



**SUSSEX
GOSPEL
PARTNERSHIP**

December 2018
to May 2019

Prayer Diary



Colossians 4:2-6

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

This prayer diary consists of prayer requests from Churches and Individuals who are Partners of the Sussex Gospel Partnership.

It is divided into 31 sections for use as a daily prayer diary, over a six month period.

A weekly diary of SGP prayer needs is also included in the centre.

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Day of
Month

Please pray:

BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)

- 1) Give thanks that we were able to hold the grand opening of our refurbished Youth and Community Centre on Saturday 1 September. The centre was packed with people from both the church and the local area. Please pray for wisdom as decisions are made about its future use and which community activities are accepted to maximise the spread of the gospel.
- 2) Give thanks as we have been greatly encouraged by the response to our Alpha Course. Please pray for those coming along and especially those connected with Tiddlywinks (Parent and Toddler group) and CAMEO (a group mainly for older people). Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work, changing lives.



GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Simon James-Morse)

- 1) for ongoing growth in the love of Christ, both within the congregation and to our community.
- 2) for a connection with the wider deaf community in Sussex, and opportunities to share the love of God with them.
- 3) for a developing passion for national and international mission, and for members of the congregation to experience mission first-hand.
- 4) for a strong prayer life, individually, as small groups and as a whole church.



HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Dave Howarth)

- 1) for every member of the church to grow in their love for Christ through the preaching, small groups and one-to-ones. Pray that people would be quick to speak about Jesus and encourage each other in the gospel.
- 2) for our new Minister, Dave Howarth, and his family to settle into life at Holy Cross and the area. Pray for him to build relationships quickly with the church family and for wisdom, faithfulness and Christlikeness as he leads.
- 3) for more people to be involved in works of service so that no-one is doing too much, and so that the body of Christ may grow to maturity.

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CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Phil Wells)

- 1) Give thanks with us for new people baptised and coming into formal membership. Please pray for them to be grafted in; to grow in Christ and find their fruitful place of service in the body of Christ.
- 2) Give thanks for the formation of a preaching team of younger and more mature men. Please pray for their development as ministers of God's word, and for them to be a blessing to many within our immediate fellowship and perhaps beyond that.
- 3) Give thanks for continued strength and blessing upon our two Elders, Phil Wells and Chris Fry. Please pray with us for 'future ministry' as we seek to increase the eldership from within the church in the next year or two, and call the right man with appropriate gifts and experience to be added to the team (full-time), in God's timing.



NEW LIFE CHURCH, MOULSECOOMB (representative, Julian Rebera)




- 1) *People*: 'Ask the Lord of the harvest ...'. The scale of our task is enormous - above everything else we need more labourers. Please pray for people to share our vision and join us in the mission. We have one person lined-up to work with us long-term, and other potential people.
- 2) *Properties*: If we are to have people come and work with us, we need to address the challenge of accommodation. Please join with us in praying as we seek suitable properties. Pray too that Christian landlords will purchase properties in our area and allow us to fill them. If you know of anyone who has properties to let and/or would like to invest in property here, we would love to hear from you.
- 3) *Pounds*: People cost, ministry costs. Please pray and ask the Lord to supply all we need to advance the gospel throughout North and East Brighton.






JULIAN HADDOW (Associate Partner, Brighton & Hove City Mission)

- 1) for strength, resilience and Gods grace and wisdom in leading BHCM through some struggles.






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<p>3</p> 	<p>RICHARD JACKSON (Individual Partner, Bishop of Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom in formulating the next phase of the Diocesan mission strategy. 2) for continued wisdom in standing for orthodoxy in the wider Church of England. 3) for evangelistic fruitfulness in week by week ministry.
	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our new Assistant Pastor, Steve Mason, as he settles into his role in the church. Pray for spiritual vitality and endurance, together with passionate preaching and Christ-like leadership. 2) for our Church Planter, Doug Clark, as he leads a team sent from the Tab to plant a church in Halifax, West Yorkshire. Pray for the core team to grow and for the finances to come in. 3) for more leaders to be raised up from within, and indeed join from without. Most of our ministries are somewhat stretched and need able contributors to join our teams and, in some cases, to lead them. 4) that the whole church would grow in their love for Christ, His word and the doctrines of grace. Pray that this would overflow into an evangelistic and merciful love for our neighbours.
	<p>ANDY BOUSFIELD (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Westdene)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me personally as I moved to take up a position at St Mark's Church, Salisbury and St Andrew's Church, Laverstock in November. 2) for Ascension Church as they look for a new minister, and Andy Flowerday as he oversees Patcham parish during this vacancy. 3) for the parish (two churches) as they seek to provide ministry to families and explore appointing an Associate Minister for this purpose in 2019.

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<p>4</p> 	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the much appreciated ministry of our recently arrived Curate, Jez Lowries, with his wife Katy and growing family. 2) Give thanks that we have also recently employed a new Church Administrator. Please pray that we would focus our resources wisely as we endeavour to make an impact for the gospel among the many unreached in our community. 3) for our various ongoing evangelistic or discipleship groups: Uncover (adults), Frogs (ages 8-11), Sparks (ages 11-16) but especially for a new group, Bumps and Babies, scheduled to start in January 2019. Please pray that all these groups would have godly unity and fruitfulness.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that our new church website will be used by the Lord to draw in new families and get the word of God out to people. 2) for our youth ministry. We have a large group of primary aged children who meet on Friday nights. We are now starting a brand new (monthly at first) group on Sunday nights for secondary aged children. There is a handful of teenagers who may come right now. Please pray - there is a great need, and great potential. 3) for our evangelism. Following the launch of our new website we plan to produce a new flyer, for gradual distribution to every home in Peacehaven (population 25k). We may call it 'love Peacehaven', as if we love Peacehaven then we will give them the good news!
	<p>CARL CHAMBERS (Individual Partner)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that my family and I are trusting God, as the good God He is, as He works His purposes out for our good - to become more like Jesus. 2) for God to lead us into His good work that He has prepared for us to do.

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<p>5</p> 	<p>PARK HILL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Derek Fortnam)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise the Lord for recent encouragements. A number of new people have come to faith recently. 2) for several people who are evidently seeking quite seriously. 3) for our real need for people who would be equipped to help more on the administrative side.
	<p>ST GEORGE'S, EAST WORTHING (representative, Brian Penfold)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the integration of new believers into the St George's church family. 2) for growth in the effectiveness of the new Alpha course over the next year. 3) for approval of the new building redevelopment plans before summer 2019.
	<p>JOHN WOODS (Individual Partner, Lancing Tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the encouragement of seeing new faces, some conversions and baptisms. It is always exciting to have signs of new life. 2) that we will be able to make the most of every opportunity that presents itself to us through Messy Church, Open Doors coffee morning, Christianity and Discipleship Explored. 3) for a new group for older teens and early 20s to explore their faith. They meet fortnightly and have made a good start. Pray for the leaders as they seek to steer these youngsters into faithful and fruitful discipleship. 4) for people to step up into areas of service and responsibility. Pray that we will be able to identify, train and support a new generation of leaders.
<p>6</p> 	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thank God for providing James, our new Youth Worker, who started in October, along with the necessary finance. Pray that James settles in well, works effectively with our existing team and helps us disciple our current youth group of 12. 2) for the development of an effective approach to youth outreach in and around Lewes and amongst the friends of our current youth group. 3) for youth to be saved, baptised and added to our church.
	<p>ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for our mission-focussed month in October. Please pray for spiritual fruit from all the connections made and for growing relationships. 2) for our re-ordering as this quarter (Oct to Dec) will be 'make or break' as far as taking our plans from the idea stage to the future reality stage. Please pray that God would guide us in all these plans; that focus wouldn't be drawn from gospel ministry and that enthusiasm would be caught by the church. 3) for a good working relationship with our local faith primary school, following a recent change in Head Teacher.

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JAMES RUSSELL (Individual Partner, North Mundham with Hunston and Merston)

- 1) that we might have a more structured approach to pastoral care across our Benefice as we commission our new Pastoral Visiting Team.
- 2) for the work amongst our 14-18 year olds to grow and develop.
- 3) Give thanks for a real sense of purpose and unity within our staff team.



ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (representative, Mark Standen)

- 1) for our staff team. We recently welcomed a new Ministry Trainee from the States, Brady, and have the final full year from our curate, Brendan, who aims to concentrate on outreach, men's ministry and developing work amongst our 18-25 year olds.
- 2) for our new website, launched on 25 November, to be visited by more people from our community. Pray that it will be used by the Lord to stimulate people to explore the relevance of Jesus to their lives.
- 3) for a fruitful Christmas period, and a good uptake of places on our Alpha course in January 2019.
- 4) for there to be more faith, love and hope developing in the lives of our members, and that the gospel might ring out clearly and compellingly from us.



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<p>8</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for God to raise up leaders, in His time, to fulfil leadership positions within the church, such as Deacon and Administrator. 2) for someone to take on the church garden work. Our folk are aged and now unable to keep the gardens tidy. 3) for the continued preaching of God's word in our services, within the community (schools, Scouts and Guides) and to the church in Kisii, West Kenya and for fruitful responses.
	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for evangelistic opportunities following the move of Sunday services from the church to our hall, where we have more space and better facilities to invite and welcome people from our community. 2) for an outreach evening with Jonathan Aitken and follow-up through the Life Explored course. 3) for a deepening of faith and prayerfulness as we spend the Autumn and Winter learning about prayer from Paul's letters.
<p>9</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for new evangelistic efforts as we look to offer services in local residential homes for the elderly, and that I will be given opportunity to take assemblies at a local primary school. 2) for a number in our elderly fellowship who experience suffering of various kinds, that they will know the reality of the Lord's comfort and sustenance. 3) that we will always remember to walk by faith rather than sight as a fellowship. Knowing that while we obey the Lord as best as we are able, our faith is not in our methodology but in the living Lord and His provision for all we need.
	<p>ST PANCRAS WITH ST JOHN, CHICHESTER (representative, Mark Payne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the work with homeless people that will be increasing over the winter and for another Alpha course that will be running after the Monday morning break fast for the homeless. 2) for our youth minister, Darren, as our youth work grows and expands. 3) for the church building redevelopment as we consult the public and move forward with a planning application.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>10</p> 	<p>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Roger Barden)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for growing and deepening fellowship through our recently launched midweek home groups, looking at the book of Philippians, using Discipleship Explored. 2) Give thanks that we have regular visitors, from many different countries, at our Sunday services. Pray for the Lord to use His word to bring people to faith in Christ. We are currently hearing from Genesis and Romans. 3) Give thanks that we have been able to appoint a new Elder in the last year. Please pray that we might also be able to strengthen the leadership of the church by appointing an Assistant Pastor. Pray that the Lord would give collective wisdom as to the best way forward.
	<p>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Peter Pilgrem)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we seek to make contact with people in a new housing estate opposite the chapel. Pray for three households to join us. 2) for younger people to join us, as our leadership is older with no obvious successors. As an older congregation we have to consider the future of the work. Please pray for wisdom and for guidance as to the way forward. 3) for our witness in the village and for help in making good contacts with people.

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ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)

- 1) Give thanks for recent progress with our youth work and please pray for our Youth Minister, Luke, in his work amongst teenagers and young adults.
- 2) for initiatives this term to reach out to others, including the XTB lunchtime club at a local school, Connections Praise Services for seniors, the Parenting Children Course, the new Friday evening youth group, and the Pub Group which has come about following our Christianity Explored course.
- 3) for every member of St John's to be growing in their relationship with Christ as we focus on spiritual growth and discipleship on Sundays and in our small groups.



PETER DEAVES (Individual Partner, Holy Trinity, Rudgwick)

- 1) for me, that everything I do would spring from delighting in God, and for increased hunger to see Jesus glorified in the different areas of life.
- 2) Praise God for the success of the weekly (up until a year ago it was monthly) toddler group. Pray that families would connect well with the church and come to faith.
- 3) for stamina and focus, and enjoying the rest God gives for both Claire and me, especially following the birth of our third child in October.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, MARESFIELD (representative, Simon Ashdown)

- 1) for the parish, following Nick Cornell's move to Christ Church, Southborough, in September. Pray for wisdom in the appointment of a new Vicar, and good relations with Nutley Church who will be joint partners in making the appointment.
- 2) for those taking on new roles and volunteering in new ways, and for unity around the gospel.
- 3) for those who are helping with leading and preaching during the vacancy.



NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)

- 1) for me to get to know my new congregation well here at Christ Church.
- 2) for me to settle quickly into a new area and into new routines of ministry.
- 3) for the Lord's help in thinking through the vision of the church in the next 12 months, at a time of significant change in our staffing, with the need to appoint a new youth and children's team.

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ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (representative, Ben Thorndike)

- 1) for the church revitalisation at St Richard's, that the church family would continue to unite together around our vision for growth – numerically and spiritually - in particular that we would be bold in evangelism as we move into Christmas and the New Year.
- 2) for one new family to join St Richard's church before the end of 2018, and for two new families in 2019.
- 3) Give thanks for the progress made in establishing a new home group and appointing a Church Administrator.
- 4) for Ben specifically, that he and the family would continue to settle into Crowborough and local schools. Pray that Ben will know the Lord's help in getting a good balance when juggling responsibilities as Minister of St Richard's and as one of the Associate Vicars of All Saints', Crowborough, as well as family life and time off.



ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) Give thanks for the arrival of new staff. Pray that they will settle quickly, be a blessing to us and be blessed as they serve.
- 2) Give thanks for our One Life Mission Weekend in November. Pray that many in Crowborough will respond with faith to what they have heard.
- 3) for St Richard's, Crowborough and for Holy Trinity, High Hurstwood, as they embark on their second year of church grafts.







RON GEORGE

(Associate Partner: Eurasia Education Foundation & member of All Saints' Crowborough)

- 1) for the planning of a Day of Prayer for Central Asia taking place here at All Saints Church, Crowborough, with speakers from the area bringing up-to-date reports.
- 2) for volunteers for a teenage summer school of missions in Moldova.

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<p>14</p> 	<p>ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (representative, Mike Warren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for continued unity and pray that we would not be divided. 2) for evangelism to produce fruit, and good pastoral care for one another. 3) for the development and growth of new Deacons and Elders. 4) for wisdom to know how to relate to the Church of England/Diocese as it distances itself from its Biblical roots and churches/ministers that haven't changed their theology.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for godly leadership and gospel-driven decision making in all areas. 2) for the children's and youth work to continue to develop in positive ways. 3) for effective outreach leading up to Christmas. 4) for more effective outreach to older members of the parish.
<p>15</p> 	<p>NIGEL MASON (Individual Partner, St Deny's, Rotherfield & St Mark's, Mark Cross)</p> <p><i>St Deny's Church</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a new 11-14s youth group. Pray for the groups development and that youngsters will be keen to be involved and invite others to come along. 2) for those starting our Alpha course. <p><i>St Mark's Church</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we have been granted a faculty for the PCC and Mark Cross Community Centre to develop the church building into a multi-purpose space. 2) Give thanks for the close relationship we enjoy with the local church school and for the weekly assembly we are able to undertake.
	<p>JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for God to provide the spiritual leaders (eg, Elders) needed. 2) Give thanks for quite a few coming to toddler group, older people's lunch, Sunday School, etc. Pray that these people would come to hear more and most of all come to Christ. 3) for wisdom and strength for current Elders in the demands of leadership.

SORTED

A bible centred youth event for 14s-18s

BY THE SEA

25.01.19

7:30pm- 9:15pm

Bishop Hannington, Hove

£1 per teenager

Speaker:
Rory
Graham

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Sussex Youthworks "Come and See!"

Three Saturday mornings each academic year offering Biblical teaching, training and encouragement for all who teach the Bible to children and young people, whatever the setting. They are great times to meet others in similar ministries in Sussex churches, and are open to all. **£7 per person**

Saturday 2 March 2019 at Cuckfield Baptist Church, when we welcome back Rory Bell, Director of Training from TnT Ministries.

Saturday 22 June 2019 at Christ Church, Haywards Heath, when we look forward to Tamar Pollard leading our time together. Tamar is Children's Worker at Christ Church, Fulwood, and author of the 'One Day Wonders' series for children and families and co-author of 'Epic Explorers'.

Further info available soon at sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/events



Rory



Tamar

DECEMBER 2018

Week 1 - pray for the Spirit to be at work as the gospel is proclaimed throughout the Partnership this Christmas time, that many may come to faith. Pray for us all to be bold in speaking about Jesus.

Week 2 - pray for the final planning of our Ministry Training Mornings (formerly called SEMS and Leaders' Training Mornings) for 2019.

Week 3 - pray for the EQUIP intensive training course, starting again on 14 January, for those whose work is preaching God's word and leading His church. Designed for those with at least 10 years' experience in full-time Christian ministry, there are seven days' training planned over the year. *equip-course.weebly.com*

Week 4 - pray for all the students on the training courses to continue gaining clarity in their understanding of the Bible; a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness. The new term starts on 5 Jan (Eastbourne), 8 Jan (SMT), 12 Jan (Chichester) and 17 Jan (Study Group).

JANUARY 2019

Week 1 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea event on Friday 25 January. They are evenings of great fun centred on teaching the Bible in an engaging and relevant way.

Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they spend 24 hours away together from 24 to 25 January.

Week 3 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Partnership Meeting on 6 February, when Ed Drew from *faithinkids.org* and the Children's Worker, Dundonald Church, is our guest speaker.

Week 4 - pray for a good time of teaching and fellowship at the South East Gospel Partnership conference from 26 to 28 February, with speakers Charlie Skrine and Jonathan Prime. The aim of the conference is to encourage and equip pastor-teachers in the local church, a demanding and often lonely work.

FEBRUARY

Week 1 - pray that many people will book to go to our next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 2 March when Rory Bell from TnT Ministries will be leading us again. These mornings are for all those involved in leading and helping with children's and youth work.

Week 2 - give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

Week 3 - pray that church leaders who are struggling or facing difficulties will receive the support and encouragement they need.

Week 4 - pray for an increase in the number of Ministry Training Schemes run by SGP churches.

MARCH 2019

Week 1 - pray for Nick and Jon and others to know the Spirit's help as they continue to prepare their training course lectures and for help in teaching and leading discussions.

Week 2 - ask the Lord to keep church leaders faithful to the Gospel and committed to the primary tasks of prayer and teaching, which they have been set aside to do.

Week 3 - pray for many people to book for Bible by the Beach from 3 to 6 May in Eastbourne. The focus this year is 'Amazed - sin, grace and an amazing God'.
www.biblebythebeach.org 07958 047 140 info@biblebythebeach.org
It's not too late to book!

Week 4 - pray for us all to be bold in our witness and invitations to Easter services and events, and for the Spirit to turn many hearts to Jesus in repentance and faith.

APRIL

Week 1 - pray that many will book for the next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 22 June, when Tamar Pollard is our guest speaker. Tamar is Children's Worker at Christ Church, Fulwood, and author of the 'One Day Wonders' series for children and families and co-author of 'Epic Explorers'.

Week 2 - pray for all those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over Easter.

Week 3 - pray for greater practical partnership between SGP churches in training, evangelism and church planting, through the Cluster Groups.

Week 4 - pray that the churches of the SGP would have a vision for church planting and rejuvenation so that the gospel witness in Sussex might be strengthened and expanded.

MAY

Week 1 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Partnership Meeting this month.

Week 2 - pray for the continued planning of our 2019 Annual Conference, and for many people of all ages to book to join us! Information will be available via the website at www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/events


Week 3 - pray for the staff team (Nick McQuaker, Jon Hobbs, Nigel Jones and Wendy Sands) to know joy and encouragement in their work and God's help and wisdom in all that they do for Him.

Week 4 - give thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.

Give thanks for a good number of students again this year on our Bible Training Courses:

- 38 on the *Sussex Ministry Training Course* (SMTC), across years 1 and 2
- 36 on the *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* in Chichester
- 33 in the *Study Group* which is open to those who have completed both years of the SMTC

Pray for the Lord to encourage and equip all our students through these courses, and for the Lord to give others the desire and time to join us next year.

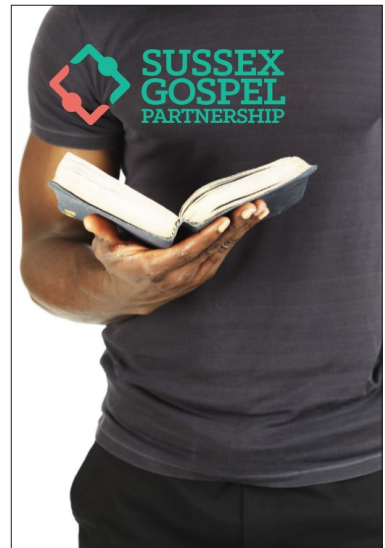


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Equipping Christians for Bible-Centred Ministry

Saturday Morning Bible Training Course
(22 Saturdays over 2 years)
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Chichester, from Sept 2018

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MARTIN POVEY (Individual Partner, Association of Evangelists)

- 1) Thank God for the great opportunities to preach Christ and Him crucified in schools, colleges, universities and churches. Please pray for those who have made professions of faith in Jesus to keep in step with the Spirit.
- 2) that my relationship with our Father in heaven thrives, with me listening to His word, and believing and living out what He says!
- 3) that as a family we speak boldly, truthfully, passionately and winsomely about Jesus in our local community.



DAVID BAKER (Individual Partner, East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches)

- 1) Give thanks for a good staff team here including two new energetic retired clergy (!) and for enjoyment of ministry.
- 2) for breakthroughs in work amongst teenagers, families and children. There are a handful of families who seem steadfastly 'stuck' spiritually; also for our lovely non-Christian friends in our village book group.
- 3) Give thanks that our daughter was able to overcome health challenges and pass her A-levels. She is now at Brighton Uni and we value continued prayer for her health.
- 4) for Dawn and me - wisdom in use of time, where to focus energy, when to work, when to stop, etc!

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HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)

- 1) for increasing management experience and skill to develop and lead a growing team of part-time staff and volunteers.
- 2) for personal godliness, clear thinking in oversight and strength of character to lead an increasingly complex church family as we grow and engage with local people in the centre of Eastbourne.
- 3) for Sue and me as we adjust to our fourth son leaving home.



DAVID BATCHELOR (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)





- 1) Give thanks that the Lord is at work in several people's lives on the fringe of the church.
- 2) that the Lord would provide the workers we need, especially in the leadership.
- 3) that we would be more outward looking as a church, sharing the gospel with others.
- 4) that we would be a church of all age groups. We currently have very few young adults or children.



GLEN SCRIVENER (Individual Partner, Revival, Eastbourne)

- 1) for our speaking engagements - dozens of evangelistic preaching and evangelism training events every month.
- 2) for our online proclamation - reaching thousands each day with an average of 10 videos a week going out.
- 3) for our strategy and fundraising - we are incorporating as a charity and moving forwards with exciting plans but there is much to do administratively.
- 4) for our Christmas outreach - last December we reached a million people. Please pray for our online witness this Christmas.

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<p>18</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the many people who serve in a variety of ministries in the church family. Please pray that we increasingly rely on God's grace and Spirit as we continue to serve during a very demanding term. 2) for wisdom as we consider how best to develop our discipleship programme. In particular pray that we may serve well those who are very new to faith in Christ. 3) Thank God that the internal reordering of the main church is now complete. Please pray that the development of the toilet and kitchen facilities will now be able to progress, without distracting us from gospel ministry.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Individual Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom and truthfulness as I finish researching a book: 'What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?' and as I start writing it. 2) for the Lord's leading in personal evangelism to some in whom the Spirit is at work. 3) for sensitivity and spiritual insight in pastoral ministry.
<p>19</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the establishment of a new housegroup. Pray that it will settle down well over the coming months and be greatly used as the future unfolds. Pray too for new housegroup members, now that we have increased capacity. 2) for the changes made to our prayer and financial support, in respect of our world mission partners, taking effect from the end of 2018, to be understood and accepted by all. 3) for greater involvement in church life by those on the fringes and greater effectiveness in our evangelistic efforts, especially over the Christmas period and beyond.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for unity and love and pray that they would become even deeper. Give thanks that God is with us. Pray that we would give ourselves to prayer. 2) that we grow in commitment to each other and to the gospel. 3) that the Spirit of God would rest on our labours. Pray for our various activities designed to draw in new contacts, and that we would see lives transformed by the gospel. Pray for wisdom as we explore ways to link the parents and toddlers demographic to another level of gospel exposure. 4) that God would refresh and stretch the preaching ministry of Chris, Richard and Greg.

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ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Robert Lovatt)

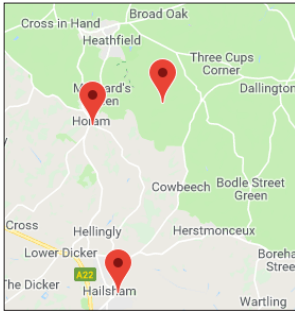
- 1) Give thanks for a successful mission in September which is still bearing fruit.
- 2) for me as I attend a conference in South East Asia, speaking to persecuted church leaders, from 20 to 27 January. Please pray for opportunity and protection.
- 3) Give thanks that we have excellent opportunities to reach hotels and residential homes, of which there are many, over Christmas. Please pray for good opportunities so that we are not merely singing carols but witnessing to Christ.
- 4) Please lift before God our staff team: Hilary on Admin, Andy on bookings, Julian and Annelie with young people and families, Jon our Curate, and me.



MICHAEL WILCOCK (Individual Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)

- 1) for me in my writing, which is my current occupation, now that I am preaching less. Christian Focus has a year's worth of daily Bible reading notes from me, being prepared for publication. I am now well into a memoir of my own ministry, and am also writing the story of my father's life as a London City Missionary, which is a long-term project - having got as far as WWII so far!

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) for gospel opportunities with the families at our parent and toddler group.
- 2) for our youth group to be strengthened after a number of older members have moved on to university, and for all to grow in their discipleship.
- 3) for more effective use of everyone's gifts within the life of the church, for the building of the Kingdom.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for spiritual fruit from our evangelistic craft evening in November.
- 2) for the large number of visitors expected over the Christmas period, especially at the Children's Crib Service.
- 3) for the evangelistic dinner being held in the village hall on Saturday 9 Feb. Pray for a good number of non-Christians to attend and to hear something of the gospel.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for our mission earlier in the year and our autumn Christianity Explored course, and many other opportunities to make Jesus known, particularly in the run-up to Christmas.
- 2) for the completion of our building reordering project with new main entrance, an additional meeting room and 30 more seats. Currently out to tender, work is expected to start in January.
- 3) for difficult decisions as Hailsham and the church continue to grow but the numbers of people available to serve do not. Pray for the Lord's wisdom to pursue what is best when we can't do everything!

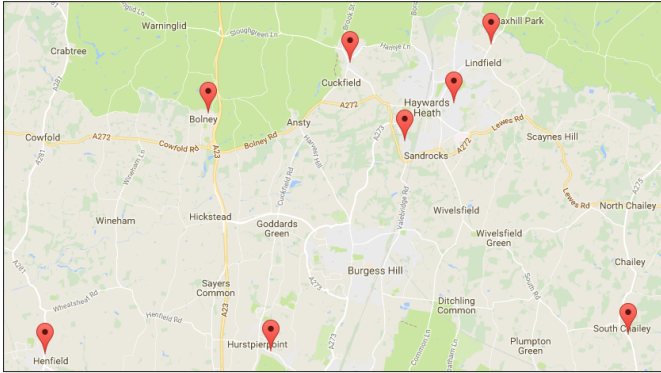
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<p>23</p> 	<p>EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our newly launched group for over 60s, which meets on Monday mornings; that it would be a means of caring for our brothers and sisters in their senior years (many of whom are struggling with dementia) and of sharing the gospel with those who don't yet know our Lord. Please also pray that, in time, it would develop into a broader ministry to those in later life.
	<p>ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for effectiveness in winning the lost and adding them to the local church, not least through the Men's Bible Study and Women's Fellowship. 2) for strength for the workers and success in recruiting more to share the tasks to be done, with those involved in youth work seeing young lives built up in Christ. 3) for wisdom in the use of financial resources and priorities in church life, sometimes leading us to change or stop groups that have been a blessing in the past.

HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



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ANDREW ANGEL (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill)

- 1) for the work in secondary schools led by our Schools Missioner, Jonny Lewis. Pray that the team he leads may witness effectively and that the Lord Jesus would be bringing young people to Himself.
- 2) for the teaching and preaching ministry in the church, particularly for the new evening teaching service, that the Lord would speak by His Spirit into the minds and hearts of all at St Andrew's and that we would grow to be more like Christ.
- 3) for the new ways in which the church is reaching out to help the poor in the area. Pray that the Lord will use them to bring blessing to others.



ISAAC PAIN (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill)

- 1) for me to be a godly husband to my wife and a patient father to my children. Pray for me to set apart time to disciple my family.
- 2) that I would invest more time in prayer for my congregation.
- 3) that the congregation of St Andrew's would grow in both number and maturity in Christ.

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BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)

- 1) for the Lord to call the right people as we restructure our leadership team.
- 2) for wisdom regarding the use of our building during the week, to serve the community. After 20 years the pre-school that used the chapel has closed.
- 3) for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we seek to become a community of 'disciples who make disciples'.
- 4) for a growing evangelistic resource which I produce called 'Turn The Page'. Please pray for a number of 'Turn The Page' live events that I will be speaking at this autumn and especially the one at Caffè Nero in Haywards Heath on Thursday 6 December: 'Stories to help you discover why Jesus was born.' Pray for spiritual fruit from these events.



CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)

- 1) for the ongoing development of leaders. We give thanks that we have been able to appoint a new Elder, but would love to see more!
- 2) for the work through the Saltworks Hub as we seek to engage with the local community: international café, youth café, seniors' coffee mornings and other endeavours that flow from the Hub. Pray too for Mayflower (playgroup) as it has recently extended its hours and continues to reach out to the local community. Please ask the Lord to use such endeavours to draw many to Himself.
- 3) for the various evangelistic courses running this term. Pray that we would have the joy of seeing many baptised and walking with the Lord.

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GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)

- 1) for perseverance week by week as our staff team seeks to regularly door knock in the area, for good conversations, receptivity to books, deep conviction and next steps from those we meet.
- 2) for an openness to church involvement in the local school and residential home.
- 3) Give thanks for Grace Church reaching 10 years, and for growth in faith, number and togetherness.



CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Janet Caughley)

- 1) Give thanks that we are starting to show some green shoots of growth. We have recently appointed three Elders to help lead us. We have been meeting weekly for prayer for most of this year, and have had four new people coming on a semi-regular basis. We have also had some interest from a couple of parents at our Messy Church, who want to find out more.
- 2) for our new Elders, that God will give them His wisdom and grace.
- 3) for our new arrivals and enquirers, that we will be able to show them God's love.

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HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) Give thanks for our Church's increased visibility and deepening relationship with the village around us through a number of different activities and initiatives. Pray that this will lead to more opportunities to share the gospel with those we come into contact with. Pray that we will be bold and faithful witnesses for Jesus and that we will see souls coming to faith in Him.
- 2) for our Christmas Tree Festival from 7 to 9 December. Pray that as many people attend this event, they will be challenged to reflect upon Jesus and the real reason for the celebration of the season. Pray that the gospel will be clearly and sensitively proclaimed to all those who come along and that the Lord will use this to draw people to Christ and build His Kingdom.
- 3) for our weekly FAQ Bible class. Pray for the spiritual enrichment of those who currently attend - that the Lord will deepen their faith, extend their Christian knowledge and understanding and grow them in their relationship to Jesus. Pray also that the Lord will provoke the curious, the seeking, the weak in faith, and even the antagonistic to join this group and be transformed by God's word.
- 4) that the Lord will build our fellowship and raise up younger leaders to continue and sustain the ministry here into the future. Pray that the witness to Jesus will grow and strengthen here in Henfield.

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ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, James Clarke)

- 1) for deeper and more fruitful engagement with the local community through a new magazine, and through 'Taste & See' evangelistic meetings in a local coffee shop.
- 2) for the timely completion of the extensive refit of the church building, and a smooth transition back to Sunday services there.
- 3) for the planning of a parish mission in November 2019, especially for wisdom to discern the right people and events.



CHRIS NORDEN (Individual Partner, Haywards Heath Baptist Church)

- 1) for wisdom and inspiration to use our new church building effectively to proclaim the gospel.
- 2) for protection and resilience in the face of much physical and mental illness within the church family.
- 3) for the love of God to be evident in all we do.

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GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (representative, David Lowries)





- 1) that we will be more effective at giving everyone locally a good opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.
- 2) that we will be able to start reading the Bible one-to-one with those who don't yet believe.
- 3) that we will grow in love for one another - truly being family to each other.



CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) for boldness with the gospel as we seek to reach out to the lost.
- 2) that we would increasingly have the mindset that we are all to be disciple-making disciples.
- 3) that the Lord would raise up the next generation as we seek to start a new after-school ministry for Reception to Year 2 children.

STAFF WORKERS

<p>30</p> 	<p>NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for improvement in the vision of my right eye, following surgery in December and May to repair a large tear in the retina. 2) for the joy of the Lord to be my strength in life and ministry. 3) for time and opportunity to meet up with and encourage ministers in the Partnership and visit Partnership Churches. 4) for Sarah in her ministry to women and leadership of the children's ministry at Christ Church, Haywards Heath. 5) for Chris and Sam to be rooted in Christ (Chris is spending a year working for a website design company before Uni, and Sam is in his first year at Sixth Form College).
	<p>JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for clear teaching pitched at the right level. 2) for wisdom, and interest in the development of a network for those involved in church planting and revitalisation within Sussex. 3) for self-discipline with time so that I am efficient in what I do, and energy for juggling work with family commitments. 4) for prayerfulness in all things.
<p>31</p> 	<p>NIGEL JONES (Operations Manager, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me to remember to rejoice in the Lord's goodness, even when things don't always go according to plan first time 2) for wisdom and patience in fitting many interesting things into one day a week for SGP. 3) for me to really live by grace in reality day by day. It's so easy to understand grace but to let what I do and achieve (or fail to!) define how I view myself.
	<p>WENDY SANDS (Administrator, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's constant love and provision in all things. 2) Give thanks that the family member who had been in hospital for so long, struggling with his mental health, has now been able to live in his own flat for over a year, with support, and was recently baptised! Please pray that he will be able to depend on Jesus, day by day, and for help in reading his Bible. Give thanks for the great love and support shown to him by his local church. 3) for long-term friendships with unbelievers to be used by the Lord, and for help in sharing the love of Jesus with these dear friends, many of whom are going through very deep and painful struggles.

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