

Littlehampton Churches Together

WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER



From LBC

- for successful Zoom meetings and online Sunday services and communion.
- for interesting and fruitful weekly phone calls from the Leadership Team

From Turning Tides: www.turning-tides.org.uk

We give thanks for positive community spirit, mental health and support workers, members of the Church and others who carry out unseen wonders during these challenging times.

From Arun Community Church

Since the start of the global coronavirus pandemic, we have been working closely with our friends at Links International to send £2,000 for the distribution of Emergency Food Items.

In addition to Sri Lanka we have been able to support other overseas partners; Wellspring in Uganda, Mercy Ministries in Lebanon, IMC in Colombia.

Also, in the Uttar Pradesh province, India, 1612 Cooked Food packets and 550 Rations packets have been delivered.

www.linksinternational.org.uk

From All Saints

- We are aware of a few non-Christians regularly accessing online services and other Christian content. Please pray for wisdom for how we faithfully reach out with God's love to these people.
- The systems for practical help seem to be offering reassurance and support within and outside the church family
- External organisations, including local and district councils, are aware of the work of several churches in the town and this is leading to good conversations and opportunities

From Paul Sanderson

- We have been given over £2000 in donations for individuals and groups including Tesco's to add to our 84 boxes that go out each week.
- We are also putting together "gardens for flats" a collection of seeds plants soil and container with tips on how to look after it all. We have 20 families in flats with no direct access to a garden and we all know the benefit of time outdoors so we bring the outdoors in!
- We have had incredible feedback – for example, the following is from a mum we deliver food to .. It reminds us all the little things can and do make the biggest difference.

"Just watched your bread of life on you tube - brought tears to my eyes. U are helping me out so much not just with the food boxes but with just your smiling face every week because I am suffering a lot at moment with my anxiety and depression so just wanted to say thank u. U really don't know how much u and the rest of the team have helped me thank u so, so much. xx"

(Go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5rZUrd8ymI>

for Bread of life video)

General

- Give thanks for Morrisons' (and other firms) initiative in running schemes to deliver food boxes to the elderly and self-isolating
- Give thanks for the schools who are providing home-schooling through online lessons
- Give thanks for all the key workers, including shop assistants, bin men, those in local and national government, police, fire service and ambulance personnel – and any others not named

PRAYER

From Turning Tides

- We are sorry for the fear and greed we allow into our lives. Please help us to remain faithful and encourage each other by reaching out to anyone feeling isolated or in need.
- Due to social distancing, some of our clients and staff have to adjust the way support is delivered; please help the mental health and wellbeing of clients and staff whilst working in a new way.
- Please help us to find a good balance between being informed about current affairs and not feeling overwhelmed. Please bring peace to people thrown together unexpectedly and living in close quarters.
- We pray strength and integrity for decision makers, including those responsible for housing and supporting our homeless community.

From Trinity

- for those facing financial challenges - job loss, furlough, reduced hours etc.
- that we would remember the poor in our community and bring hope
- that, as followers of Jesus, we would boldly proclaim the hope we have in Him and seek to see His Kingdom advance during this time.

From LBC

- we may be able to stay connected, and grow as a Church family, and as part of the wider Christian family.
- that Martin will be given everything he needs as he works with the Council as Chairman of LCT on top of his work as a Minister.

From All Saints

- We're in contact with a number of people in the church and in our families who are or have been ill with the virus. Almost all are recovering but some have lost friends or family members

- Families in Wick with large numbers of people in small spaces are finding the lockdown increasingly difficult

- Quite a few of our congregation are still working, and some in front line positions. Please pray for health, safety and trust in the Lord.

From Arun

- from 1st May the Littlehampton Area CAP Debt Centre will be temporarily closing. Carol Boreham is retiring from her role as Centre Manager at the end of April and despite attempts over the last 4 months, we have been unable to appoint a new Centre Manager at this time.
- Our current clients will continue to be supported by CAP Head Office and their volunteer befrienders, but the Centre will not be taking on any new clients until a new manager is appointed and trained. Unfortunately, given the current situation with Covid-19, this may not be for several months.
- Please pray for God to provide the right person to lead the centre forwards.

From Town Chaplaincy and Arun Angels

1. Health of chaplains. At least one chaplain and one of the Arun Angels have received a letter from our Government that he needs to self-isolate for 12 weeks
2. Shop keepers and market traders. Many will find it a struggle to live during this time. Let us pray the Lord will miraculously provide for them
3. The future of our High Street and communities
4. A community spirit to arise that folks may find ways to support each other during the current Lockdown.
5. The churches will rise to this opportunity to be Jesus in their neighbourhoods. You will no doubt be aware of the Littlehampton Churches Together initiative for community shopping. If not please ask Martin about this. If you can help in any way then please do

