

Littlehampton Churches Together



From Schools

Two beautiful prayers from schoolchildren:

Dear Jesus, thank you for shining the days with the sun and bright blue skies.

Thank you for creating the world and teaching us how to take care of the world. Amen.

Lord, thank you for the crops you give to us and bless the people who harvest and farm them.

Thank you for the trees and the beautiful countryside.

Thank you for the beautiful oceans that are home to many fascinating creatures of all shapes and sizes.

Amen

Thank you

- for the tireless work of the site and cleaning team making sure that every day our school is safe and ready to welcome staff and students alike
- for the creativity and flexibility of the teachers and they have adapted so well
- for the majority of the students who follow the guidelines, get on with their work and bring life to the place

Give thanks

- for our community of parents for the support and understanding of how we have to do things now.
- it really is wonderful having everyone back in school with a new kind of 'normal'.

Give thanks

for parents in our local community for their support in these difficult times as we all work together to keep our children learning and our community safe.

WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Week beginning 11.10.20

Give thanks

- for the life of Father Albert who died recently after a lengthy illness. He was such a big part of St C's school and a true supporter and friend.

From Churches

- for recent successful, long-awaited operations and treatments.
- for a blessed time of Communion at LBC on Friday.
- that we appear to be living in a comparatively low-risk area – may we not get complacent, though.
- that many people are accepting the new way of living with the many restrictions.
- that our buildings are now being used again by different groups
- for a wonderful online Alpha. The group has gelled. We've had people from Christian and non-Christian backgrounds.
- for our outdoor family which have been fun filled and God filled.

Give thanks

- that we have had 18 people on Arun Church online Alpha course

Give thanks

- for continued blessings of online services.
- for Sunday service in the church which was a great encouragement to those able to attend.
- for some healing and helpful treatments for those with ongoing health problems.

From Turning Tides

Thank you to our generous communities that recognised the need for financial donations instead of food during this year's COVID style Harvest appeal. This will enable us to feed our homeless community with what they need through the coming year. It has also enhanced donations through gift aid



PRAY

For Schools

- for the Deputy Headteacher in one of our primary schools who is expecting a baby but is in hospital with complications. Pray for a safe delivery of a healthy baby and for Mum to recover quickly.
- for Y11 students (16 year olds) as they prepare for Mock exams later in the month
- for Y7 students (11-12 year olds) as they continue to settle in fast
- for Break times - may the sun shine more than it doesn't!!
- We have members of the community who have additional worries about family members who are sick but they remain committed to being in school providing stability and experiences for the children. They would very much appreciate thoughts and prayers for continued resilience in tough times.
- for Y6 children (10-11 year olds) who are choosing their secondary schools for September 2021 but they cannot visit the schools – they can only watch a virtual tour online
- for parents / carers to make the right choices

For Churches

- for the new Alpha course at LBC, that those attending will come to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.
- for wisdom as to further opening of the Church for worship.

- for the installation of new live-streaming equipment to be successful and user-friendly.
- for all those working at local GP surgeries, with all the extra responsibilities.
- for all local people experiencing financial difficulties due to the Coronavirus.
- for schools, teachers, ancillary staff and pupils to be protected, and sensible behaviour to be practised at all times.
- for our service industry, shops, bar staff and restaurants to be protected and protective
- for the forthcoming elections in the United States of America, that they will be un-compromised and free from outside influences.
- for God to open up hearts to Jesus through the online Alpha course and that they'll want to keep coming beyond Alpha.
- for wisdom and creativity as the weather gets colder so we can continue to equip families to follow Jesus more deeply or for the first time.
- for the upcoming filming of a special one off in a Genesis series looking at the rape of Dinah. Pray that it will give hope and help to people facing difficult past or present situations both inside and outside the church. Pray we'll have the right words said with the compassion and wisdom of Jesus and it'll reach the people who need to see it.
- Trinity Church are looking for a temporary venue we could use until the school is able to host us again
- for employment for those who are in need of jobs (within Trinity, but also across the churches)
- Arun Church is now an 'Alpha Hub' church. We're very excited about this opportunity and plan to launch the next Alpha course in January.
- All youth services provided by Arun Church (community-based & faith-based) return to physical delivery from October. Pray for the teams and young people.
- Prayer Week (12-16th October):
 - Join the Virtual 24-7 Prayer Room throughout the week – sign up at <http://www.arunchurch.com/prayerrm>
 - We will be holding small Live Prayer & Worship Sessions on Tuesday 13th October at Wickbourne. There are

three 30 minute time slots for those who want to come and sit, pray and listen as the band worship together. Booking is required and various restrictions are in place. Find out more at http://www.arunchurch.com/worship_sessions

- Our Expand teaching series are in the process of being recorded with the aim of releasing one session each month until the end of the year.
- We are busy planning for our Christmas content & organising hampers to bless families within our network & the wider community.
- for an elderly brother whose wife for over 60 years recently went to be with her Lord. Pray for his comfort and care.
- Home groups and prayer meetings starting again in the church building. Pray that these will bear real fruit in lives.
- for those still spending long hours at home and not seeing many family or friends. Pray that they will be visited and encouraged.
- for the church pastors and leaders as they prepare services this Advent. Pray that every believer will be assured of God's love and be confident in sharing their testimony with others.

From Turning Tides

- *for our homeless community as the weather turns colder and COVID restricts our usual approach to night shelters; please help us find inventive ways to keep reaching out*
- *for the work taking place in our projects and on the streets; for everyone who is tackling things outside their comfort zone or dealing with awkward situations*
- *Please help us to reconcile where there is conflict and bless us with strength to persevere finding peace*

From HMP Ford

11th – 17th October is a week of prayer for prisons.

Let's pray for HMP Ford in particular.

From the Bishop for women's prisons comes this encouragement to pray...

We pray for all those connected with the criminal justice system in any way, including all prison staff and families of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves.

Pray that among places of brokenness and beauty there may there might be a discovery of inner freedom and peace which is rooted in the love, hope and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ and present through the npower of the Holy Spirit, never locked down.'

As Jesus taught us to pray, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who in against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory –

Forever.

Amen.