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Summer / Autumn 2017

Prayer Diary

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.

Please see back cover for more details.

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."

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LIVING FOR ETERNITY IN A NOW CULTURE

The King's Centre
Victoria Road
Burgess Hill
RH15 9LR



**SUSSEX
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE
with full children's programme

SATURDAY
18 Nov 2017

Have we taken our eyes off the eternal, even in our churches? It's not surprising if we have. We live in a secular age, in a world with no awareness of anything above or beyond itself. It's a NOW culture. The waiting removed from wanting, entertainment for immediate download, instant messaging, news an hour old is old news, the present imposes itself like never before.

Losing our eternal perspective is disastrous for our Christian lives. It leaves us ill-prepared to live as pilgrims in the present; ill-equipped to handle sorrow and loss, or to resist the temptations and enticements of this world; unready to make costly, sacrificial choices for Christ or to suffer for his name's sake. But the Bible connects us to the eternal God. It extends our horizons to eternity and calls us to fix our eyes on what is unseen – for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Join us for a day in God's word, focussing on the unseen, meditating on the eternal, and learning together to be more heavenly-minded so that we can be more earthly good. Seminar options available.



Nodder, our main speaker, has been a senior minister at St Peter's in London's only floating church, since

SAVE THE DATE!

Booking available via the
SGP website from June

CONFERENCE INFO

Cost per person

Adults: **£12**

Children and teenagers (Pre-school to Year 11): **£2**

Children in crèche: **Free**

Lunch and refreshments

Light refreshments will be provided for everyone in the morning break. **Please bring your own lunch.**

FOR CHILDREN

An exciting programme of children's activities and Bible teaching will run alongside the adult programme for children from pre-school to Year 11.

Imagine for pre-school and aged over 2½

Inspire for Reception to school year 5

Ignite for school years 6 to 11

For children under 2½ a free supervised **Crèche** will be available during the two morning sessions.



Day of
Month

Please pray:



Please join with us in praying for church planting and evangelism in this area. SGP partner churches in the **BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP** are shown here.

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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)

- 1) for our Women's and Families' Worker, Chris Dalton, who retired at Easter after many years of serving as a staff member.
- 2) for God to raise up the person of His choosing as we seek to appoint a Families Minister to take the work forward and have input with our under 11s.
- 3) Give thanks for the money raised so far towards the refurbishment of our Church Hall. We would love the work to start this Autumn so please pray for the money to be raised. We intend to use it for outreach to the local community as well as church groups who already meet there.



ANDY BOUSFIELD (Ascension Church, Westdene, Brighton)

- 1) Praise God for one year of our After-School Club and the 20 primary school children who come. Pray that we will have the resources for another term of sharing the gospel with them.
- 2) for faithful patience with the non-Christian families who attend our Messy Church events and for opportunities to share Christ.
- 3) for fruitful discussions with the Diocese about succession plans for continuing ministry at Ascension Church.



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CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Phil Wells)


- 1) Give thanks for God's blessing in steady cumulative growth of congregation and church membership.
- 2) for our 'succession planning'. We are looking for someone to come this year to work alongside Phil Wells for a while and then to 'ramp up' while Phil 'ramps down'. (Our leadership model is that of a plural eldership.)
- 3) for our continuing deployment of gifts and responsibilities. We are particularly conscious of the increasing load under the heading of 'Administration'.
- 4) for the mutual strengthening of gospel churches, the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus, and for the Word to be multiplied rather than diminished.

<p>3</p> 	<p>NEW LIFE CHURCH, MOULSECOOMB (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for on-going evangelism. 2) for discipleship of new believers (recovering addicts, alcoholics, young mums). 3) for the development of Strategy to leverage in resources for the sake of the gospel in East Brighton. (82,000 of Brighton's lower social grades have very little witness at all). Something needs to be done. Please pray! All for the sake of the gospel!
	<p>RICHARD JACKSON (Bishop of Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the exciting possibilities for church planting opening up from the Church Commissioners Strategic Development Fund. Two SGP churches (Bishop Hannington, Hove and All Saints', Crowborough) are being funded in church planting initiatives as a result and it would be good to have more. 2) for wisdom in strategic decisions and the right balance of care and robustness in dealing with difficulties. 3) for fruit from my many evangelistic opportunities.
<p>4</p> 	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a successful first year in our Union School of Theology Learning Community. The four GDip students and one MTh student are flourishing and have been able to use their training in their local churches. Please pray that we would have a good intake for the 2017/18 academic year. 2) for our exciting plans for a big Holiday Bible Club this summer. We are bringing over some students from the US to help make the club a success. Pray for the planning, good numbers of children to come and for disciples to be made. 3) for our 'Saturday Conversations'. A group of us goes into the town to engage with passers-by in gospel conversations and invite people to church. 4) for our children's outreach through the week in schools , toddler group, and for our regular 3-2-1 courses. Pray for conversions!
	<p>CARL CHAMBERS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Lord to lead us to the work He has prepared for us. We know He will provide. 2) for us to keep joyfully, and peacefully, trusting Him throughout this time.

<p>5</p> 	<p>HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Julian Milson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our newly completed entrance to enrich the welcome we give to others as a church family. 2) for the whole church family to continue growing spiritually as we sit under God's Word week-by-week. 3) for all the church leaders to keep focused on Jesus and to be a positive example to the rest of the church family. 4) for all those with unbelieving spouses to be faithful witnesses to their partners.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Jeff Collington)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we are still looking for a full-time Pastor, after being disappointed twice recently. Pray for the Lord to provide. 2) for the Lord's provision as we are in the throes of having a full deep clean and repaint of the church building and Friendship Centre, which will cost a lot of money.

<p>6</p> 	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for God's provision of a new Treasurer after the sudden death of our Treasurer who was 'in post'. 2) Give thanks for the successful appointment and start of our part time Administrator. Please pray about the prospect of adding more paid workers over the next 12 months. 3) Give thanks for the funds and management skills which have allowed for the completion of our hall refurbishment.
	<p>LANCING TAB (representative, John Woods)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that 2017 marks Lancing Tab's 90th Anniversary. We have been celebrating but wanted to use the year mainly to look ahead. Please pray for the strengthening of our learning, fellowship, prayer life and witness. 2) Give thanks for good relationships through a matrix of links: toddler groups, Messy Church, film nights and the Food Bank. Pray for conversions. 3) for wisdom for us as a church. Pray that we might have the wisdom to focus our time and energy on what God would have us do. 4) Give thanks for our longstanding partnership with the Latvian Biblical Centre. We are excited by the prospect of the completion of the new building in Riga. Please pray that it will be a hub of Christian usefulness for many years to come. 5) for Andrew Wilson, our Pastor's Assistant, as he continues to settle into the UK. Pray for help in building relationships with teenagers and young adults; the development of Lancing Tab's online presence; and his continuing studies at the Union Seminary Hub in Worthing.



<p>7</p> 	<p>ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we have now finished phase one of a reordering project (lighting, electrics and AV equipment) and are soon to be submitting a faculty for phase two (installing toilets, a kitchen and a flexible space at the back of the church building). Please pray for the practical implications of this project, for the fundraising and for us to always have in sight the growth of Christ's kingdom as the end to all of this work. 2) Give thanks for the start of a youth group to encourage and invest in a small group of girls who were confirmed last year. Please pray for this to grow into a group of young women who want to serve Jesus and who encourage each other in living out their faith.
	<p>AL PICKERING (King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our current work on developing a programme of attractive outreach events for men and for women. Please pray that many will be brought to faith in Christ. 2) for my three month sabbatical this year (June/July/Aug). Pray for good times of rest with family, with God, and learning from other churches.
	<p>BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY MISSION (Associate Partner, Representative, Julian Haddow)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the impact of our work on the city and surrounding areas. 2) for the partnerships being formed as we train and equip churches. Our theme for 2017 is 'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5:16).



<p>8</p> 	<p>PARK HILL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Derek Fortnam)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for quite a number of people showing real interest, particularly five young men who have drug problems. 2) Give thanks that quite a number of people have made a profession of faith. They need a lot of help and support because they have mental health problems. 3) for more mature Christians to join us who can help with the work.
	<p>ST GEORGE'S, EAST WORTHING (representative, Brian Penfold)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for and pray for the new Christians amongst us. 2) for growth of Messy Church, Toddlers and Holiday Clubs. 3) Give thanks for a leadership team of six, and a new Reader in training. 4) for our new Children's and Youth Co-ordinator post. Pray for the Lord to provide the person of His choosing. 5) for the ongoing building redevelopment. 6) for my stable but complicated family life!



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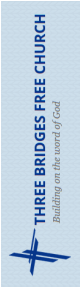

<p>9</p> 	<p>JAMES RUSSELL (North Mundham with Hunston and Merston)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a more focussed and thorough approach to our pastoral care within the church and local community. 2) for the Lord to use the 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality' course that we are running throughout May and June. 3) Give thanks for the very good relationship that we have with our local primary school and the opportunities we have to share Christ with children and staff.
	<p>ST PANCRAS CHURCH, CHICHESTER (representative, Mark Payne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for numerical growth over the past year, including some conversions. 2) for the appointment of a Youth Minister. 3) for a new Monday morning breakfast for the homeless and rough sleepers. 4) for the development of the church buildings. Pray for wisdom and resources so that we make the most of our city centre location.
	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for many to come to our open air Fun Day for the village on 10 June, on the theme of Hope. We sought to visit every home in the village in late May. Pray for relationships to be formed and for gospel opportunities. 2) for a Holiday Club for primary school children from 1-4 August and a Holiday Club for seniors between 21-23 August. 3) for two significant new appointments in our community: a new Children's, Youth and Families Minister, Matt Porter, starting with us in August, and a new Primary School Head Teacher, Mike Jee, starting in September. 4) for growth in faith, love and hope in our church family in 2017, following a church weekend in March on the fruit of the Spirit.

<p>10</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me as much of my time recently has been taken up with a boundary dispute with neighbours claiming rights to build on what is church land. The Baptist Union is involved and it's very complicated. 2) for our Fun Days as part of the Arundel Festival (one week in August) and our Outreach Services in the Arundel Community. 3) for an increase in terms of people as many of our elderly congregation are in their 90s and not fit enough to take on some of the ministries within the church. Please pray for some younger and early retired people to join us. 4) for my wife, Jill, and me as we settle into our new home and for ministry opportunities in the neighbourhood.
	<p>TOM ROBSON (All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the beginning of our time here and the excitement and expectation of what the Lord can do. 2) Give thanks for several encouragements of non-Christians coming along. 3) for continued co-operation between the two churches, particularly in our outreach to new housing developments. 4) for a continued excitement for going deeper into the Word and in our love for the Lord, making good use of the Chichester Diocese's Year of the Bible!

<p>11</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Alpha follow-on course 'A Life Worth Living' planned for the Summer. 2) for many in our elderly congregation who are facing long term health problems, operations and bereavement. Pray that they will draw comfort and hope from their union with the Lord.
	<p>ST MARY MAGDALENE, SOUTH BERSTEAD (representative, Tim Crook)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a good percentage of our fellowship doing 'The Bible in One Year' with David Suchet readings and comments from Nicky and Pippa Gumbel. 2) Give thanks that 'The Bible Course' from the Bible Society has been received really well and we have had an afternoon and evening group getting the 'big picture' to complement sermons and 10 small groups in Ephesians. 3) Give thanks that I have attempted to visit every household in our membership between Christmas and Easter, using the Baxter Model. Apart from those who refuse, which is painful, it has been hugely worthwhile. Please pray that I will be able to do this once, if not twice, each year. 4) for those who could, or should, be taking a more active leadership or serving role to be prompted to do so, and for the Lord to help them prioritise the time. 5) for our financial situation. For the last few years we have been hampered in attempting to invest in gospel growth as all of our income is required for bills. We are currently projecting a £25k shortfall this year and have no reserves! 6) for our Church Weekend Away from 16 to 18 June, with speaker.



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<div>12</div> <div>  </div>	<div>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY</div> <div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for us as we look forward to welcoming our new Pastor in September. Please pray for the leadership of the church in the meantime. Pray for wisdom as we prepare for our Pastor’s arrival and for the fellowship as we have had several significant losses in the past few months. Give thanks that the church’s prayer life has been reinvigorated and we would ask you to pray for this to continue and develop even more. for our ‘temporary’ church leadership because of unforeseen circumstances since Colin Jones’ move. We would particularly ask you to pray for wisdom, patience and relentless energy to lead the church over the next few months. </div>
<div>  </div>	<div>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Peter Pilgrem)</div> <div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for us as we visit residents in some new houses in the village. Please pray for good conversations and for interest in the gospel. for the planning of an outreach event during the summer, and for wisdom in giving out invitations. for the monthly Golden Fellowship which attracts a number of local residents to an afternoon tea with a message. </div>

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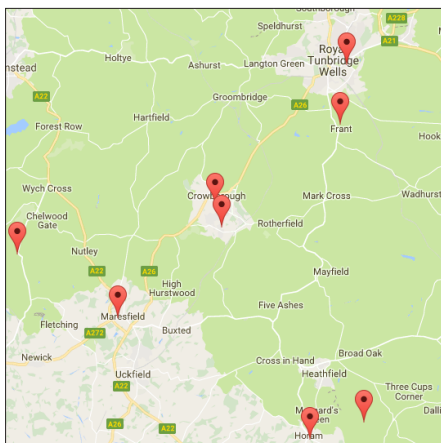
ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)

- 1) Give thanks for the recent Life Explored Course and pray for people to receive new life in Christ.
- 2) for God's wisdom about which areas to particularly focus on over the coming year as we review our 2020 vision.
- 3) for God's provision of the right people at the right time as we seek to expand our staff team.



PETER DEAVES (Holy Trinity, Rudgwick)

- 1) Give thanks for the warm welcome we (Peter and Claire and our daughters, Phoebe and Jemimah) have received since arriving at Holy Trinity in July 2016.
- 2) Give thanks for a strong working relationship with our Vicar, Martin King, helping me navigate the steep learning curve of curacy.
- 3) for Jesus to be truly at the centre of everything I do, and for increasing dependence on and trust in Him.
- 4) for wisdom in the responsibility I hold for discipleship; for growing disciples who are growing disciples! Please also pray for Claire and others involved in the monthly toddler service 'Rompers' as it moves towards becoming weekly in order to better reach those outside or on the fringes of the church.



Please join with us in praying for church planting and evangelism in this area.

SGP partner churches in the
CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP
are shown here.

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JOHN COWLEY (Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) for the summer holidays which is a time of great opportunities (and pressure) for many in our church with a Young People's holiday (age14+) and two weeks of camps (age11-14). God has greatly used them in the past. Please pray He may graciously do so again.
- 2) for those we have contact with to show more regular interest and join us more frequently to hear God's Word in our services.
- 3) for us as leaders to never get past Solomon's childlike prayer for wisdom in leadership (1 Kings 3)! Please pray for wisdom in the many opportunities, challenges and sensitivities there are in leading a church that Christ loves and gave Himself for. Pray for us as we bring His gospel to the people around us.



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, MARESFIELD (representative, Nick Cornell)

- 1) Give thanks for encouraging moves forward on important fabric issues and pray for continuing smooth consultation with wider circles of people in coming months.
- 2) Give thanks for a really encouraging Alpha course. Please pray for those who have made big steps forward.
- 3) for our church as we face a couple of key appointments within the congregation, especially for those who have recently taken on new roles.

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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)



- 1) for our plans to visit residents in a new housing estate and for relationships to be built.
- 2) for those in our six Growth Groups to become more deeply rooted in Jesus and their love for one another. Pray that they will see more clearly the place of the church in God's plan.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for my three month sabbatical from 24 April to be a time of refreshment, good times of prayer and study, and for my trip to Israel.
- 2) for plans for our Summer Holiday Club for children and for Danehill Venture Summer Camp for 11s-14s.

<p>16</p> 	<p>ST DENYS', ROTHERFIELD & ST MARK'S, MARK CROSS (representative, Nigel Mason)</p> <p><i>St Denys' Church, Rotherfield</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the continued development of Messy Church. We are very encouraged by the response, particularly from those who are not regular churchgoers. 2) for us as we look to deepen the prayer life of the church and continue to develop and encourage people to join house groups. 3) for the continuing development of the open-space/refreshment area and kitchen. <p><i>St Mark's Church, Mark Cross</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the major re-ordering of the church building. In response to the loss of the village hall and to make greater use of the church building, it has been agreed that we might make part of the church building available as a community facility. The church will establish a worship area in what was a side chapel and the main aspect of the building will now become a community centre; effectively putting the church at the heart of village activities. Pray that this will create great mission opportunities. We are still fundraising but are now in a position to move forward with the second phase of the project. 2) for the continued development of our parent and toddler group.
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<p>17</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's help in producing a mission action plan for the next five years. Pray that it would help us to keep focussed on evangelism and growing as believers. 2) for Mark Ashworth as he takes on High Hurstwood Church part-time whilst still serving at All Saints. Pray that the gospel would grow that church and that Mark would be sustained and given wisdom.
	<p>ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (representative, Graham Bibby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for increased links with the Alderbrook Community Association who meet in our hall throughout the year and have acquired the recently closed local shop to be used as a 'Hub' for community activities. The Association has asked if St Richard's wants a weekly slot in the Hub so please pray for discernment as we consider what part we can play in outreach to the Alderbrook Community.
	<p>RON GEORGE (Associate Partner: Eurasia Education Foundation & member of All Saints' Crowborough)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Lord to use 12 one-hour video recordings made in April on the origins, beliefs and practices of Muslims and how to use these to share the gospel with Muslims. (1 Peter 3:15). 2) for empathy for Persian peoples as we visit Elam Ministries to learn more about the church in Iran and UK on 5 June. We will then be visiting a Hindu Temple. (2 Peter 1: 5-8). 3) for us as we hope to run six seminars in the South of England for local churches to be more aware of the 'Strangers within our gates'. (Deut 26:12). Please pray for teaching opportunities.

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FOR 14S-18S

BY THE SEA

LIFE TO THE FULL

KNOW JESUS, KNOW LIFE!

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A morning for all those involved in caring for and teaching pre-schoolers in church-based groups.

Come and be encouraged to keep the Bible central to your ministries; share your encouragements, challenges and top-tips; find out what's going on in other SGP churches; share your training needs to help shape future events for those involved in caring for and teaching the Bible to pre-schoolers.

Saturday 24 June, 9:30am - 12 noon

Christ Church, Haywards Heath, RH16 3LE.

£5 per person, including refreshments.

No crèche, but babes in arms welcome.

Please help us by booking online by Wednesday 14 June at:

www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/bookings

Booking enquiries: Wendy Sands, 01444 458 635, admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk

Event enquiries: Sarah McQuaker, 07906 242 134, sarahmcquaker@cchh.org.uk

JUNE 2017

Week 1 - pray for all those churches represented at our Partnership Meeting on 7 June, when Living Out are joining us to provide a training day. Pray that church leaders and all those involved in church leadership, discipleship and pastoral care will be better equipped to help those who experience same-sex attraction to stay faithful to biblical teaching on sexual ethics and flourish at the same time.

Week 2 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea evening on Friday 23 June. They are evenings of great fun centred on teaching the Bible in an engaging and relevant way.

Week 3 - pray for Nick McQuaker as he takes a three month sabbatical over the summer. Pray that he will know spiritual and physical refreshment and that he, and the Partnership, will benefit from the time he has to 'step back' and review the work.

Work 4 - pray for Jon Hobbs, Wendy Sands and Nigel Jones (who joined the staff team in February as Operations Manager one day per week). Pray that they will all know joy and encouragement in their work and God's help and wisdom in all that they do for Him.

JULY

Week 1 - pray that many, of all ages, from all our Partner Churches, and others, will book to join us for our Annual Conference on 18 November. Our theme this year is 'Eternity - living for eternity in a now culture' and will include seminar options and a full children's programme for those up to school year 11.

Week 2 - pray for all the students on the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday courses as another year comes to an end. Pray that they will apply what they have learned to life, ministry and witness.

Week 3 - 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.

Week 4 - pray for good numbers of people to apply for and benefit from the training courses which start again in September (Tuesdays in Haywards Heath and monthly Saturday mornings in Eastbourne).

AUGUST

Week 1 - pray for all those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over the summer.

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 the planning, organisation, publicity and uptake of new training mornings, which will replace what were previously known as SEMS.

SEPTEMBER

Week 1 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea evening on Friday 22 September.

Week 2 - pray that many will book for the next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 14 October. These events aim to equip children's and youth leaders to promote Bible-centred ministry to all the children and young people in their care.

Week 3 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on 27 September.

Week 4 - pray for all the students as the training courses start this month. Pray for good relationships to be formed; clarity in understanding; a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness.

OCTOBER

Week 1 - pray for those starting as Ministry Trainees in churches.

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 greater practical partnership between SGP churches in training, evangelism and church planting, through the Cluster Groups.

Week 4 - pray for Nick and Jon and others to know the Spirit's help as they prepare their training course lectures and for help in teaching and leading discussions.

NOVEMBER

Week 1 - pray for an increase in the number of Ministry Training Schemes run by SGP churches.

Week 2 - pray for our Annual Conference on 18 November. Pray for Marcus Nodder, our main speaker, and all those involved in speaking and teaching on the day. Pray that we will all learn to be more heavenly-minded so that we can be more earthly good.

Week 3 - pray for churches as they plan their Christmas outreach and for us all to be bold and courageous in speaking the gospel to those around us.

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

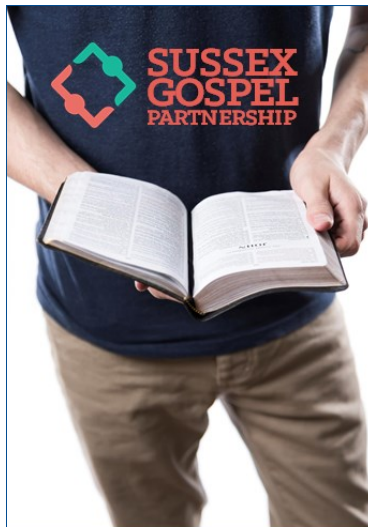


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The Sussex Ministry Training Course

Equipping Christians for Bible-Centred Ministry

Sussex Ministry Training Course
 (Tuesdays, in term time, with the option of a second year),
 at Christ Church, Haywards Heath,
 starting again in September 2017.



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Saturday Morning Bible Training Course

Saturday Morning Bible Training Course
 (22 Saturdays over 2 years)
 at All Souls' Church, Eastbourne,
 starting again in September 2017.

For more information about the training courses, together with brochures which can be downloaded, visit:

www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/ministries/training-courses/

or contact Wendy Sands, SGP Administrator:

Tel: 01444 458 635 Email: admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk

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ST ALBANS, FRANT & HOLY TRINITY, ERIDGE (representative, James Packman)

- 1) Give thanks for an enthusiastic core of members who pray and seek to reach out to those around them.
- 2) for all church members to be dedicated to growing as disciples of Jesus in their learning, godliness, service and prayer.
- 3) for the Lord to provide more people to commit to serving within the church. Pray that people will 'catch the vision' for making a difference as part of our church community.



ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (representative, Mike Warren)

- 1) Give thanks for the appointment of Phil Peddar as Assistant Minister from September. We pray that Phil and Lucy will quickly feel part of the church family and have a fruitful ministry with us.
- 2) for Phil and Mike Warren (Vicar) to form a strong partnership. Please pray for humility and brotherly love.
- 3) for us to be able to reach the 35s-40s more effectively. Pray for the Spirit to work in us and in not-yet Christians.
- 4) for wisdom as we continue to embed biblical counselling in all aspects of church life: preaching, small groups and every member one-to-one ministry.



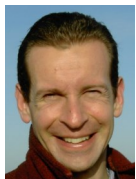
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MARTIN POVEY (Association of Evangelists)

- 1) Give thanks for the great opportunities to preach Christ and Him crucified in a range of settings 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) for my relationship with our Father in heaven to thrive, with me listening to His Word and believing and living out what He says!
- 3) for us as a family to speak boldly, truthfully, passionately and winsomely about Jesus in our local community.



DAVID BAKER (East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches)

- 1) Give thanks for three lovely congregations in such beautiful Sussex countryside. We are also thankful for a recent breakthrough in diagnosis for our family health situation.
- 2) for our outreach and discipling of children, families and teenagers.
- 3) for our staffing needs as we will shortly lose Rev'd Kip Chelashaw who is going to Kenya and has been of great help here.

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DAVID BATCHELOR (South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)





- 1) for a mature Christian couple, who have played a key role in the church over the last few years, who moved away in April. Please ask the Lord to provide others to help with preaching and admin.
- 2) for the provision of more elders.
- 3) for wisdom, boldness and unity regarding the various ideas we have for evangelism as a church. Pray that the Lord will show us what to pursue.
- 4) for us to grow together in our knowledge of the Son of God, and that the joy of knowing Him would be the 'engine' powering us to live our lives for His praise and glory.



GLEN SCRIVENER (Revival, Eastbourne)

- 1) for several writing projects - books in the pipeline.
- 2) for filming of a reworked version of 3-2-1, an evangelistic course.
- 3) for the raising-up of more evangelists through our studies and apprenticeships.

<p>21</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for our new Head of Music, Josh Lucas, who is having a wonderful effect on drawing others into the music ministries. 2) Give thanks for new people; for their conversion and discipleship. 3) for the many at Holy Trinity who need evangelism and discipleship training. 4) for urgent and major investment of time, money and energy in 'Building for Growth' that will require major capital expenditure over the next 3-4yrs. 5) for the ongoing plans by a local Christian caterer to reopen the church Coffee Shop; for the major investment, renovation works and a successful business plan. 6) for me as I re-organise my time and the Ministry Team to enable me to focus on core Bible ministries. 7) for John Brook as, alongside his Associate Vicar responsibilities, John oversees Ministry to Families.
	<p>TONY BAKER (Holy Trinity, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me to be useful in retirement. 2) for the right preaching opportunities.
<p>22</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the arrival of Jon Arnold, our Senior Staff Worker. Pray that he will continue to settle in well. Pray that as he oversees the care of our young people's leaders and establishes a visiting team for those in need in the church family, he will have great wisdom, vision and energy. 2) for Sam Carter who will be joining us as a new Curate this summer. Pray that Sam, his wife Angela, and their four children will quickly settle in the church family and be used by God for His glory. 3) for wisdom and funding for the urgent need to develop our toilet and kitchen facilities.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom as I research and write a semi-academic 400+ page book on 'What did the New Testament know about homosexuality?' 2) for the Lord to lead Katherine and me to non-Christians who are ready for the gospel. 3) for wisdom in supporting pastors in their demanding ministries.

<p>23</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) about three new study opportunities taking place over the summer for folks to deepen their faith and become better equipped as disciples of Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ for newer Christians we are running Discipleship Explored for the first time. ◆ for interested folk across the board we are going to use Michael Reeves' video course on the English Reformation. ◆ for St John's Little Book Club to get folks reading at least a short (and therefore cheaper too) Christian Book each month and then discuss it.
	<p>HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the church family to make the most of the weekend away from 30 June to 2 July. Pray that we would all love the church more deeply as a result of our time together. 2) for God to use the monthly 'families at 4' service to make disciples amongst our fringe contacts. 3) for good plans to be laid ahead of our parish-wide mission in 2018. 4) for us to be able to reorder our building to provide more space and a new entrance.
<p>24</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Robert Lovatt)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that Julian Dale relinquished his work as a barrister to become our new Young People's and Families worker in April 2017. This is a very big change for Julian so please pray for him as he takes up this new responsibility. Annelie Cooper, a primary school teacher, is also going to be joining our staff team part-time to help with families and young people. Please pray for her as she joins the team. 2) for Duncan Fraser, our Curate, who moved to Eynsham near Oxford on 15 May to become a Vicar. Please remember Duncan as he takes up new responsibilities, and us as we shall be without a curate for a little over a year. 3) for the church now that we have divided the work into seven key areas comprising Gathered Worship, Discipleship, Care and Community, Resources, Young People, Evangelism and Welcome. Everyone in the church has been asked to sign-up for one of these groups. Pray that this helps develop a sense of ownership by everyone within the congregation for at least some aspect of the church's life.
	<p>MICHAEL WILCOCK (All Saints', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that I still have opportunities to preach and am working on two books, which are progressing slowly. The partnership between IVP and SPCK seems to be working out well.


ST WILFRID'S, Eastbourne (representative, Chris Styles)

- 1) for God to raise up, or bring into the church of St Wilfrid's, those able to teach children and who also have a vision for seeing youngsters brought to Christ.
- 2) for God to raise up someone with audio and IT skills.
- 3) for wisdom as we consider our involvement in Hope 2018.
- 4) for more people coming to know Christ (especially those who have little or no church background); for the power of God to keep the preaching fresh and Christ centred; for us to grow in humility and love; and that we would know more of the glory of God both in our times together and spreading out into the community.


TERRY BRINKLEY (Golden Cross Chapel, near Hailsham)




- 1) for the ongoing work at Chiddingly market. A man has expressed an interest in Christian things.
- 2) for many market traders who have retired recently whom I still visit pastorally.
- 3) Give thanks for real encouragement as many of the fellowship are very much involved in the work at the market.

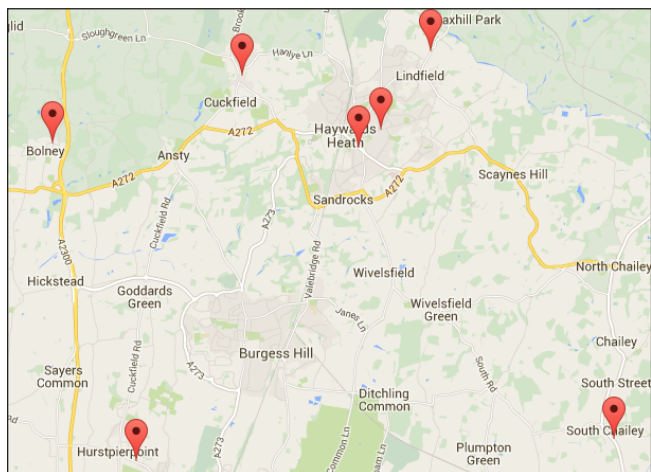

DAVID MATHERS (All Saints', Laughton)

- 1) We have been so grateful for prayer from the Sussex Gospel Partnership over the past five years. We moved back to Suffolk in April and will re-join the East Anglia Gospel Partnership.



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<p>26</p> 	<p>EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for smooth progress with long overdue maintenance work on the church building. 2) for continuing growth in the congregation, for God to raise up new leaders for various areas of ministry, and for wisdom as we begin to explore the possibility of seeking a Ministry Apprentice.
	<p>ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we seek to be those who have “obeyed your word” (John 17:6). Pray that the preaching of the gospel through the teaching of the Bible be attended by God’s presence and power. 2) for us as we seek to be those who are “not of the world” but sent “into the world” (John 17:16 & 18). Pray that our church groups encourage believers to learn and stand by the values of Christ. 3) for us as we seek to be those who enjoy “complete unity” (John 17:23). Pray that we will support one another in being faithful disciples who keep in step with the Spirit.
	<p>ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARD'S-ON-SEA (representative, Mike Coe)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me as I am now also interim Priest-in-Charge of St Leonard’s and St Ethelburga’s, St Leonards-on-Sea. 2) for the ongoing relationship with our church school, St Paul's Primary Academy. 3) for enthusiasm and encouragement in our desire to share the gospel with the 'not-here', 'new-here' and 'now-here'.



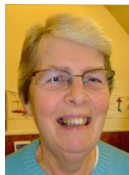
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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks for the unity that we enjoy as a church family, given the challenges of the past 18 months.
- 2) for the Lord to make us ever more passionate about, and more effective in, making Jesus known in Cuckfield and the wider Mid-Sussex area.
- 3) for wisdom as we think about future appointments, particularly another full-time elder.
- 4) for the Lord to save five young non-Christian families from the village, and that five young Christian families would join the church and help us to reach out more effectively to this rapidly growing demographic in the area.



HURSTPIERPOINT EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Margaret Ashdown)

- 1) Give thanks with us as it is with joy and thanksgiving to God that we now look forward to welcoming David Lowries as our new pastor in August.
- 2) for us as a fellowship to desire to serve the Lord together, with David and Emma, and to grow together and reach out to our village.



BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)

- 1) Give thanks for 16 attending our Alpha Course through the winter and for new members joining the Chapel.
- 2) for those who attended Alpha to want to come to the follow-on course, Discipleship Explored, during the summer term.
- 3) for our bi-monthly Men's Curry Nights which are proving very popular. Pray for the building of strong relationships and for all to commit themselves to Christ.
- 4) for one or two more Christian families to join us on Sunday mornings so that we can start to build a stronger base amongst families in the village.


CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)

- 1) Give thanks that we continue to grow, which has meant our building is full on a Sunday morning. Please pray for us as elders, and as a church, to have great wisdom in knowing what to do practically. We are also praying that the Lord will continue this growth over the coming years, enabling us to play a greater part in supporting local and regional gospel ministries.
- 2) for us as we seek to work out how we reach the surrounding villages of Haywards Heath, many of which have very little or no Christian witness.
- 3) for us as we seek to raise up and send out five full-time gospel workers over the next few years.
- 4) for us as we think about church planting in the region and how we play our part.


GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)

- 1) for wisdom and opportunity in how to develop Messy Church and our Key Stage 2 youth club in a way that will engage more people.
- 2) for interest, conviction and strong faith in those on the fringe of the church.
- 3) for mature Christian families to move into Bolnore, commit to Grace Church and for their children to be in the local primary school.
- 4) for the part-time Trainee Minister and the Women's Worker who will be starting in September. Pray that I will have wisdom and time in training and overseeing them.


ROBERT BUSHBY (Haywards Heath & Burgess Hill URC)

- 1) for follow-up from the continuing 'Christianity Explored' courses, which have been small but rewarding in commitment to Jesus.
- 2) for 'Meeting Point' at Burgess Hill as we seek to be a Dementia Friendly venue and 'Open Doors' at Haywards Heath. Pray that people may come and find friendship, love and faith in Jesus.
- 3) for the major art exhibition coming to Haywards Heath Methodist and United Reformed Churches in June and July this year. Some 46 works from the Methodist Modern Art Collection will be on display with lectures and concerts, work with schools and the local college. Please pray for opportunities to share Jesus both during and after the exhibition.



CHAILEY FREE CHURCH

- 1) for the whole church family and especially the family of Charlie Hill, following his death on 29 April. Charlie had, for many years, played a leading role in the church and had been seriously ill for some time.
- 2) Give thanks for the response to the monthly 'Messy Church' which has been running for over a year now. Each month we welcome over 50 adults and children and the atmosphere is one of a family gathering. Pray that the Lord will give us boldness to discuss the theme as we work on the varied activities and chat about our faith during the mealtime. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of individuals to see their need of personal salvation.
- 3) for the weekly 'Coffee Stop' which continues on Friday mornings. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with our regular visitors.
- 4) Give thanks for all our visiting preachers, many of whom take a pastoral interest in the church and individuals. Pray that we will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's work within us.
- 5) for those facing challenging health situations to know the Lord's help, strength and encouragement each day.



CHRIS NORDEN (Haywards Heath Baptist Church)

- 1) for continuing unity within the church family as the re-organisation of our two morning congregations 'beds down'.
- 2) for God's hand to be over our rebuilding project. We hope to demolish our existing building in order to erect something much more suitable for the congregation and our mission in the local community.
- 3) for fruit from our work with young families, and particularly for more parents to come to faith. Please pray for the right appointment to a new role of Family and Community Worker.



KEITH MORRISON (Lindfield URC)

- 1) for our new re-organised home groups, formed at the beginning of May. Pray that new relationships may be made and a stronger relationship with God may grow.
- 2) for our church weekend from 16-18 June. Pray that we may hear what God wants us to hear, and respond to Him.


NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) for a good time of rest and refreshment during a sabbatical that I am kindly being given, running from mid-June to mid-September.
- 2) for a trip to Brazil during August that will involve speaking at three training conferences for preachers in three different cities, as well as holiday time with the family.
- 3) for good benefit from being able to spend more time with the family during my sabbatical.
- 4) for return to SGP leadership in the Autumn with fresh ideas and renewed vision for the work.


JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) for the smooth running of the training course during Nick's sabbatical and clarity for me in not 'dropping balls'.
- 2) for self-discipline with time so that I am efficient in what I do.
- 3) for wisdom and interest in the development of a network for those involved in church planting and revitalization within Sussex.
- 4) for prayerfulness in all things.


NIGEL JONES (Operations Manager, part-time)

- 1) for me to settle quickly in the new role and to work well with Nick, Jon, Wendy and the SGP Steering Group.
- 2) for me to be joyful in the Lord for this opportunity to be involved in His gospel work through the SGP.
- 3) for wisdom in balancing the requirements of the various part-time roles I am currently doing.


WENDY SANDS (Administrator, part-time)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's constant love and provision in all things.
- 2) for perseverance and discipline in daily life.
- 3) for Jesus to be my priority, and for help in following His sacrificial, servant hearted example.
- 4) greater courage to speak of Jesus to all those around me.


THE SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

- 1) Give thanks for, and continue to pray for unity in our partnership.
- 2) for high levels of uptake for the training courses starting in September and for the training events we run (mainly) for ministers throughout the year.
- 3) for the planting and revitalising of churches to be made possible by churches working in partnership.
- 4) for the Partnership to grow and be strengthened in every way as more churches join.

WOMEN'S DAY

“Standing Firm”

“By Pressing on”

Philippians 3 - 4

Speaker: Ruth Bridcut

Ruth is the Women's Worker at Immanuel Church Dublin, having previously studied at the Cornhill Training course. She loves studying the Bible and teaching it to women.



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