



The Leprosy Mission was founded in 1874 by Wellesley Bailey so this year it celebrates 150th anniversary. We give thanks for God’s faithfulness. Christ’s love was at the heart of the Mission when it was founded, and Christ remains at the heart of the Leprosy Mission’s global fellowship today.

The earliest evidence of leprosy dates to 4,000 years ago. In the Gospels we read of how Jesus cured people with this disease during his time on earth. Leprosy should no longer exist in the 21st century as there has been an effective antibiotic cure since 1982. Yet because we live in an unfair world, this disease continues to blight millions of lives today. There is a new case diagnosed every 2 minutes. The lives of some of the poorest and most marginalised people on the planet are affected.



Peter Waddup, CEO, with Doli Das, at Purulia Hospital, India

Every year World Leprosy Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. This annual event is an important opportunity to raise awareness of leprosy as well as raising money for projects.

This year one of the projects is the rebuilding of the outpatient department at Muzaffarpur Hospital in Bihar State, India. Bihar is one of the most densely populated states in India, bordering Nepal, it is home to more than 120 million people. Bihar is also the most underdeveloped state in India with much higher rates of leprosy.

The hospital built in 1904, is the only leprosy specialist hospital for hundreds of miles. Many people travel long distances to reach the hospital because they can’t get treatment anywhere else.



Rajisha, 17yrs, who has had reconstructive surgery to her right hand at Muzaffarpur Hospital. She says ‘I want to be a nurse as I want to serve as I was served when I was so sad.’

Please pray for Rajisha, for healing and hope for the future that she can return to normal life.



Muzaffarpur Hospital, Bihar. Please pray for staff at this hospital as they help patients with leprosy to be healed and to know Jesus who loves them. Please pray too that funds will come in to enable the hospital to be modernised.

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from Leprosy. Stretch out your hand, touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Amen

GIVE AN HOUR TO PRAY AND ACT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE FROM 14-24 FEBRUARY 2024

Starting on Ash Wednesday people from across the UK will be holding vigil outside Parliament for 10 days and nights to pray for environmental and climate justice. All are welcome to join the vigil in person or from home, to give thanks for the earth and all that is in it, to lament the damage that has been done and the impacts of climate change, to speak out for justice for our global neighbours who have lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones and to seek ways of hope and transformation.

The vigil aims to prompt the UK Government to:

1. Make the UK’s biggest polluters pay for climate action.
2. Deliver and build on the UK’s international climate finance pledges and pay into the UN’s Loss and Damage Fund.
3. Ban new UK-based fossil fuel projects.

By writing to/emailing our local constituency MP to tell them we are taking part in the vigil and to ask them to champion bold climate action we can also play our part in making a positive difference.

An MP briefing outlining ways MPs can raise the issue in Parliament is available at caid.org.uk/C4CJbriefing.

A Rocha, Christian Aid, Christian Climate Action, Tearfund and others are organising the vigil.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS



Lisa Buyinza and Pearl of Grace Ministries: Pray for Lisa as she continues the process of registering Pearl of Grace Ministries as an NGO in Uganda and also as she settles into a new church 'Phaneroo' translated as 'Make Manifest'. Lisa is about to start a hybrid Bible college course so please pray this will equip her with a deeper Biblical understanding of discipleship.



LIFE IN ABUNDANCE INTERNATIONAL

Life In Abundance International: LIA-Djibouti has seen many people continue to be saved and recognise the hand of God in their lives. Pray that evangelism & discipleship will continue to increase amongst our church partners in Djibouti.

The conflict between Israel and Palestine has affected almost all of Djibouti and continues to be a source of tension for Christians with many experiencing harassment. Pray the Lord will protect believers and give them strength to endure this difficult time.



Beach Head Chaplaincy Team: Our search & rescue ministry is made possible by a team of mainly volunteer chaplains. Pray for our Spring 2024 training programme intake of new volunteer chaplains so they can be equipped with the skills in crisis intervention, supportive listening & to encourage more hopeful solutions than suicide.



Give thanks that **Prison Fellowship** wants to support every prison which runs the Sycamore Tree course for inmates, to learn about restorative justice. Pray for the funding and volunteers needed to run the courses, including in our local prison.



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.



Please pray for **HOMELINK** as it seeks to prevent homelessness through its interest-free loan scheme and to provide essential household items to those in desperate need.



Bible Society: Please pray for Hrayr and her team, working in the oil rich states of the Gulf, among poor migrant workers, pray for them as they share Jesus through scripture portions, a trauma healing workshop and storytelling.

ECO TIP FOR FEBRUARY FROM A ROCHA UK

Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable eco-friendly living? Explore some of these changes at arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/ Suggestions include: *Go plastic free; *Switch off from digital; *Boycott fast fashion; *Spend more time in nature; *Grow your own.



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) TRINITY's parish code 100610471.



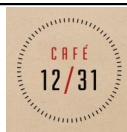
You can make direct internet payments to our bank account. Name: TRINITY Southover Church Council. Sortcode: 20 49 76. Account Number: 20775894. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.

If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email Bill our treasurer, and he will give you the relevant form: finance@trinitylewes.org.

Our website has more details: <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>

CAFÉ 12/31

is now open for food and drink
Tuesday to Saturday 9:30am - 2:00pm
Lunches are served daily 10.30am to 1.30pm



Come and enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere and delicious food and drink in our Café at St John's.



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

TRINITY supports our local food banks and there is now a greater need than ever before, with more families in food poverty. There is a real need for: *tinned meat *tinned fish
*tinned fruit *tinned vegetables



and also for empty egg cartons (preferably for 6 eggs, not 12). Thank you!

TRINITY Southover is normally open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday
12:00 noon - 3:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:30am - 3:30pm
Southover High Street, BN7 1JH

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)



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