been used to.
- top of my list are the families who have struggled over the last few weeks and have to face the summer holidays on their own without the phone calls and check ins from school
- *all of our families over the Summer Holidays*
- *that all the staff and parents rest over the holiday and spend time rejuvenating.*
- *Families who are finding times challenging in terms of wellbeing and/or finance*
- *the wider community*
- *for a new Y3 teacher and an NQT who will be joining us in September*
- for everyone in our community who has suffered financial hardship
- for every parent or carer who has struggled to manage demand of work, home and family during this difficult time.
- for everyone moving on to new chapters in their lives - our new children joining the Reception Class; our Year 6s moving on to secondary school; our staff members moving on and those joining. May every new challenge bring with it new opportunities.
- for those who will be leaving us in year 6 to go to their secondary schools and for those who will be joining our WM family.

From the Churches

- that the "re-jigged" Pastoral Contact Team (LBC) will be more effective in maintaining fellowship among the members and attendees.
- that the Lord will bless those who are really missing meeting as a Fellowship, and guide the leadership as to re-opening.
- *for the next few weeks preparing to meet again, for wisdom, safety, faithfulness and inclusion of everyone in our plans.*
- for the many who, having thought they had recovered from COVID-19, have been left with a variety of symptoms that are preventing them from getting back to "normal" life.
- *that everyone will have the "good manners" to wear masks in shops.*
- for our Town Chaplains as they plan to return to our town
- for Arun Angels as they plan to restart in September
- HOTS and their desire to pray for healing
- for those who are confident to be out among our community at such an important time
- for them all as they meet with the tourists as they visit our town
- *for all in our Care Homes – staff and residents and families*
- for all the Emergency Services through the Summer
 - Police
 - Ambulance/Hospitals/NHS
 - Fire Service
 - Lifeboats and Lifeguards
- for all who work in our shops and offices that they will be kept safe
- for those still on furlough or have been made redundant

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers