

## **The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond**

### **Living Faith 3: Making a difference in society**

*This is about recognising that in a holistic understanding of God's action in the world, social justice and prophetic witness cannot be put in a box as a specialism or an extra, but is at the heart of the calling of every Christian community in its own context.*

Sunday readings: James 1. 19 – 27; John 13. 1 – 17

#### **LIVING FAITH QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Why should we be concerned about social justice?
2. As a local Christian community (both the local church and the diocese as a whole) how can we best seek justice for people who are poor, hungry or homeless, for immigrants, for people who suffer as a result of conflict?
3. What are the consequences for us of serving people in need (e.g. speaking out on their behalf)?
4. How do we bring the needs of the world into the spiritual life of our church? How could we do it better?

#### **FOR PRAYER**

##### GROUP PRAYER

Put a candle or cross where everyone can see it.

Call to mind some recent news items.

Pause for reflection and silent prayer after each one.

SOME FURTHER TOPICS FOR PRAYER EITHER IN THE GROUP OR IN THE WEEK AHEAD:

Give thanks for ...

- Local groups and activities that are dedicated to making a difference, either in this country or overseas
- The burning sense of injustice on the part of young people.

Pray for ...

- A greater awareness of the causes of injustice and a greater willingness to address them
- The courage to speak out
- People who are poor and suffering in our link diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman.