



## PRAISE

Week beginning 24.05.20

From **Turning Tides** – working hard to end homelessness locally

- thanks that the United Reformed Southern Synod, United Church and Turning Tides have successfully agreed a long term lease on part of the church buildings to enable the charity to develop their provision for homeless people in Littlehampton. The facilities will enable Turning Tides to offer a wider range of support for homeless people, including some temporary accommodation.
- thanks to a local church for their incredible grant of £2000 in support of our Emergency Covid Appeal. We are so grateful for this contribution to support some of the most vulnerable people in our community especially at this time.

### *From Headteachers*

- *It's lovely to think that the churches are thinking of us. I would love you to relay how much this means to me and I will also pass it on to the staff. So often, the role of the teachers is overlooked and the thought that the church members are sparing us a thought means the world to me.*
- *I love the attachment (the P & P). Love this - 'We also had kids put together some brilliant art work of thanks to Morrisons and the Foodbank. The power of a thank you is not lost on these young people. Who can we thank today?'*
- *That's quite a powerful booklet! (referring to last week's P & P)*
- *Thank you so much for your support and prayers - it means so much*

### **From Churches**

- *for the dedicated staff who are caring for our members in care homes.*
- *for the lifting of some restrictions: that some people are able to return to work, and that we have more freedom to exercise.*
- *For the church leaders, pastors, priests and all those providing unprecedented pastoral care to their congregations and communities during this time. We thank God for their gifting and the loving support they bring to others.*
- *For the neighbour of a church member encouraged to watch the online services, she said she has been 'helped by them', and is now saying she'll join us when we can meet again*
- *for the way the Lord has enabled us to stay united in prayer, praise and worship while we are separate.*
- *for the wonderful weather we have enjoyed while in lockdown, which has made life a little easier than it might have been!*
- *Praise and worship to God that many in the church will be thinking about the Ascension of our Lord Jesus. The Sustainer of the universe triumphantly taking His rightful place in Heaven at the right hand of the Father.*
- *Praise too for the anticipation of Pentecost and our celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and inspiration day by day.*
- *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

Happy birthday to Di Brown – a loyal servant of Littlehampton Churches Together



## PRAY

### From Headteachers:

- all quite manic at the moment after Boris' latest guidelines!!
- my prayers at the moment are for anyone who is alone. I have experience of this with my own Mother and realise what a wretched time this is for anyone who is lonely.... it's hard enough for lonely people with a loving family so anyone who is truly alone has my thoughts and prayers at the moment.
- but it's manic again here with the new guidance last week
- we are coping but the situation can be incredibly stressful beyond belief on occasions. The Deputy Headteacher and I are in school constantly and the amount of communications is through the roof!
- for wisdom, protection, resilience, hope and confidence
- for all pre-school leaders who are anxious about whether or not to open from 1<sup>st</sup> June, with all the challenges that entails
- for all the children and young people who are waiting for the results of tests and exams that they never took!

### From Turning Tides

- to tie in with Mental Health Awareness Week, pray for Turning Tides staff who are seeing hundreds more men and women, across West Sussex, who need their support as they battle with ill health, extreme anxiety, fleeing domestic abuse, financial strain and job loss. Often isolated, they are frightened and the future is even more uncertain

### From Churches

- that the Government and School leaders will know the right time to open schools again.

- that teachers will feel safe and that their needs have been considered.
- all the questions and concerns around re-opening schools are affecting people in church and the community - teachers and school staff in our church, our parents and no doubt the children themselves.
- for some folk who are really not well with conditions that urgently require diagnosis and treatment at Hospital Clinics that have been cancelled.
- that all our children will be just happy and excited to be home and following their own interests and enthusiasms.
- that we will be able to see and hug family and friends soon.
- *that our Zoom Prayer Meetings might be able to flow without the intermittent loss of reception experienced last Friday.*
- *for the safety of all those volunteering with Foodbank, especially for the British Gas van drivers who are doing the deliveries.*
- *now that lockdown has been eased, many more people are getting out to the beach, parks and on the road. Pray that complacency and selfishness will not lead to a second spike in COVID-19 cases, and that the church will be faithful in prayer?*
- For our new Littlehampton Mayor – David Chace – as he takes up his appointment. Pray that the links he has with some of the church people will be fruitful and that he will be open to the good news about Jesus

*Lord, hear our prayers and let our cries come to you.*