

PARTNERSHIP MEETING FAQs

Who are these meeting for?

The Partnership meetings are for the following people:

- The *Nominated Representatives* of Partner Churches
- *Individual Partners*
- Up to two other Senior Leaders from each church (e.g. associate or assistant ministers, curates, elders, church wardens)
- Other individuals who are serving on SGP Task Groups
- Church leaders who are actively considering joining as *Partners* for themselves or their church (who are welcome to attend for a couple of meetings)

How often are the meetings held?

There are usually three each year – one in Jan/Feb, one in May/June, one in Sep/Oct – always on a Wednesday.

Where are the meetings held?

The meetings may be hosted by various churches, but at present they are usually held at Bishop Hannington Church in Hove, the United Reformed Church in Lindfield or Cuckfield Baptist Church.

What is the timing and format?

From 9:30	Registration and coffee; greeting long-lost friends!
10:00-11:00	First Session Usually including prayer, praise and a Bible exposition
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Second Session Often presentation and discussion of a topic related to the work of the Partnership or the life of the local church; news; information; and prayer
13:00-13:45	Lunch (provided but optional)

How much does it cost?

We ask for **£5.00 per person** to cover refreshments (coffee, pastries and lunch) and to help with speaker's expenses. This can be paid on the day, however **it's helpful if you can book and pay online via the SGP website**. We send out an invitation prior to the meeting with a link that gives you access to do this. Alternatively you can send a cheque payable to 'SGP' to Wendy Sands at 95 Edward Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4QW. We believe the lunch together is an important part of our Partnership. Please stay for lunch if you can; and please don't let money be a barrier. We would much rather have your presence than your money!

Do I need to let anyone know I am planning on coming?

YES PLEASE! IT REALLY IS A GREAT HELP IF WE KNOW IN ADVANCE WHO IS COMING, ideally by booking through the website link, or you can email or call Wendy to let her know the names of any other leaders you may be bringing from your church: admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk or 01444 458 635. If you tell us you are coming we include you in the numbers for lunch, unless you instruct us otherwise. Conversely, lunch will not be provided for you if Wendy does not hear from you.

If I've got more questions who do I ask?

For practical matters, contact Wendy Sands, the SGP Administrator: admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk or 01444 458 635. If you have any other questions to ask or comments to make about the Partnership Meetings or any other aspect of the Sussex Gospel Partnership, please contact Nick McQuaker, the SGP Director of Training and Development : nmcquaker@gmail.com or 01444 459 809.