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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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Prison Fellowship has volunteers and work in every prison in England and Wales. PF has some exciting initiatives this year. In conjunction with Lewes Prison Chaplaincy, PF has been using Lewes Prison for its **pilot course for restoration**, to find healing, forgiveness and a fresh start – **Olive Tree**. The results have been encouraging! Olive Tree has been developed after careful assessment of the previous course (Sycamore Tree), and will be rolled out in prisons throughout England and Wales from January this coming year.

At a prison in the north of England, PF has also just launched a **Prison Visiting** pilot. Volunteers are paired with inmates who otherwise have no visitors. No family. No friends who come. They sit together and simply talk.

Pray for God's presence, meaningful engagement, and the knowledge that someone really cares.

PF's Pastoral Care work also brings trained volunteers into prisons to walk alongside people carrying grief, trauma and loss. Volunteers are a presence - willing to sit in the difficult places - to listen, and not look away.

"Grief in prison rarely looks like tears. It looks like fists through walls. Silence that lasts for years. Addictions that take hold. Lives derailed. Those I visit may be struggling with things such as depression, loneliness, family break-up and other serious issues. Sometimes, I can signpost them to other agencies within the prison for more support. They are grateful to have someone willing to give them time. ***We climb down into the pit to be with that person and then help them, rung by rung, to come out of the dark place they were in."*– Pastoral Care Volunteer**

Chaplaincy Support: Prisoners often have limited opportunities to spend time outside their cells in meaningful activities, so the services that Chaplaincy offers can be a lifeline. PF volunteers help in prison chaplaincies, when invited by chaplains, for example with music, Bible Studies and preaching.

Pray for all chaplains & their services, and give thanks for them.

Give thanks for the regular opportunities for baptisms & confirmation of new believers in Lewes prison!

Prisons Week – a national, interdenominational annual call to prayer for prisons – falls in the second week of this month. This year, Prisons Week takes its inspiration from Matthew 22:1-14: *'The servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests'.* Recognising that Jesus invites all, **let's pray for prisoners to experience that they are loved, invited and can be clothed with "wedding garments" of righteousness.**

THIS MONTH'S EASY ECO TIPS FROM A ROCHA UK

Greening your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps – there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

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

UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

We give thanks for LIA-UK and the work they do to introduce new people to LIA's ministry and to grow support for the work God is doing through the local church and communities in our programme countries in Africa and the Caribbean. We are grateful for new relationships formed at the recent Bangor Worldwide Mission Conference, and we pray for new initiatives including our SewGood campaign that we hope will increase supporters and partners across the UK. Please pray for favour as we await decisions on several grant applications.

One client recently said, *'because of HOMELINK, we no longer face homelessness, ending months of uncertainty and fear.*' We pray for all those facing that uncertainty and fear right now. We pray for those unsure about where they will sleep tonight, for those fleeing dangerous situations, for those facing eviction. We pray for children and families in temporary accommodation, leading to disruption to education, friendships and family relationships. And we pray for our staff, for renewed energy through a very busy period.

This month we are praying for Myanmar, 5 years after a military coup, civil war has taken its toll. Those affected by Leprosy have been hit hard. Then in March 2025 a devastating earthquake intensified the struggles of families.
We pray for resilience that does not give up and faith that endures. We pray that God will bring healing and justice to this country.
Pray that together, TLM can continue to bring vital care to communities that would otherwise be forgotten.
Pray for divine protection for the teams and volunteers as they travel to remote communities. May God bless their courage and commitment to serving people affected by Leprosy.

The earthquakes that hit Venezuela on 24 June 2026 were the fiercest since 1900 and could prove to be the most devasting in 150 years. The Bible Society team in the country is reaching out to survivors with God's love, and they're asking for our help.
Baudilio Hurtado, who feared that he'd lost his sister, leads the Bible Society team in Caracas, Venezuela's capital. Thankfully, his sister was found alive. Now, he and the team are organising a response that includes practical help, emotional support, prayer and Scripture.
We are starting the Bible Course here in TRINITY, please pray for all those taking part as they are encouraged to get to know the bible and start reading it daily.

Lisa Buyinza & Pearls of Grace, Uganda
Praise God for Lisa's presence and ministry to us at the TRINITY Together service on 27th September and pray that the remainder of her time in UK will be fruitful.
Pray for her daughters, Lioness and Levani, in her absence.
Pray as she seeks to build up POG's team of volunteers to meet some of the many opportunities they have for ministry around Kampala and Gomba, including mentoring young women and girls, street preaching and women's prison ministry.

Gifts of non-perishable goods for the Lewes Food Banks are always welcome, and may be placed in boxes in church porches.

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.

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

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