

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team is a crisis intervention, search and rescue service that seeks to prevent loss of life from suicide at Beachy Head. We patrol a 4.5-mile search area on foot and by car, identifying people who are displaying possible suicidal traits and engaging with them at the earliest opportunity. Using our skills in crisis intervention we offer supportive listening to start a dialogue and encourage a more hopeful solution than suicide. Our trained chaplains are available every day of the year.



All our chaplains are Christians from local churches. 51% of all the hours we serve at Beachy Head are provided by our team of volunteer search and rescue chaplains. We also have 4 full time salaried frontline Chaplains in operation at Beachy Head.

It's a very sad fact that 1% of all UK suicides occur at Beachy Head. So far in 2023 58% of service users come from the local Sussex, Kent and London areas. 41% of those coming to Beachy Head to contemplate suicide are from all corners of the UK with 1% travelling from countries outside the UK. This is a truly international issue that we are dealing with at a local level.

We are dealing with 3 incident/searches on average per day in 2023 and working alongside our colleagues in Sussex Police and the nurses of the Mental Health Triage Team we can provide support on a longer-term plan for many of our service users. Each incident we attend costs just £145 and this year we will save 3 lives for every £500 invested in our work. We receive 50% of our funding from local churches, business and individual donators. We do not receive any funding from the Government whether at a national or local level. In 2023 it will cost £239,950 to keep our service operational.

By the time a person considering suicide travels to Beachy Head, they have already determined that this is their FINAL solution. Yet so many of those that we have saved contact us to say how grateful they are that someone was there and listened to them, showed that someone cared and crucially helped them to realise that hope is possible and the future can be better than the past.

"Thank you for the amazing work that you do. You have recently saved my nephew's life & my family & I will be eternally grateful. God bless you all."

"The months surrounding our meeting are hazy. You found me writing a note in my car. I was pregnant at the time and I didn't want to go on. My son is turning one in a few months and I can't not think of that night at Beachy Head when your two Chaplains helped me. He wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you and I just wanted to say thank you. I'm much stronger now and my son is a very happy chap and already up to no good."



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

- Please pray for Amos Trust as it works to address the effects of climate change in Nicaragua which has resulted in extreme heat and long periods of drought, followed by short periods of intense rain. Climate change now makes it impossible to predict when the rain will come, and what little rain there is comes at the wrong times of year for farming. Amos are currently raising funds to provide 56 micro dams and to train and equip 70 people in new farming techniques.
- As the Christian conference season starts in Egypt, pray that Think and Do's 'Oasis' facility will be well used and that those who come will be very aware of the Lord's presence and draw closer to Him.
- Please pray for the processing of applications and induction of new volunteers to help in Lewes prison.
- Bible Society: Please pray for the many Open the Book teams going into schools throughout the country. May they generate a curiosity about Jesus in many children's lives.
- Pray for peace and protection over the people of Sudan and the Life In Abundance Sudan team during this time of conflict and turmoil.
- Father God, please equip those from Family Support Work as they visit and build relationships with families in need. May your grace, love, presence and Holy Spirit bless their work and transform the lives of the families. In Jesus' name we pray.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20 MAY 2023 - HOPE IN ACTION



For more than 75 years Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide while tackling the root causes of poverty and speaking out against injustice. Christian Aid helps those in

need of all faiths and none motivated by Jesus' instruction to love our neighbours and not ignore the suffering of others.

You can find out more about the work of Christian Aid and their Climate Justice campaign on their website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

BEEKEEPING AT SOUTHOVER

Beekeeping season is back and I shall be inspecting the Southover bees each Monday evening from 18.30 weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to come along and we have protective clothing for adults and children. Henry Foster



PLANT SALE IN AID OF LOSRAS (Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees & Asylum Seekers)

LOSRAS' annual fund-raising Plant Sale of home-grown seedlings and cuttings, to raise funds for local work, will be held on Saturday 27th May at the Linklater Pavilion in Lewes from 9.00am to 12 noon. Please put the date in your diary!

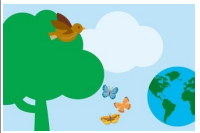


A PRAYER FROM AFRICA



We have seen the droughts and prayed for rain. We have seen the floods and prayed that the rains relent. We have seen the storm, the hurricane and the typhoon and prayed for mercy. Now we understand that the climate crisis is driven by human action we pray for justice. We pray for the nations and corporations that have become rich through the exploitation of fossil fuels. We pray that there would be commitment to paying into an international fund to repair the damage and make good the losses. Amen.

GO WILD IN JUNE



30 Days Wild is The Wildlife Trusts' annual nature challenge where they ask the nation to do one 'wild' thing a day every day throughout June.

Your daily wild activities can be anything you like - you might be having breakfast with the birds on Monday, feeling the grass between your toes on Tuesday, or watching wildlife webcams on Wednesday. There's no set structure, so you can take part in a way that suits you. Alongside benefiting your local wildlife, taking part in 30 Days Wild is scientifically proven to make you feel happier, healthier, and more connected to nature.

Anyone can take part in 30 Days Wild, they even have resources for schools, care homes and businesses. You can sign up today and receive a FREE pack in the post.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sign-30-days-wild-2023>

LAPTOP FOR RWANDA

If anyone has a spare laptop to donate for use in Rwanda, to be hand carried there, please contact Simon Bacon on simon.alex.bacon25@gmail.com



SWIFT BOXES



Swifts are a red listed species, and there is an opportunity to sign a petition for Swift boxes to be included in modern buildings. See: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/626737>

GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).



Please visit our website for more details <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/> For any queries about setting up regular giving with the PGS, please get in touch with their support team: Phone: 0333 002 1260; Email: info@parishgiving.org.uk; Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes and our PGS parish code 100610471.

You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving as no extra cost to you. Please email (finance@trinitylewes.org) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.

Clothes for Refugees and Asylum Seekers – assistance needed

If you have time, **storage space** (especially) and/or willingness to drive occasionally, Mary Boyum would appreciate help with the collection, sorting, storage and delivery of clothes for refugees and asylum seekers. For more information contact me on 07803 630831 or arrange to meet me at home to discuss. Many thanks! Mary



OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED

Tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, long life (UHT) milk, toiletries, egg boxes



Items may be brought to church on Sundays or left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.

CREATION CARE LIBRARY

The library is now in TRINITY Church Southover and accessible when the church is open. Feel free to browse and borrow books or pamphlets; please sign them out and then return, and sign back in so others can benefit.

For a fortnight from Tuesday 9th May TRINITY Southover will not be open for private prayer in order to maintain security whilst repairs to the roof are in progress

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