

# Littlehampton Churches Together



## WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Week beginning 14.09.20

The weather was good. The food was great. The transport by coach worked out very well. All the activities went well.

The theme was HOPE and we used the team names of Rainbow, Butterfly, Dove and Anchor to think about Bible stories that reflected the hope that we have as Christians. (go to [www.summercamlct.org](http://www.summercamlct.org) to read a fuller report and see some pictures)

Thank you, God, that we were able to run camp and you kept us all safe and well.

### From Schools

One HT started off with this verse:

*'Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.'* Psalm 146: 1&2

*Thanks for the health of our staff and families at the school*

Thanks for all the preparation work that has been put into our schools to make children, staff and parents feel welcome and safe

Thanks that the children have come back to school and are settling in to a new way of 'being' and 'doing' school

*Thanks for our dedicated teachers and other staff*

*Thanks for our supportive families*

*Thanks for all our children who we welcome back to school*

**Summer Camp** happened in August and we had a great time with 34 children aged 9-11 from our local primary schools and a good number of U18 and 18+ junior and senior leaders.

### From Churches

- All Saints online alpha has got off to a good start with people connecting with us since lockdown. Lots of questions, open discussion and chances to share our faith
- Restarting services has gone fairly smoothly with a number of people appreciating the chance for fellowship, albeit with some limitations
- The release of the King's Village album ([www.kingsvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsvillage.co.uk))
- Summer Camp
- for Father God's protecting mercies and guidance during this challenging time.
- for the expansion of our ministry online.
- for the majority of people who are acting responsibly and with consideration for others.
- for all health and other key workers who have kept working against terrible odds.

# PRAYER

## From Schools

- We have all the children back today - children happy **but parents needing lots of calming down**
- for those who have been especially anxious over this term including staff, children and school families.
- for all teachers who have had their own anxieties of late, giving thanks for their dedication to those that they teach.
- for the new term and for all those children who will find adjusting to the new routines a challenge.
- that things go smoothly and the children settle quickly and regain their confidence.
- we are returning to school with high levels of uncertainty and a completely different way of working. I am sure once we get into the swing of it, all will be ok.
- Our year 7s at TLA are settling in well in these strange days. As chaplain my messages of God's love are all coming via video assemblies. So good if staff who have to react to the assemblies embrace the message as they lead discussion times.
- Pray for all who are anxious that they would find courage to come and talk and be listened to.
- for the children and young people who lost out on so much during the Covid-19 lockdown – their education, social development, mental health, sports and many other activities – that teachers, families and friends will find ways to help them catch up.
- Children & young people returning to education settings
- the team & those starting Alpha online (starting 10/09 – [www.arunchurch.com/alpha](http://www.arunchurch.com/alpha))
- anyone accessing church via social media/YouTube
- for Alpha to continue to go well and that the Lord would open hearts to the good news of Jesus
- wisdom in how to plan in the short and medium term, especially with Christmas opportunities coming up soon
- for a number of people still unsure or unable to get out, and that no-one would be forgotten or left behind
- *for those still waiting for health care and operations.*
- *that the weekly service online will be seen by many and reap a harvest for God's Kingdom.*
- *for the many involved in keeping LBC active, that they will be given all the help and strength they need.*
- *for guidance for churches already open and meeting as the new law comes into effect on Monday.*
- *for the production of a safe and effective vaccine and the protection of those taking part in trials.*
- *for wisdom and discernment for our government as they are facing two huge challenges - COVID 19 and Brexit.*
- *for the Town Chaplaincy and Arun Angels teams as they continue their patrols on Friday, daytime and evening.*

## From Turning Tides

- We pray for patience and integrity in our dealings with one another
- We pray for members of our community who yearn for the security of a safer place to live and/or a more stable lifestyle
- Help us to use networks and connections responsibly to encourage each other
- We pray for a bountiful Harvest from our Community whether this is through donations of food/money, support via volunteer hours or new look fundraising events
- There are always new opportunities and we give thanks for the freedom of choice and pray for discernment in our decision making.