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### Prayer needs & Thanksgiving: February – May 2012

#### CIRCUIT

- **Please continue to pray** for our Circuit Ghana Project which is now reaching a critical stage in its development. We give thanks that around half of the money required for the project has been raised and we trust that we will soon be able to raise the rest of the funds required to complete the project.
- **We pray that** this and other projects in which members of our circuit are involved in Africa may also bear much fruit for the benefit of the people of both Ghana and Togo.
- **Please pray** for the healing ministry within our Circuit, that it may strengthen and grow.

#### STUDENT- Circuit

- “Student Circuit” is the new name for our work amongst the student communities based at our two universities. **Please pray** for Sue Harrington & Heather Lythgoe as they continue their liaison work with the Universities.
- **We pray** that they will make personal contact with the students, have the vision required to identify needs, the courage and persistence to give them effect and that through them, many students may be brought to Christ.
- “Please look at our page on Facebook”.

#### HIV/AIDS CHAPLAINCY

- **Please pray** for the Sussex HIV Chaplaincy Team, and those living with or affected by HIV, within the District, the UK and globally.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES

##### Dorset Gardens



**We give thanks** to God that our ministry here in Brighton is so diverse that it enables us to reach out to the widest number of people within the city.

**We ask for your prayers** that we may be ready and equipped for all the challenges and changes we face doing our work in the locality.

## Hove

- **We give thanks** that our former minister, Rev Kathleen Allen, has been healed of her cancer and is well enough to revisit soon.
- **Please pray** that our church may cooperate well with our sister churches in the Circuit and other denominations in our locality.
- **Please pray for** our redevelopment to proceed well and enable our society to grow.



## Patcham



- **We give thanks** that the Churches Together in Patcham Advent Service held at Patcham Methodist Church and the opportunity this presented for Christian unity in the local area.
- **We give thanks** that the outreach opportunities presented by the annual Christmas market and Church services; in particular the Nativity service and the Christmas Eve combined children's activities afternoon /Christingle Service which saw an increase in the number of people attending from the previous year.
- **We give thanks** for the generous weekly support of Church Members to the Basics Bank co-ordinated by Brighton & Hove City Mission, which provides much needed provisions to needy/homeless people in the City.
- **Please pray** that the prayer and revival meetings for the City held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month between 1-2pm at Brighton & Hove City Mission will be well supported.
- **We give thanks** that the twice-monthly Lunch Club run by Church Members for about 40 elderly people.
- **We pray** that sufficient helpers may come forward to continue this much valued and needed lunch club which is very popular and often has a waiting list for places. We also pray for meaningful contact with those non church people who attend.
- **Please pray** for closer contacts to be established with the groups/individuals who use the Church premises.
- **Please pray for** the schools in Patcham that contacts may be established which will encourage the children to attend Church activities.
- **Please pray for** continued harmony within the local community.

## Woodingdean

- **Please give thanks** for the generosity of the many people who came to our Christmas Tree Festival, giving so much for The Martletts Hospice.
- **Please pray for** our outreach in the community of Woodingdean.
- **We pray for** the politicians of our country, that they may find ethical and effective ways to reverse the financial decline.



## Prayers for the Persecuted Church

We continue to remember persecuted peoples and especially those who have converted to the Christian Faith and who are thus in particular danger. Typical instances are having their houses burnt down around them, being imprisoned for periods of many years after trials where normal standards of justice are not seen to operate, having to flee from their homes and villages, being rejected and abused by their families and even execution.

Their example in the face of such persecution is a profound lesson to us in this country and we should thank God for their courage and faith in standing fast in the face of such persecution. Also, of course, that they may be spared such persecution.