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Prayer Diary

Autumn & Winter 2014

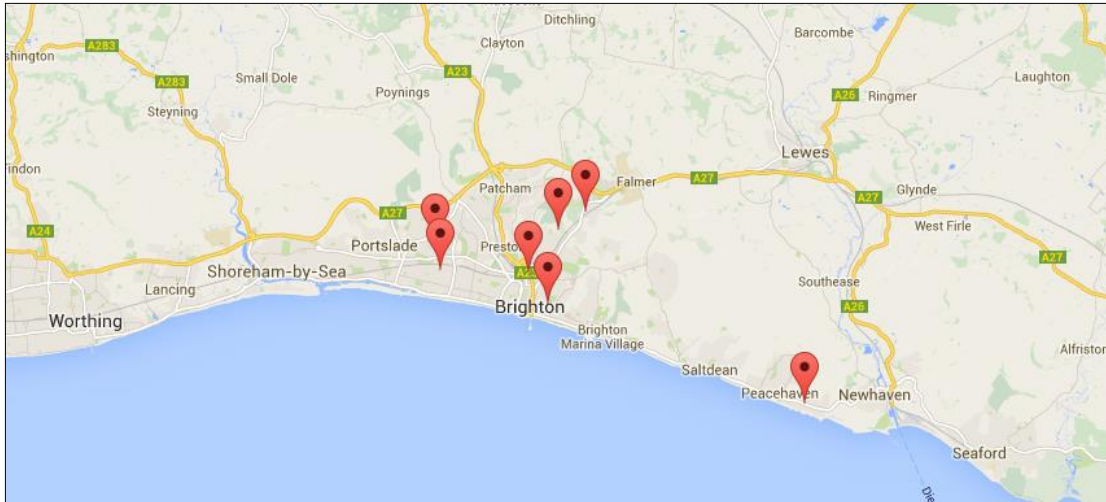
This prayer diary consists of prayer requests from Churches and Individuals who are Partners of the Sussex Gospel Partnership.

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

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**Day of
Month**

Please pray for:



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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)



- (1) we have put together a programme of monthly events to reach out to men who are connected to the church family but not yet Christians. There is a mixture of different events such as curry nights with a short talk, stock car racing and tenpin bowling. Please pray that those invited will come along and through conversation and building of relationships these men will come to know Jesus.
- (2) Give thanks for our recent Mission Awareness weekend with the title 'Ordinary people, Extraordinary God' where we had Lindsay Brown to speak and a number of seminars where we were informed, inspired and challenged about mission both where we are and further afield. Please pray that everyone will respond and be prepared for our lives to change because of God's grace to us.

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CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Philip Wells)



- (1) Give thanks that the project to buy the building was completed ahead of time and without the anticipated need for any mortgage or loan. A wonderful provision from God.
- (2) Current project - refurbishing the main meeting room to be more welcoming and with updated decor and technology. Also the planning of space for increased seating provision.
- (3) Future project - we are looking ahead to growing and grafting-in new members and making provision for godly future ministries, ministers and workers in the harvest. Please pray to the Lord of the harvest.

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CHRIST CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Carl Chambers)





- (1) Give thanks to God for the ongoing reality of the gospel in our lives, and his provision for us as we are, in all our weakness and struggles – individually and as a church.
- (2) perseverance with joy. We are small and facing numerous personal challenges – in the eight family units we are, this year brings two new-borns, two aged parents seriously ill, two jobs under threat, two settling into new homes and risk of overwork among some. Humanly we can't do this on our own!
- (3) Praise and prayer for Oli Butler who joined us in September 2014 as an apprentice – that he grows loads and serves in every way God has planned. Pray he finds work to support himself.





PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH (representative, Jeff Collington)

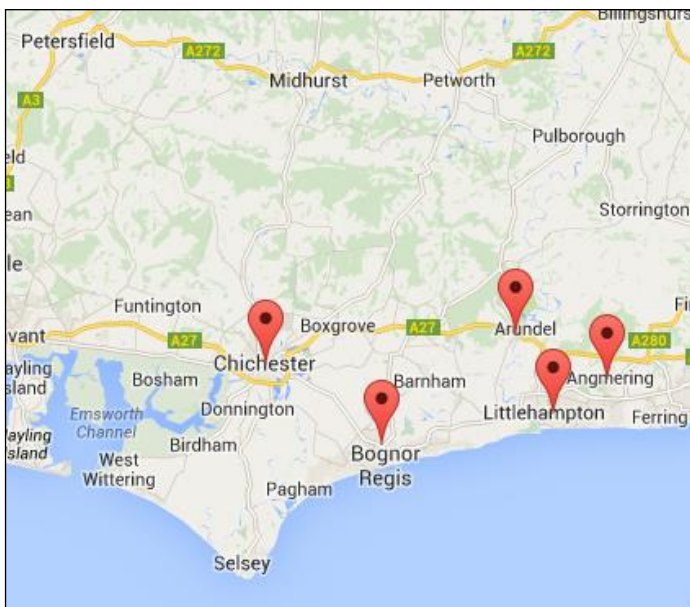
- (1) the orphanage in Orissa which now has 46 children.
- (2) several of our ladies who are very poorly - Ursula, Rosemary and Yvonne.
- (3) Praise the Lord that we continue to attract new people and pray that God commits them to our church fellowship.

4	<p>JOHN WOODS (Lancing Tabernacle)</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Xander Coomber, our new Pastor's Assistant, as he establishes his role within the church. (2) There are a number of areas in the life of the church where we are taking things back to the drawing board, a 'blank sheet of paper approach', in order to work more effectively. This requires great wisdom concerning priorities and personalities. (3) We continue to open our doors every other Saturday morning to serve free refreshments, talk to people and offer Christian literature. Pray for opportunities to move people from casual users of Open Doors to disciples of Christ. (4) I am off to Latvia from Nov 20th to 22nd to teach at the Latvian Biblical Centre (The Church in the Modern World). We would value prayer as we seek to develop a global concern as a church.
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5	<p>NEW LIFE CHURCH, MOULSECOOMB, BRIGHTON (representative, Julian Rebera)</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us as the Church is about to go through a number of changes and we would value prayer for wisdom as to how these are to be implemented. (2) new believers to be engaging with discipleship and be baptised. (3) a number of ladies who have recently come to faith in Jesus. Pray for more men to be reached and come to faith. We would value prayer for one man 'D' who Julian meets with. 'D' has a connection with one of the younger Christian ladies in the church.
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5	<p>LOUIS WILSON (St Leonard's, Denton)</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) new families who have recently joined us to continue to stick with weekly church. (2) several new Bible study groups starting shortly, using Uncover. (3) our Holiday Bible Club in the local school, taking place in February half term.
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6	<p>BRIAN PENFOLD (St George's Church, East Worthing)</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for the Chichester Diocesan Mission Fund, giving us a significant grant towards the employment of a Children's and Family Worker for 2015. Pray for the advertising and appointment of the right candidate for this post. (2) the completion of much needed building works, a new heating system, plans for reordering, which are in process and the installation of a brand new commercial standard kitchen in our hall for outreach, youth work and community use. (3) sabbatical leave due in 2016 and the potential recruitment of a retired clergy colleague in early 2016. (4) the gospel potential in December when we welcome over 3,000 through our doors to Christmas services. (5) those about to take Christianity Explored courses over the next four months. (6) the ongoing ministries of the church and for energy and invigoration, when over-tiredness dampens enthusiasm!
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<p>7</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks to God that our Treasurer has offered to give us another year's service. Pray for the Lord to provide a replacement for the longer-term. (2) We have a financial shortfall against budget. Please pray for the Lord to supply all our needs. (3) Give thanks to God for very successful Fun Days as part of the Arundel Festival. Please pray for our further engagement in the community, especially a growing outreach in Arundel Hospital. (4) spiritual and numerical growth within the church, particularly for a younger generation. (5) Pastor Steve and his wife, Jill, as they are now grandparents to two adopted girls. Pray for them as they seek to meet the demands of ministry and be a support to their family in exciting yet challenging days.
<p>8</p> 	<p>JAMES RUSSELL (North Mundham Church with Hunston and Merston Churches, Chichester)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) our new service patterns to be beneficial. (2) our new informal monthly evening service to prove attractive to people. Pray for faith to be deepened through these services. (3) our new Church Administrator as she settles into her role.
	<p>JAMES RADCLIFFE (St Mary & St Nicholas, Lavant)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Thank God for many opportunities to speak the gospel in church, schools and homes. (2) the Lord's help and strength to speak boldly on gospel values. (3) myself and church members to devote ourselves to prayer.
<p>9</p> 	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) fruitful growth as a result of our recent upbeat and encouraging Church Weekend, looking at 'Hope' from 1 Peter. (2) deepening discipleship and prayerful consideration of personal gifting for those on our latest 'co-workers' course. (3) the Lord to bring people we are in contact with to repentance and faith; those on Christianity Explored and as we pray for a re-invigorating of our evangelism in 2015. (4) God to raise up someone to help organise our pastoral support due to the sudden illness of our current co-ordinator.



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<p>10</p> 	<p>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Colin Jones)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for two baptisms this year with very clear and powerful testimonies for a Polish married couple. We are looking forward to another baptism at the end of November. (2) us as our Assistant Pastor, Nigel Stokes, has moved to Chessington to lead a church plant. Pray for Nigel and Jo and the family in this new and exciting challenge, and for wisdom for us in the choice of a second worker. (3) our Christmas evangelism, especially that we would be granted permission to sing in our local Tesco Extra again this Christmas, which gives us great opportunities to invite people to our Carol Service. (4) the Lord to sustain those who are struggling with sickness and awaiting test results and operations.
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<p>11</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE, near East Grinstead (representative, Mark Francis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us to increasingly become a church for and of all ages. (2) opportunities to present and discuss the gospel in small groups and over our Christmas events and services. (3) every person in our church, wherever they are at, to be growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
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<p>12</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Andrew Cornes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) our Festival (Mission) from 15-23 November, called 'Real Life' and featured in the Autumn/Winter 2014 SGP 'Partners' Magazine. Pray for many to come and hear the gospel, and for the follow-up in terms of Christianity Explored, evangelistic one-to-ones, an 'Open to Question' group and Christmas and Easter Services, etc. (2) the Church Family who will have had a taste of evangelism at the Festival and in evangelistic training. Pray that we will learn naturally and courageously to take gospel opportunities as they come. (3) wisdom in finding new staff as several staff members are leaving this coming summer.
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<p>13</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL WITH CHELWOOD GATE (representative, Paddy MacBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us to share the gospel faithfully and see many converted. (2) us to be able to reach local schools and more young families with greater effectiveness. (3) wisdom, strength, godliness, unity and prayerfulness. (4) the youth work and our Youth Intern, Emma Boyce.
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<p>14</p> 	<p>NIGEL MASON (St Deny's, Rotherfield)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the development of a prayer meeting where folk will make it a priority commitment. (2) Give thanks for the growing relationships with local primary schools. (3) my mum who has now come to live with us on a permanent basis. She has just turned 80 and suffers from dementia. It is going well, but adds to the busyness of life.
	<p>ST ALBANS, FRANT & HOLY TRINITY, ERIDGE, near Tunbridge Wells (rep, James Packman)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Praise God that he is growing our ministry team and that slowly we are seeing people make significant progress in their faith. (2) success in our plans to encourage more people to read the Bible daily and to join a Bible study group.


<p>15</p> 	<p>ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, MARESFIELD (representative, Nick Cornell)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for those on our Alpha Course and please pray that they would make steps of faith in the coming weeks. (2) We are grateful for the continuing work with our youth and children; after a change in staffing we have rethought some of our youth groups and teams. Please pray that these new initiatives would bear fruit. (3) our work in the community, especially for help to make the best use of opportunities in the village this Christmas.
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<p>16</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS, EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us as a church family to be increasingly understanding and growing in our dependence on our heavenly Father. Ask that we may be increasingly prayerful as a family. (2) the many opportunities that we have at Christmas to proclaim Christ to many who are outside of the church family. Pray that Christ will be proclaimed clearly. (3) God to give us wisdom as we plan and for the future in terms of our staff team and development of the building.
	<p>MARTIN POVEY (Evangelist, Association of Evangelists)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the many exciting evangelistic opportunities at Christmas to proclaim the Son of Righteousness. (2) me to preach Jesus, not a product, and for my heart to be fuelled by my relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit.


<p>17</p> 	<p>DAVID BAKER (East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches, near Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the following things which our PCC has recently decided it wants to focus on: bringing the gospel into all we do; not being a social club and not just being sociable; asking "how do I grow in discipleship and outreach and share the gospel?"; asking "how do we grow as a PCC and wider church in these things and share the gospel?"; a commitment to change and renewal; to stop doing some things to show an intention to change. (2) our family (me, Dawn, Naomi and Jonathan) to enjoy good health and "godliness with contentment."
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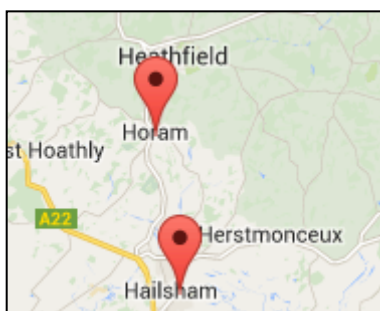
18 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us all to continue to give thanks to God for all his many blessings to us over the years. (2) a continued sacrificial love for each other. (3) several mothers with new babies. (4) the conversion of more men and women across the church. (5) a raising-up of many teachable and generous-hearted men and women. (6) good preaching as we approach Christmas. (7) people to be converted.
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19 	<p>GLEN SCRIVENER (Revival, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) abiding in Christ, that I might be fruitful in Him. (2) opportunities to preach to thousands of non-Christians this Christmas time. (3) Give thanks to God for our miracle baby on the way. (4) strength, grace and wisdom for Emma and myself to be parents of a new-born.
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	<p>DAVID BATCHELOR (South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) God to raise up someone to be the church secretary (the role has been vacant since May), and also that He would raise up more elders. (2) a weekly youth group which we are trying to get off the ground in November. (3) our monthly outreach to the area around the church, where we invite people in for a free ploughman's lunch to discuss the big questions of life. So far it's been encouragingly busy, but it would be lovely to see people progress towards (and into!) the Kingdom.
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20 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) our next daytime evangelistic course (Tales of the Unexpected) beginning on Friday 28th November (four Fridays). (2) our Christmas services and their evangelistic effectiveness. (3) more families to join the church. (4) possibilities for improving our buildings.
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	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Richard Herkes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us as we look for a new full-time minister, after a senior leadership vacancy lasting nearly two years. (2) the Wardens, Assistant Minister and PCC as they work to mobilise the people of God and encourage them in their worship and witness.
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21 	<p>DAVID MATHERS (All Saints' Laughton, St John the Baptist Ripe, St Bartholomew's Chalvington)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) wisdom to see and use opportunities for the gospel, especially over Christmas, through house-groups next year and through the monthly parish magazine. (2) a new vision for evangelism in 2015 and how to encourage daily Bible reading.
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	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, P-J Guy)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) wisdom in knowing whether to continue with Messy Church, to refocus it, or try something new as we seek to reach families with the gospel. (2) people to come to faith through our termly Christianity Explored courses. (3) an evident Christ-like love for one another, that will lead others to know we are Christ's disciples.
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22	<p>HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for new staff appointments and new initiatives. especially an after school club. (2) our many opportunities to lead to real gospel seekers. (3) our growing 'fringe' to become serious disciples.
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23	<p>ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON, BEXHILL-ON-SEA (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us to be wise in what we pray for (like King Solomon, 1 Kings 3). (2) us to be a people of obedience 'after God's own heart' (like King David, 1 Samuel 13v14). (3) courage in spiritual warfare (unlike King Saul who preserved what should have been destroyed, 1 Samuel 15).
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23	<p>ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA (representative, Mike Coe)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Christianity Explored course running through the autumn. (2) our Christmas services to be well attended and for the preaching to be Christ-centred and effective for the gospel. (3) the PCC as we prayerfully agree our mission action plan for the next 18 months.
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24	<p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, James Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the ongoing work of the ASPIRE building development project. Pray for progress with the necessary permissions and for further finance (big appeal in November 2014). (2) the restructuring plan "To Equip The Saints" to be implemented so that we can move forward with our mission and ministry. (3) Adam Pymble and his family who moved to North London in October to plant a church, and for a replacement Curate here in July 2015.
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24	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) our monthly 'Late Late Breakfast', which has been running for two years and has a number of 'not yet Christian' regulars. Please pray that they will be drawn into relationship with Christ. (2) growth from our new café-style services every Sunday. (3) for God to lead the right person to us as we seek a part-time youth worker.
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<p>25</p> 	<p>CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Charlie Hill)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) us to have a real unity and love for one another as we demonstrate a Christ-like attitude of service. (2) us to seek the Lord's priorities, rather than presuming he wants us to develop certain ministries. (3) us to relate the gospel to 'today' in a relevant and class-neutral way. (4) us to be more willing to 'go against the flow' and live bolder Christian lives. (5) us to be prayerful for organisations in the village, while asking the Lord to create a spiritual hunger within the community.
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<p>26</p> 	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Graham Nicholls)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for our new Ministry Trainee, Thiago, from Brazil, who joined us in September. Pray that he will settle in quickly, get to grips with English quickly, learn much and be a great blessing to the church. (2) Give thanks for an ever-increasing 'fringe', with new people joining us week by week. Please continue to pray for the Lord to be at work in these people, to bring them to saving faith. (3) Give thanks for many ministries that help us to reach out into the community among all age-groups. Pray for boldness, love and opportunities to share the Good News with all those the Lord has brought us into contact with. (4) a number of members, both young and old, who have serious ongoing health struggles – that they will keep looking to the Lord for daily strength and comfort; for good medical care and pastoral care; and for healing. (5) Give thanks for an improving financial position. Ask the Lord to keep providing through His people, to enable us to keep our staff team and fund the completed building project by the required time.
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<p>27</p> 	<p>CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, near Haywards Heath (representative, David Sprouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) those who have recently come to faith to be firmly established in the truth and that others who are seeking would be saved. (2) our building project which is now a reality! Please pray for God's continued provision and wisdom and grace during the year-long build. (3) the re-launch of Bible Study Partnerships as Andrew Cornes comes to teach us about this in January. (4) our eternally encouraging Heavenly Father to encourage our hearts and strengthen us in every good deed and word (our verse for 2014 has been 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).
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<p>28</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, BOLNORE VILLAGE, near Haywards Heath (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) unity and gospel-vision as the church prepares to relocate to Bolnore Village in the spring. (2) conviction, faith and wholehearted discipleship in those attending Christianity Explored. (3) prayerfulness, self-discipline and good time management for the leadership team: Jon, Luke and David.
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	<p>ROBERT BUSHBY (Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill URC)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) fresh vision for the churches as we seek the Lord's way forward. (2) Give thanks that we have begun Messy Church at Burgess Hill and contacted several new families. Pray for enthusiasm and growth this winter. (3) the continuing outreach through our 'Open Doors' on South Road, Haywards Heath on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. We also have a Parent and Toddler Group called 'Tadpoles' on Wednesday mornings and a Ploughman's Lunch on Thursdays. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel.
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<p>29</p> 	<p>HURSTPIERPOINT EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Chris Bullied)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) our evangelistic outreach, into a very needy village, through our Ark toddler group and Senior Moments (an outreach to older people). We are planning to do Christianity Explored with some of these older people – pray for their salvation. (2) the ongoing teaching from the Word of God. Pray that God's word will continue to be faithfully taught and that people will come to know Jesus as their Saviour. (3) us to be faithful in prayer and grow more in Christlikeness and have a deeper desire to serve and share the gospel with our neighbours and friends. (4) our frail, elderly people to continue to know God's presence with them during the latter years of their life and experience joy despite human weakness.
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<p>30</p> 	<p>THE SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Give thanks for all the students across our various training courses (Tuesdays and alternate Thursdays in Haywards Heath, Saturdays once a month in Lindfield and Eastbourne); pray for their spiritual growth and equipping for ministry. (2) us to see more forward movement in the planting of new churches and congregations. (3) the Partnership to be effective in strengthening and expanding gospel ministry through existing churches. (4) many people across Sussex to hear the gospel and put their faith in Christ. (5) the finances and people needed to sustain and develop the work of the Partnership.
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<p>31</p>   	<p>Nick McQuaker, SGP Director of Training and Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that I would set a good example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity (1Tim 4:12). (2) wisdom and courage in developing the work of the Partnership. (3) perseverance in personal evangelism and opportunities to share the gospel with non-Christian friends and neighbours. (4) our older son, Chris, to continue his recovery from long-term health problems as he starts his GCSE courses. <p>Jon Hobbs, SGP Associate Trainer (part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) self-discipline to ensure sufficient time for prayer, and preparation for teaching on the training courses, and at church. (2) insight into how to pitch the teaching with clarity, and at the right intellectual level for the students on the courses. (3) restful family time in which I have the energy and focus to engage properly with the family. <p>Wendy Sands, Administrator (part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) prayerfulness, perseverance, energy and dependence upon the Lord in continuing to support family members with long term difficulties and the struggles of old-age. (2) the Lord to intervene in D's situation – for the Spirit to be at work in his heart; for healing of mind and body and for long-term provision to be made for him and his wife. (3) opportunities and boldness in speaking with friends, family and neighbours about Jesus.
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If your Minister or Church is a Partner of SGP, but does not feature in this prayer diary, we hope they will submit prayer requests for our next edition which will be in June. We aim to issue a prayer diary twice a year.

Due to the lead-time required for publication, prayer requests need to be 'long term' rather than immediate needs.

For our next issue, the deadline for prayer requests is 30 April.

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