



25 years ago HOMELINK was founded by a small group of volunteers from among the Lewes District Churches with a view to providing a solution to what they thought was a temporary problem.

HOMELINK is a unique Sussex-based charity that prevents homelessness by providing access to long-term housing solutions. We help people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, to access homes in the private rental sector by providing interest-free loans to those who can manage an ongoing tenancy but cannot afford the upfront costs associated with renting a home. Our clients are typically in crisis situations but have no other recourse to support as they do not qualify for statutory homeless assistance. The service we provide is a lifeline for those who have no other means of support.

For those without a stable home the basic need for shelter presents daily challenges. Without a safe, private space to retreat to, feelings of insecurity and anxiety, as well as a profound sense of isolation and loneliness, pervade. For many individuals and families no help can be had from the local housing office and so they have to look to the private rental market but do not have the average £2,000 needed to cover the security deposit and first month's rent. We tailor affordable monthly repayment plans and all repayments are 'recycled' to help the next person in need.

When people move into accommodation they often have very little. We can help by making available a limited number of small grants of between £200 and £500, making a big difference to the quality of life for those who are financially vulnerable. Grants range in value from as little as £20 for emergency food or energy vouchers, £300 for white goods or up to £500 for floor covering.

HOMELINK operates in the Lewes District area where poverty exists side-by-side with wealth. Housing is among the least affordable in England and there is an acute shortage of social housing in the area. We work closely with Lewes District Council and also receive referrals from a range of other community partners such as Newhaven Foyer, Children's Services, Women's Refuges, and others.

Over the last 25 years we have provided in excess of £1.5 million in loans, having housed thousands of local adults and children.

You can find out more about our work at www.leweshomelink.org.uk



Points for prayer:

We give thanks for the success of the Gala Concert. We pray for our clients, like the lady featured in the film shown. We thank God that we were able to help her access safe accommodation and pray that we will be able to reach many more people in similarly difficult situations.

 **CAFÉ 12/31**
will be closed
for Christmas
from
Tuesday 24th December
to Monday 6th January



TRINITY ST JOHN'S
CHURCHYARD WORKING
PARTY


Please join us for a working party at TRINITY St John's on Saturday 9th November from 10am.
All help appreciated.
Refreshments provided.
See you there!



HANNAH COLPUS TO 'GoMAD'!

As part of her gap year Hannah will be spending 12 weeks, from mid-January to mid April 2025, serving with the Christian organisation GoMAD (Go Make A Difference) Tanzania, helping with community projects in Tanzania. She will give a brief presentation of her trip across the TRINITY sites on 24th November and 1st December and will share with us also upon her return.

The PCC have agreed a financial contribution towards the costs, and encourages the church to support Hannah in



UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS



Bible twinning provides scriptures in Costa Rica. The Ngäbe are Costa Rica's largest indigenous group that is still without a translation of the Bible in their language. They approached Bible Society in San José, the capital of Costa Rica, to ask for the Bible. Ngäbe Christians wanted at least a Gospel so they could share their faith with their neighbours, and even non-Christians showed a keenness to see the Bible in their language. Gabriel Brais, who leads the team in San José, said: 'We serve by bringing the word of God to every corner and population in our country since all have need of the Bible in their own language.'



FSW has been enabled to recruit a further Practitioner within our Diocese, due to fund raising and a legacy.

Please pray for those families supported by FSW due to the pressures of unexpected ill health and the strain, as well as frequently a reduction in the family income.

Please give thanks for the diligent work of the centre team to underpin our events, fund and grant raising to ensure that there is a continual financial support for our frontline team.



Please pray for Anandaban Hospital, Kathmandu, which is in a state of emergency following record monsoon rains, causing much damage.

Pray that water supplies will be restored, the arrival of food supplies, that roads are cleared of debris for access, funding for repairs and welfare of staff and patients.



Pray for those chaplains, police officers and coastguards who have dealt with some challenging interventions in the last few weeks. May they be covered in God's peace and comfort and that they reach out for support, if needed, with colleagues and counsellors. We give thanks for those from TRINITY who came to Beachy Head to walk and pray over the beauty and darkness of the land.



Lisa has moved to Kampala where she is in walking distance of the main church of Phaneroo. She feels she has found her true home there. They have special kids church on Sunday and the Pastor's wife is principal of the Christian school nearby which Lioness is enjoying so much. Lisa is gradually developing the idea of small businesses that girls can run which benefits themselves and POG. They have recently bought a pop corn machine and there is also a laundry business.



Pray that teachings in key mission topics including education, health and economic empowerment, at the recent LIA Global Missions Conference Africa, will be implemented in participants' lives and result in lasting transformation within their communities. Pray too for wider impact of the learnings of Wholistic Transformation across the many countries represented at the conference.



Pray for all volunteers in men's and women's jails around the country, visiting prisoners and assisting in the chapels, courses and rehabilitation programmes.

Pray for the prisoners being released early to allow space in overcrowded prisons, and for the Government and Prisons Minister as they plan and seek to implement improvements to the prison system.

Pray for the Angel Tree programme sending presents & Christmas storybooks to prisoners' children at Christmas, to be an encouragement and help keep families connected.

Prisons "Volunteer Basic Training" online 12th November from 7-8.30pm. If you are interested in volunteering, find out more at www.prisonfellowship.org.uk/joinus



TRINITY Southover open for prayer
normally Monday to Friday during the day
Southover High Street BN7 1JH



CAFÉ 12/31
Tues to Sat 9.30am - 2.00pm
Hot food served daily
9.30am to 1.30pm



CLOTHES FOR HOMELESS & REFUGEES

Many thanks for ongoing donations. As the colder weather comes please look out any warm clothes, jackets, boots, sleeping bags . . . all very gratefully accepted in the collection boxes at our church sites, or contact Mary Boyum on 0780 3630831 to collect from your home. Thank you!



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/>

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