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TRINITY

MISSION NEWS

Updates & prayer information

Our vision is to see lives transformed by the love of Christ and our mission is to build wholehearted disciples of Christ

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Our Core Service

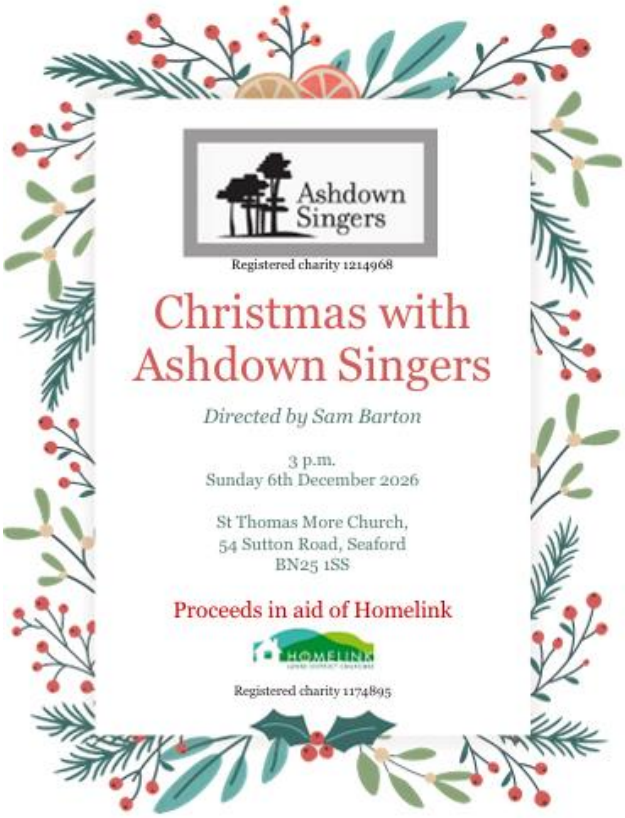
We take immense pride in our ongoing mission to deliver an invaluable service to those at risk of homelessness within the L ewes District. We achieve this through our interest-free loans, which assist individuals in covering deposits and first month's rent, as well as our Home Essential Goods Service. In 2025, we successfully helped 147 local residents (including children) secure permanent housing through 61 loans. So far in 2026, as at the end of September, 56 new loans have already been provided.

Our Home Essential Goods Service

Our Home Essential Goods Service continues to offer crucial support to those who have found a permanent home but lack basic necessities. This assistance may include items such as beds, curtains, cooking equipment and floor coverings. In 2025, the HEGS service was able to support 94 households, providing assistance to 122 adults and 100 children.

Current Challenges for our Clients

- Not having a suitable guarantor to meet an agent's requirement
- Accumulated debt – much because of the cost-of-living crisis
- LHA rates and actual rents too far apart
- Lack of stock of affordable/social housing
- The Renters' Rights Act has made landlords more choosey of applicants they take – and many of our applicants cannot meet requirements



Prayer Needs

- Please pray for those things mentioned in 'current challenges' above.
- Please pray that the Government's emphasis on helping the homeless will produce quick and effective results for all those affected, from rough sleepers, sofa surfers, victims of abuse to those in unsuitable and unaffordable accommodation.
- Please pray for HOMELINK clients who are looking for accommodation and please pray for our staff. Working with people in crisis can take its toll and we pray for energy, especially for our client managers.
- Please pray for all those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.
- As the weather gets colder, please pray for those living in sheds, car parks and fields and for those who are sofa surfing and don't know where they will be spending the next night.
- HOMELINK is looking for one or two more trustees, especially if they have experience of HR or organising events. Please pray that the right person/people might come forward for these fulfilling roles.

Thank you to all who support HOMELINK in any way, for instance prayerfully, financially or on volunteer teams.

THIS MONTH'S EASY ECO TIPS FROM A ROCHA UK

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence.) Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all – you'll go further together!

UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

LIA-Ethiopia: Ethiopia continues to face security challenges, particularly in the north, where conflict between government forces and rebel groups is creating fear and instability. Tensions between Ethiopia and Eritrea also remain high. Pray for peace in Ethiopia and the wider region, protection for civilians, and wisdom for leaders to pursue reconciliation. Pray too for LIA-Ethiopia staff, board members, their families and church leaders - ask God to protect and strengthen them.

Leprosy and disability are making life hard in the light of the crisis in Ethiopia. Climate change, poverty and violent clashes are daily struggles.
Civil war ended in Tigray region in 2022, but there are fears of further conflict. Pray for peace and safety for TLM teams as they serve Jesus in dangerous zones.
Give thanks that health workers are learning to recognise and treat disease.
Pray that Jesus will pour out his blessings on families trying to break the chains of poverty.
Pray for strength and wisdom for Bel, the country leader as she guides the team.

The Bible Society team in Jordan takes every opportunity to put God's word in people's hands and hearts. Jordan is about 97 per cent Muslim as the Christian population has declined. But various Churches are recognised and the Bible Society works across Christian denominations through a growing network of national and community partners in areas including children and youth, education, family support, humanitarian assistance, community development and care for vulnerable groups.
Two teams from TRINITY take Open the Book into schools, and more than 50 people are engaged in the Bible Course. Pray people will come to know and love the bible as they get to know Jesus through its pages.

Lisa Buyinza & Pearls of Grace, Uganda
Praise God for Lisa's recent time in UK and for contacts made.
Pray for the Pearls of Grace team going into Gomba prison on Sunday afternoons, that they will make a real impact in the lives of the women prisoners.
Praise and pray for the developing partnership between Pearls of Grace and the Gomba branch of the Phaneroo church with which Lisa is linked.

Close to the broken hearted is Prison Fellowship's theme this month, highlighting how many in prison have experienced bereavement early in life, often in violent or traumatic circumstances. With no support to help them process the pain and grief, this has often been buried behind anger and bravado. PF's Pastoral Care volunteers, listening without judgement, bring support and hope, so that healing can begin. Pray that God's presence brings comfort even behind prison doors. Psalm 34:18: The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Pray also for the men in Lewes Prison who were baptised in October, to continue to grow in their faith.

Diploma Course to equip the church in ECO work?
Anyone interested in doing The Potting Shed Diploma in 2027 (8 Modules including local Eco-mission), see https://hazelnutcommunityfarm.com/potting-shed-course and please contact David Melville. A few free places are available.

The Big Issue no. 1740 for 19th-25th Oct is all about **prison work and rehabilitation programmes for prisoners**. Get a copy from the local Big Issue sellers - they usually have back copies - or contact Mary Boyum 07803 630831.

TRINITY SOUTHOVER
is normally open
for prayer
Monday to Friday
during the day
Southover High St
Lewes BN7 1JH

CAFE 12/31
Open Tues - Sat
9:30am - 2:00pm
Food served all day
till 1.30pm

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 Church Lewes. Sort code: 08 92 99. Account Number: 67514762. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.
2If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email our finance team, who will give you the relevant form: finance@trinitylewes.org.
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