



We believe no-one is beyond hope. *Do you?*

PF's mission is to show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them and supporting them. They seek through prayer and practical care to help, support and develop a Christian ministry to people in prison and their families.

PF work through their network of over 3,000 volunteers. They are currently ministering in almost all of the 120 prisons in England and Wales, including our local prison here in Lewes.

Volunteers from TRINITY, as well as other Lewes churches and the community, are involved in some of the ministries and find these incredibly worthwhile and important. These include a recent initiative to support the chaplains' work by offering pastoral support for prisoners experiencing grief, loss or other trauma.



Angel Tree helps to keep families together by enabling parents in prison to ask for a present to be sent to each of their children. Volunteers buy & send the presents, with a handwritten note from the parent, and if wished a book of Christmas Bible stories. The delight is enormous and strengthens family bonds.

PF also encourages and trains volunteers in various ministries - writing letters to prisoners, using the prayer line, and visiting of individual prisoners, among others.

Sycamore Tree is one of the all-time most successful programmes in prisons. It is now guaranteed to all prisons requesting it, paid for by PF, as it has been found to reduce re-offending by prisoners and greatly improve their chances of changing their habits, lives, relationships and future prospects. TRINITY has volunteers training for, as well as involved in, current Sycamore Tree courses in Lewes Prison.

For more information on how to be involved, by prayer, volunteering, letter-writing or finance, please ask.



Restorative justice

SYCAMORE TREE

A restorative justice and victim awareness course delivered to prisoners by trained volunteers. Learners explore the impact of their crime.

Think & Do, Egypt

Think and Do, founded in 1995 by an Egyptian Christian leader, is a ministry of the Evangelical Fellowship in Egypt. It offers community development and a wide range of activities - including vocational training, computer courses, training preschool teachers, medical outreaches, Christian leadership training in villages, starting Bible study groups in homes, promoting awareness of children's rights, and many others - to bring hope to individuals and local communities.



Vocational training courses are a key activity. **Kirollos**, from a village in Upper (southern) Egypt, was 17 when he took a 10-day barbering course at Think & Do's 'Oasis' centre. His father had left him and his sister and mother without a source of income, and Kirollos was working 12 hours a day in a quarry. After attending the training course he opened his own barber's shop. When Think & Do staff visited his shop he said, "After the training I felt that life began to smile at me, after I had lost hope in everything. Now I take EGP 50 from each customer in a short time, whereas I was working for 12 hours for only EGP 30. Now I can buy the essential needs of my family. I thank God and Think and Do's staff."

In some villages Think & Do runs **Life Schools**, for women who have dropped out of school and been deprived of their rights. They learn literacy and basic numeracy plus some vocational skills.

They also take part in awareness sessions about health, nutrition, protecting the environment etc, and a regular spiritual time which has a great impact on the students. **Neama**, 25 years old, married with 3 children, said: "I needed to learn a vocation to help my husband with our living expenses. I heard about the life school and a lot of people were praising this project so I decided to join. I learned sewing and I was able to get a machine and start a microenterprise in my home. I started to make clothes and this was a blessing, to have a source of income for my family."



Please pray for real transformation in the lives of Life School students and all the men and women taking vocational training courses.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

- **A Rocha International and Creation Care:** The new Executive Director, Ed Walker, as he has started his new post and for the ARI team in their transitions this month. This is a message he recorded on being appointed for the A Rocha worldwide family - <https://vimeo.com/837546241>
- **Life In Abundance:** Pray for the transformational work of LIA-Haiti as the country continues to experience immense hardship & poverty.
- **Beach Head Chaplaincy Team:** Pray for training of our September intake of potential new Volunteer Chaplains to strengthen our current team. Our search and rescue chaplains are Christians from local churches & we reach out with the love of God towards everyone, no matter who they are, believing that positive change is always possible.
- **Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea:** Pray Psalm 133 for all churches to work in unity and understanding as they reach out to language communities that are still without access to the Scriptures.
- **FSW:** Prayer as we continue to support the work of 22 schools via Family Support Work professionals and as we seek further funding to expand this part of our mission and vision.



THANKS! Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (LOSRAS) sends thanks to TRINITY Church for our clothing donations to help the refugees. They are very grateful.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Providing gifts for Elderly and Families in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria at Christmas. For further info or to participate in putting together a box, please contact Sue Clyde 812700 or Jenny Pigott 814607.



CLIMATE JUSTICE EXHIBITION

Join Lewes Climate Hub for talks, discussions, film and artworks exploring the unequal impact of climate change on communities and peoples around the world. Includes a Youth Exhibition on Climate Justice and Equality and a Loss & Damage Action Day.

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER is Make Polluters Pay Action Day -



an opportunity to stand in solidarity with those living with the worst impacts of

climate breakdown and to call on wealthy countries and fossil fuel corporations to pay for the loss and damage they continue to knowingly cause in pursuit of profit.

The background to Make Polluters Pay Action Day is that last year at COP 27 governments agreed to create an International Loss and Damage Fund. However, the fund is still empty and those most responsible need to be asked to pay into it so the poorest countries most impacted by climate change can access money to support recovery.

By raising awareness of this situation among those we know and writing to our MP and the Prime Minister we can make a positive difference. An easy way to respond is to sign this online petition <https://makepolluterspay.co.uk/sign-the-petition>

SOUTHOVER BEES

Beekeeping year just about over, so no more apiary sessions. Not as generous as last year honey-wise but do come to Church End on Monday 11th September to help with extraction and bottling from 6.00pm.



ECO TIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Green your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bill by testing how draughty or leaky your home is. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm out (think keyholes, letterboxes, gaps around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc) and fix these gaps using the correct materials (there are lots of handy tutorials on how to do this online). Now is also a very good time to prepare for winter by sticking tinfoil or radiator panels between the wall and radiator, as these will help reflect heat back into your room during the colder months.

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 at no extra cost to you. Please email (finance@trinitylewes.org) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.



BIBLE SOCIETY

Praise God for the Psalm 27 prayer garden in Sheffield. Pray that as people walk in the garden, they will find the love of God, as they meditate on the Psalm's themes of fear, mortality, protection, guidance courage and hope.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/watch-psalm-27/>

LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED ...

tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, UHT milk, toiletries, egg boxes. Items may be left in SO or SJ porch.



TRINITY Southover is normally open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday
12:00 noon - 4:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:30am - 4:30pm
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