

# Littlehampton Churches Together

## WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER



### From LUC

- for good health that no one from our Christian community at LUC has/is been infected with COVID 19 so far.
- for the generosity of our community who have been in touch by telephone with people who are lonely.
- that "God is with us," and hope that *He* will deliver us from this pandemic virus.
- for Littlehampton Churches Together who are keeping us together in prayers using this platform.

### From Turning Tides:

[www.turning-tides.org.uk](http://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

For the Churches Together Community Initiative providing shopping, prescription pick-ups and support for those vulnerable in the community. We now have regular referrals coming from the District and County Councils, with 28 volunteers from various churches. A huge thank you to everyone involved, especially Tom at All Saints and Martin at the Baptist Church.

### From LBC

- that the Chapel is being used as another act of worship in serving God and others, by being used as a Foodbank distribution centre.
- for our Congregation staying well and in good spirits, making use of all possible opportunities to keep in contact while separated.

### From All Saints

- feedback from people within and outside of church is positive for the online worship, teaching and fellowship provision.
- there was good community feedback from our new covid19 banners
- we've been able to make new contact with people in the area
- volunteers are stepping up to help with shopping, prescriptions, phone calls and prayer

### From Paul Sanderson

Prayer week has started lockdown style. Monday, we looked at forgiveness with time set aside for all to let go and watch a tablet dissolve as we let go of some unforgiveness we have held on to. Tuesday, Hope and Dreams. We stopped for a minute's silence to remember those whose hopes and dreams have been shattered by the virus. Wednesday, the bubble tube was out to keep remembering to talk about what is bubbling up. After school I re-do the assembly for the parents and students via TLA Chaplain on Facebook. We eat together, we laugh together and we wind each other up but there is a family feel to the 25 plus who come in every day. We are in the process of planning to visit all Year 11 students to drop off their year book and hoodie and, more importantly, say hello and ask how they are - two things that we should never take for granted again.

Nice words from a parent came in: *"The TLA team have gone above and beyond our expectations of any school in this time, the care and support provided really has been life changing for so many families. You have set up emotional security and made new bonds, when the children return to school I hope they feel like it's coming home again to their other family."*

## General

- for the technology which is enabling us to “meet” in a virtual way while separated, both as congregations, and as families.
- for every instance of good citizenship with social distancing, good-neighbourliness, and the developing community spirit.
- for the shopping volunteers and the good hearts of the Rotary members which have enabled them to help many people at this time of crisis.

## From LUC

- Let us continue to hold each other and people of the world in prayer during these unprecedented times of the *coronavirus*.
- Let us pray for a breakthrough for those who are working hard day and night to find a vaccine that will cure the deadly virus.
- Let us pray for those working in the front-line, putting their lives at risk while many of us are locked down.



## From All Saints

- We're aware that each week that goes by, some people are increasingly isolated
- Finances continue to be tough for a number of people in the Church family and in the Wick community
- We have quite a few members still at work in medical, care, retail, education and other sectors who are stretched physically and emotionally.

## From Turning Tides

- As anticipated there is high demand for support from the wellbeing team and we expect this to increase as the anxiety around Covid-19 and social distancing restrictions continue. We are supporting many more clients now in response to the Covid-19 crisis.
- Isolation exacerbates most mental health conditions so staff along with the Volunteering Team are looking at ways to help people stay connected.

## 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 Arun CC

- those who are sick or isolating, those who have lost loved ones during this time.
- for those looking for answers, praying and connecting with churches online, that they may come to know Jesus.

## From LBC:

- for those who are being helped by the shopping volunteers, and who are in deep need.
- for those who are isolated and lonely, who are unable to get out or see anyone, especially those who do not have access to smartphones or computers.
- We pray that letters from Christians published in the local press will be used to bring others to faith.