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## Prayer & Thanksgiving – July to September

### Circuit

**Please pray for these events** planned by the Youth Action Team at the ‘Thinking Outside the Box’ workshop.

1. Summer Party for all young families at Fairlight Lodge Hotel on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
2. Film Night for 5-11 year olds at Pett Chapel on 17<sup>th</sup> September.
3. Summer Beach Party for 12 year olds and over, on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

These youth events and the positive motivation, support and encouragement are cause for prayer.

### Hollington Church

We now know that the Rev. Stephen Maunder and Rev. Marion Proud are moving on to new positions next year, so leaving spaces for two newcomers, including a new superintendant. This is obviously a cause for prayer in our circuit and individual churches. Perhaps we as the people of God must make sure that we do not leave too much on our ministers’ shoulders and be prepared to do our share, in whatever form we can.

Unfortunately the Rev. Clive Redknapp at St. John’s Anglican Church Hollington is retiring. This is sad for both the St. John’s congregation and our own at Hollington Methodist church as he has been very supportive in



building relationships between the churches and congregations. St. John’s folk were very helpful following the recent fire at Hollington by providing room for our worshippers. **Please pray** with us that they may find the support they need from the other churches around them, as Clive will not be replaced for some time. This is a problem with many of our Anglican churches in the area.

‘Christians Against Poverty’ (C.A.P.) now have 4 money coaches in the Circuit. Courses are on-going for anybody, and those who are struggling with debt. **Please pray** for Elaine, David, Heather and Ken as they develop this work.

### St Helen’s Church

The hall floor has recently been laminated but major problems have been caused by damp and it has been in a dangerous state. The hall could not be used. This has been very upsetting as their second ‘Messy Church’ was planned and had to be cancelled. The whole building has always been troubled with this sort of problem and a new building would be the ideal, but the cost of approximately 1 million pounds is discouraging. Several church members have worked to get the floor sorted and it is now in use again and Messy Church is back in the plans!

Messy Church has been successful at St Helen’s and at St John’s with Churches Together in Hollington. This is an activity which reaches the community around the church. Fantastic!

**“Prayer Vigil”** at St Helen’s Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9:45 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Richmond: Methodist Home for the Aged**

Richmond has seen many changes recently both in staff and building. Mr Mervyn Weekes is the new chaplain and he and the residents have just welcomed a new manager, Ms Linda Jackson. New building work, which will be good in the long-run, is however, a disruption for the residents.

### **Pett Chapel - 'The Big Sow'**

The congregation gave seeds away in the spring starting on Mothering Sunday. We gave to our congregation, families in the village and to children at the cubs/brownies and after-school club. In the autumn at harvest time we are inviting them to come along to the chapel to show us what they have grown, either the items or photographs and to enjoy homemade soup and rolls. The winner of the giant sunflower competition will also be announced! This has been a very positive connection with people in the village. Please will you **pray with us** that God will use this opportunity and help us follow-up prayerfully and with love and care.



**Pett Chapel**

### **Battle Church**

Plans, ideas, schemes and hopefully building will be taking place very soon in Battle for our new Battle Methodist Church. Each step needs prayer as they are taken. We have already seen the first fruits of prayer and it is very exciting. Our second prayer vigil will be taking place at Battle in January 2011.

The Hastings, Bexhill & Rye Prayer Coordinators (Encouragers) now have a new e-mail address, [time.4prayer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:time.4prayer@hotmail.co.uk) . This is to help us respond with prayer needs quickly within our Circuit.