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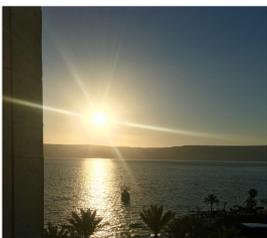
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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE
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Prayer Partners' Newsletter

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We hope that you enjoy this image of the sun rising over the Golan Heights and reflecting in the Sea of Galilee.

A belated Happy Easter to you all as we return to tell you about what we have been up to and ask that you join us in praying for some of the news items we want to tell you about.



Places of Welcome in Chester Diocese continues to go from strength to strength. We are often humbled by the stories we hear and thought that you would like to hear one.

"Mike started to come to our lunch club which is a Place of Welcome. He has been socially isolated for years. He had a 40 year history of traumatic experiences compounded by habits of drug and alcohol abuse and struggled to interact with others. As he began to get to know people he re-gained his sense

of humour and lost some weight, both of which helped his self-esteem. He was offered a gym membership by the church and began to draw and to write poetry which he shared at the lunch club. He has started to attend other church activities and is beginning to explore a faith".

Please pray for our growing network of Places of Welcome, especially that others, like 'Mike' will find a place of belonging and acceptance where they can contribute and find meaning.

If you would like to know more about how you might start a Place of Welcome or how your own ministry may qualify to become part of this nationally recognised network please go to our website www.tltogether.org.uk/places-of-welcome



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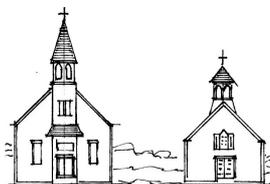
In March we facilitated a conference alongside the Alzheimer's Society. **Focus on Faith and Dementia** was a great success and we want to thank all of you who covered this event in prayer. The event was attended by 78 people, representing 22 churches of many denominations. We are already hearing how the event inspired attendees to respond in their own faith communities. Please pray that more churches will have the urge to become more dementia friendly as we look to spread this great initiative across other areas.

FILLING THE GAP

Hopefully, you will have heard by now about our 'Filling the Gap' initiative. We are aiming to inspire churches to provide fun and food for children in the school holidays. This is proving to be of vital importance, particularly for those families who rely upon free school meals to supplement their meagre budgets. In June we are hosting a celebratory lunch to acknowledge the Heroes of Filling the Gap. Those volunteers who give so much to the various projects and to acknowledge publicly, the work of those church communities and their partners who make this possible.

If you know of a Filling the Gap hero please let us know.

Please pray that our lunch will be a blessing and a chance for us to spread this idea in more places.



New Church Pairing

We are delighted to report that we are facilitating a new church pairing in Chester Archdeaconry. These two churches from very different areas and backgrounds have decided to work together for mutual benefit. They are learning from each other and are hoping and praying for a long partnership, which will bear fruit.

Please pray that these churches are a blessing to each other and that others may emerge who may like to explore the possibility of getting to know a different church and pairing with them to explore how to 'transform lives together'.



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