



BRIDGE TRUST



A BRIDGE FROM HOMELESSNESS

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Welcome to our Prayer Letter, which we issue at the same time as our quarterly Bridge Bulletins. If you would rather not receive this please do let us know.

Thank you all, as ever, for your continuing faithfulness in prayer

It can be all too easy to sit with God and make a list of things we'd like Him to do for us, but the ACTS method of praying (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) reminds us to say thank you too:

Homelessness is abhorrent and most people acknowledge how difficult it must be to experience. In a world which is often thought of as "too busy" with people who are "too selfish" we are so thankful for the care and kindness given to help our residents. From modest small-change collections to home-made Christmas cakes, warm clothing and toiletries to larger sums of money. Adults and young people alike are doing whatever they can through us to aid those less fortunate.

A Housing First initiative has just begun in Tunbridge Wells; successfully trialled in other countries it offers an immediate *and permanent* roof to a rough sleeper before they begin working through their difficulties. This specialist type of service is fairly new to the UK but could be a welcome addition to the homeless arena if it works.

We are all children of God, and in the words of the song "...in whatever worldly state thou wilt have me be: Not from sorrow pain or care, freedom dare I claim..." we thankfully remember that He is there holding us, loving us and carrying us when we are at our lowest ebb. Sometimes moments of unexpected spiritual clarity come upon people in the darkest of situations, when they are ill, when they are hurting, when they are homeless. He feels our pain and He can make it easier to bear.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God". Philipians 4:6

