



# Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

## Resisting poverty. Empowering people. Restoring hope.

May 2018



“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him! “

Isaiah 30 v 18

### Antifreeze

#### Praise:

- For an increased sense of the presence and peace of God in our Day Centre; many of the clients have commented on this.
- For 10 clients attending the first week of our ‘Down to Earth’ (Walking with Jesus) Course—for the encouraging discussions which took place and for the great food provided by a volunteer.
- For the positive transformation in attitude we have seen from a number of clients.

#### Prayer:

- For many of our clients to come to faith—whether through the ‘Down to Earth Course’, a conversation, a kind gesture or whatever the Lord may use.
- For more of His peace and presence in our centre and for it to be known widely as a place where God abides.
- For more options for housing to become available - especially for those clients who currently have no options.

### Gateway

#### Praise:

- For the women who will be attending Gateway’s craft workshops for the first time – please pray for them as they learn new skills and grow in confidence.
- For the lovely weather, as it encourages the women to enjoy time in the garden and in the summer house.
- For the friendships amongst the women and the encouragement they give to each another.

#### Prayer:

- For those women struggling with ongoing health issues.
- For peace and calmness throughout Gateway at this time, especially while there are building works taking place next door.
- That the women will respond well to the changes we are planning to Gateway’s timetable of activities and that they will feel the benefit of these changes.

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## Schools & Youth

### Praise:

- For our fourth Prayer Space at St Nicolas Primary School in Portslade.
- For two new sets of lessons starting at King's School and Blatchington Mill School.
- For a new after school club starting at Hove Park School every Monday.

### Prayer:

- For the team as they set up an exam Prayer Space at Cardinal Newman School for year 11 students.
- For our next Christians in Education event on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- For Lizzi as she meets up with the other Prayer Space Networkers nationally on 11<sup>th</sup> May to review, pray and plan for the future.

## General

### Praise:

- That all funding is now in place for the purchase and refurbishment of the mobile shower unit.
- That 2017-18 was a year of growth and more positive impact than we even imagined!
- For the wonderful news (to be officially announced in May) that Off the Fence is one of the new Mayor's (Cllr Dee Simpson) charities for 2018.

### Prayer:

- For Paul as doors have opened for him to meet with some considerably large funding groups - please pray that God will develop long and fruitful partnerships.
- For Paul and the Trustees - for wisdom and discernment as they meet and pray about the future and where God is leading Off the Fence.
- For two key vacancies on our staff team – 1) Full-time maternity cover for an Assistant Fundraiser, 2) A part-time Communications Coordinator, that God will draw the right people to these posts.

**Thank you for your support and prayers as we serve God.**

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