



**BEACHY
HEAD
CHAPLAINCY
TEAM**

May 2020 Prayer Newsletter

My prayer is that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

We may be living in difficult and challenging times, but this does not mean we don't have hope.

We have all read news reports stating that large numbers of people are connecting with their faith online during the coronavirus lockdown.

The resurrection power of Jesus is available to everyone of us. We know it can change lives, we know it can heal in miraculous ways and we know it can transform the weaknesses in our lives into strengths. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday let's declare it will be a Sunday of renewal and empowerment from the Holy Spirit. Let us declare together that it imparts faith, new hope and a new intimacy with God for our nation.

Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever ! Amen".

I am starting this Prayer newsletter giving thanks and praise:

We have remained fully operational throughout the Coronavirus pandemic and we give thanks for the continued strong health of all our frontline team.

We give thanks for the major reduction in numbers of incidents dealt with on Beachy Head throughout April and May and we also give thanks for the quieter period and the opportunities it presented for the Chaplaincy team to invest time in group bible study and prayer.

We give thanks for those who have contacted us in the past months with words of encouragement. I wanted to share this testimony from Johnny in particular: *This time last year Lynne and Steve pulled me out from the cove by the road between Belle Tout and Burling gap after an attempted Overdose. They helped me find God and my purpose in life to carry on. I am an ex-soldier and Lynne, helped by God, saved me twice from ending my life. A message to you both if you remember me. Thank you so much for all you did for me and my family. We have moved to Cornwall and I am now part of the Bude Surf Veterans which helps veterans through surfing and brotherhood. As you both told me, God would help me find my way of helping others and myself and the time we spend together saves lives down here. Thank you so much...I have now finished the gospels and everyday try to use Jesus's teachings to be a good man, father and husband, as well as reaching others and helping them see the way to life. God bless you all up there, and I pray for you all every day. Your friend, Johnny*

Prayer requests

Pray for God's continued protection over the health of our frontline team as we increase in team numbers over the coming months back to our full capacity. Pray that our team to be kept fit and well.

In particular pray for our Chaplains and team support who have underlying health conditions or family members with underlying health conditions; that they would know the Lord's protection, so they can continue to operate safely and remain in good health over the coming months.

Pray that as the team return to normal duties, we would be given increased opportunities with partner agencies, to support their needs and share the gospel of Jesus.

As we resume regular service Pray for an increase in opportunities for the team to spend time together in prayer and feeding on Gods word. Pray that they would be presented with divine opportunities to share the gospel or pray for both the general public as well as those presenting at Beachy Head in crisis.

Also pray for continued positive working relationships with all our partner agencies, for trust and respect to continue to grow as we work together and alongside all the blue light service teams who operate at Beachy Head.

Pray for our three new trainees, that their training will recommence, their knowledge and discernment will grow and they will be used mightily by the lord in the coming season.

Pray for the businesses on Beachy Head that they would see financial provision and return of customers to sustain their business and staffing teams over the coming months. Specifically, for Beachy Head Pub and its team, Belle Tout Lighthouse and team, Beachy Head countryside Centre and team and National Trust Birling Gap and all the team.

Pray for protection, wisdom and guidance for the trustees as they present the AGM in June.

Pray for increased opportunities and connections with other agencies around the UK who need help and support to provide a similar lifesaving service.

Pray for our planning application for new signage at the BHCT hut on Beachy Head. This was submitted in March but because of the Pandemic we have not received any notification to date. This new large signage will help identify the location of the chaplains and help those in their time of need to find us easily.

Please also pray specifically for a refurbishment of our current hut, this has been offered by the police (they are the owners of the coastguard hut from which we operate) and was hoped to be concluded by the autumn of 2020. Due to the current pandemic, time delays and priorities have changed. Please declare that the refurbishment will be carried out in 2020 and that we will be able to expand/increase our service as a result of the extra space given to the Chaplaincy team.

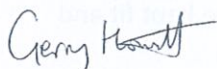
Declare opportunities to influence local and national government decision making regarding suicide policies and to raise awareness within government of the critical situation at Beachy Head. Pray that a dialogue can begin which would result in strategies and financial provision to end suicide at Beachy Head.

Declare that incident numbers at Beachy Head will never return to pre lockdown figures. That the enemy would be defeated in every place he determines to interfere in relating to Beachy Head, BHCT and our ministry.

Finally let us declare together that the miraculous peace that comes from knowing the grace of God and the power of his presence would be felt across the nations. Amen.

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Thank you for your vital prayer support.
Kind Regards



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