SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

Winter 2015/Spring 2016

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 at the back.

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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."

Day of Month	Please pray for:

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.

1	**BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE** (representative, Phil Moon) 1) Give thanks for the children and young people at Bishop Hannington and the appointment of our new Children's Work Co-ordinator, Sue Haines. Please especially pray for our mid-week Explorer group which is an outreach work with 7-11s. Give thanks for the 50 children that come each week and for the families they represent. Pray for creativity and wisdom for the team to know how to reach each child with the good news of Jesus. Pray too that God would raise up new leaders. 2) our Christmas services this year; that the church family would be bold in inviting those around them who don't yet know Jesus and would feel excited about handing out invitation cards. Give thanks for the growth in the number of families attending the Christingle service and pray that there would be lasting fruit from this and all our other Christmas services.
	ANDY BOUSFIELD (Ascension, Westdene) 1) fruitful ministry over Christmas and a new Enquirer's course in the new year. 2) the final fundraising push for £20k to complete our refurbishment project. 3) the planning of cover for my post during my sabbatical from Easter.

2	**RICHARD JACKSON** (Bishop of Lewes) 1) wisdom in juggling competing priorities, especially carving out more time for reading and study. 2) fruitful evangelistic opportunities and the eyes to see them as they occur. 3) the Lord to draw good gospel people for key appointments. 4) recently elected General Synod members – that they would be able to speak truth with grace.

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CHRIST CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Carl Chambers)

1) us as a small church continuing to know a large number of 'issues' (health, work, etc) which cause pressure. Pray we would know God's strength amidst our evident and all too present weakness.
2) the children in our church, spread across six local schools – that they will know God's presence and strength each day, in spite of spiritual isolation. Pray for parents to be good at pointing to our trust in Christ.
3) the future of Christ Church Brighton. The six months of this prayer diary will bring some change and, as we write, we have no idea what. We want to continue to seek to build each other up in love for the Lord, for each other, and those who don't yet know Jesus. Praise God for his perfect wisdom and insuperable sovereignty and that we would know it at every step.

NEW LIFE CHURCH, MOULSECOOMB (representative, Julian Rebera)

1) wisdom and unity as we work through changes for the good of the church.
2) fruitful evangelism through relationships, Messy Church and other events.
3) We are currently investigating the possibility of employing a Money Advisor to help people on the estate manage money, debt, etc. Please pray this comes together if it is the Lord's will.
4) financial support. As a church we are dependent on external financial support to continue. Please pray that our financial needs are met.

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JOHN WOODS (Lancing Tabernacle)

1) Give thanks that restructuring our mid-week activities so that all our children's and youth activities are on one night, together with our prayer night, has worked well giving an opportunity to meet parents over a cuppa while they are waiting for children. Pray for relationships to bear Gospel fruit. Pray too that we will have all the leaders we need to make this work long-term.
2) us as we aim to begin a Christianity Explored course based in the home of a couple who are new to the church. A small group of 'near-the-kingdom' people will be taking a look at the basics of Christianity.
3) the power of the Gospel to bring grace to bear on situations. This autumn we have been doing a Sunday morning series on Job which has touched a number of people who are struggling with various challenges.
4) imagination, creativity and usefulness in our re-launched men's activities.

WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)

1) Give thanks for a fellowship which is growing in our love for one another and for the Lord. Pray that we would continue to deepen our grasp of what a church is, and the centrality of church to the Christian life. Give thanks too for the numerical growth that we are seeing in the church . Pray that our focus will not shift from Jesus and that the Pastors would continue to powerfully proclaim the Gospel message.
2) We long to see more conversions and for the church to keep growing so that we might be able to fulfil our vision to be a church which supports churches. Pray for more young families to be added to the church and for musicians too.

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CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Phil Wells)

1) the appointment of an Assistant Pastor in September 2016 with a view to taking a major role as teaching-leading elder by 2019.
2) The grafting in of new members into the church family.
3) our reorganisation with new Deacons. The roles of Administrator and Treasurer are particularly demanding and we ask God to give us the right people.
4) Give thanks for increased numbers over the past year, particularly amongst internationals.

PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Jeff Collington)

Pray for the Lord to provide a new Pastor and for harmony in our selection.

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ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)

1) We are really grateful for increasing opportunities in the local primary school, particularly to teach RE to years 3 and 4 in the run-up to Christmas and Easter.
2) ongoing deepening discipleship for our whole church family, especially the ten people recently confirmed.
3) labourers to help with our increasing work among children and young teenagers, in particular the Olympic Adventure holiday club taking place in February 2016.

OASIS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (representative, Andrew Edwards)

1) Pip Soar and John Maddocks, new DNA interns, working with us and our partner church in Southwick. Pray that this year will be rich and fruitful for them personally, spiritually and in the development of their gifts in the service of the Kingdom.

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ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)

1) two new home groups in which we shall be looking at the book of Ruth up until Christmas. Pray that these groups would be well received and grow as people feel the benefit of God speaking to them through his word.
2) people to commit to reading a Christian book and reviewing it in a service in the new year, following the recent introduction of a church bookstall. Pray for the individuals who will do this, and for more to be encouraged to read.

BRIAN PENFOLD (St George's, East Worthing)

1) Praise God for a great start by our new Children's and Family Worker. Pray as we consider how to achieve greater engagement with local younger families.
2) initial thoughts about partnering with other churches in Sussex to build up our ministry amongst 18 to 30s.
3) plans to replace the church heating and install a new AV and sound system.
4) my sabbatical plans for 2016: Willow Creek, Chicago, and Lake Valley Church, California, to look at successful models of ministry seeking to win and keep men.
5) Give thanks for a newly retired Vicar joining the team in June 2016.

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8	**ANGMERING BAPTIST** (representative, David Barnes) 1) the Alpha Course talks we are listening to on Sunday mornings this term, with a view to members inviting non-believers to a subsequent Alpha Course running from 16 January 2016 on Saturday lunch times. 2) the addition of new believers to the church, prepared to serve others, as we are an elderly congregation. 3) the growth of our Sunday School.
	JAMES RUSSELL (North Mundham with Hunston and Merston) 1) continued blessing on Alistair Ghinn, our new Youth and Children's Worker and the three different youth groups that he is running. 2) a distinctive, clear and outward-looking vision for each of our parish churches. 3) wisdom to know how we might best disciple our middle-age adults in the congregations.

9	**ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING** (representative, Mark Standen) 1) fruit from a church weekend in September led by Rico Tice speaking on the Gospel of Grace. Pray that it will lead to us all sharing the Gospel more energetically and prayerfully. 2) our Autumn series on Ephesians and Exodus to inspire us to praise God more and want to lead lives that bring Him glory; 3) our coming outreach in December, and for many guests to decide to come on the new Christianity Explored course in January 2016 4) our outreach group as it considers our programme for 2016, and how we can penetrate an area of new homes in the village more effectively. 5) God to help us as we investigate how we can reinvigorate our monthly prayer meetings in 2016. 6) us to find a suitable person to take on the important role of Home Group Coordinator, and for us as we pray over future staffing developments.

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ARUNDEL BAPTIST (representative, Steve Lomas)

1) Give thanks for God's provision of a book-keeper for the coming year; for positive Fun Days and community outreach during the Arundel Festival and for good outreach opportunities in schools and at the hospital.
2) growth in what is a small church. The need of, say, two mature couples (young retired couples) to assist in the work and build for the future.
3) our Christmas outreach, including two open-air services in the town square.
4) our challenging financial budget for 2016 to be met.

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ST MARY MAGDALENE, SOUTH BERSTED (representative, Tim Crook)

1) Praise God for his financial provision this year as month-by-month we have amazingly had just enough to pay for our commitments.
2) us to have a greater appetite for God's word and that we would be pushing our roots deeper into the rich and fertile soil that is the Lord Jesus Christ. We desperately need God to raise up leaders who are willing *and* able to serve.
3) Gary and Mary Barrett who joined us when Gary retired from the pastorate in Eastbourne a few years ago; they have been terrifically helpful. Gary has a sarcoma cancer which needs to be shrunk with radiotherapy before an operation, hopefully around the end of this year or beginning of next.

ST PANCRAS, CHICHESTER (representative, Mark Payne)

1) the new service pattern of two main morning services to generate more growth, both numerically and in depth.
2) continued contact with students at the University and opportunities to disciple them and equip them in evangelism.
3) the changes in the staff team that will take place in 2016 (new Curate, new Administrator and two new Ministry Trainees).
4) wisdom for the re-development of our city centre church building as we work with architects and the authorities.

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THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Colin Jones)

1) us as we begin the process of looking for a Co-Pastor to work alongside our current Pastor, who is due to retire in 2019, and then take over as Pastor. We are happy for people to make this opportunity known and, if you know anyone who may be suitable, please encourage them to contact us.
2) us as we plan to recruit an apprentice to join us for 2016-2017.

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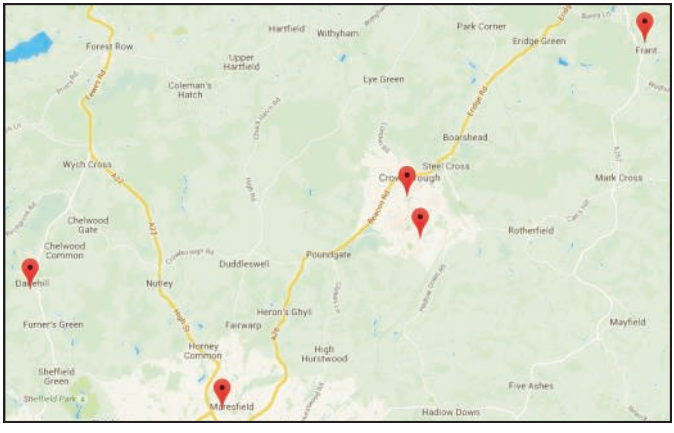
RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Peter Pilgrem)

1) the preparation, invitations and organisation of our Christmas Carol service so that our neighbours and friends may hear the gospel. Also a live music event on 5 December – for those invited and for follow-up.
2) our witness in the village, including the monthly family services which are seeking to bring in children and families.
3) faithfulness in preaching God's word every week, for wisdom in leading the fellowship, and for growth.

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

1) God's work in people's lives in the forthcoming Marriage Course and Christianity Explored Course.
2) the smooth progress of our project to update the interior of our church building
3) God's leading in restructuring and building up our youth work.



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JOHN COWLEY (Forest Fold Baptist Church)

1) Give thanks for the two-year appointment of a half-time Youth Worker, Mark Philpott. Mark is receiving support and training (including the SGP's Sussex Ministry Training Course on Tuesdays) and is going to give special focus on the secondary school aged youngsters. Pray for God to help him settle well, be useful and grow through the experience.
2) Give thanks for the way our trial of home groups (Sep-Dec) has captured a much greater interest in our mid-week time, with over 100 signing up to groups. Please pray for it to feed through into spiritual growth, and ask that we might have wisdom as we assess what should happen in the new year.
3) We love to see new faces coming from the locality. It doesn't happen as often as we would like. Pray for us all to have good, genuine, useful friendships so that others will come and hear the gospel.

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ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy MacBain)

1) sowing and reaping at our Christmas events.
2) our current youth work and the recruitment of a Youth Worker for September.
3) the 11am and Messy Church services to be used by God to reach families.
4) prayerfulness, godliness and boldness in sharing our faith.
5) many people in this parish to be reached for Christ, built up in Him and sent out in His service.
6) plans for toilet facilities and an improved kitchen at Chelwood Gate Church.

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

1) the church as we try to give greater momentum to our work with men.
2) our search for a Church Administrator.
3) Give thanks for formal approval to move forwards with building work in our churchyard and please pray for the work to start soon.

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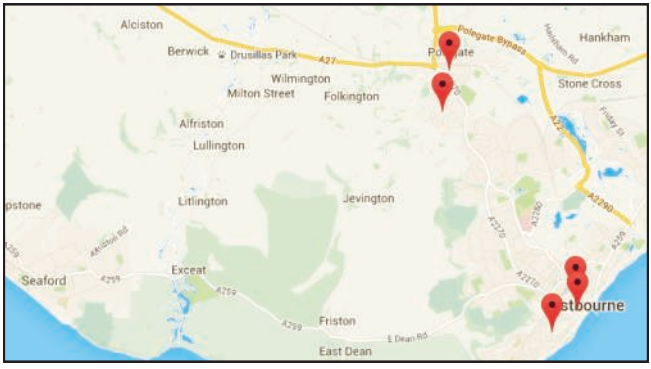
ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Mark Ashworth)

1) wisdom and unity for the church family during the interregnum as the Wardens and staff team seek God's plans during this season.
2) the new Vicar who will be preparing to join us with his family in 2016. Pray that they may have peace about the move and a sense of anticipation for all that God has in store.
3) Christ's heart for our community, friends and families. Pray that we may love them and joyfully proclaim the gospel to them.

ST ALBANS AND HOLY TRINITY (representative, James Packman)

1) Praise God for raising up some very helpful people in ministry and for ministry support over the last few years.
2) an ever-deepening commitment to Jesus and evangelism amongst our members.
3) more and more visible evidence of God at work, changing people's lives .



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17 	**MARTIN POVEY** (Association of Evangelists) 1) Praise God for the opportunities to preach Christ crucified to all age groups from teens through to retired folk. 2) me to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ! 3) much fruit to come from gospel seeds being sown. 4) those who receive Christ Jesus as Lord, to continue to live their lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness.
	DAVID BAKER (East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches) 1) strength, energy, stamina, sleep, health, thankfulness, especially with continuing very serious and demanding health needs in the family. 2) staffing – pray for Kip Chelashaw as he comes as Assistant Minister for 18 months before returning to Kenya, and for additional staff help after that time. 3) the gospel to go forward and God's Kingdom to come and grow especially among children, families and teenagers, in spite of pressures mentioned above. 4) wisdom and guidance for all three churches.

18 	**GLEN SCRIVENER** (Revival, Eastbourne) 1) the four students studying theology with us (lectures on Mondays). 2) outreach through church and university missions. 3) ongoing gospel preaching. 4) training Christians in evangelism. 5) production of evangelistic resources including developing "321" as an evangelistic course.
	DAVID BATCHELOR (South Street Free Church) 1) Give thanks for the positive spirit within the fellowship. 2) us to have wisdom in the best way to 'do evangelism', and that God would use our evangelistic efforts to bring glory to Him and to bring people to new life in Christ. 3) the young people in the church to be touched and transformed by the Gospel.

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HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)

1) Give thanks for an exciting growth in the number of small children. Please pray that we adapt sensitively to their needs and that of their families.
2) Give thanks that John Brook joined us as Associate Vicar for five years.
3) our need to refresh home-groups with training and a good mix of group members.
4) preaching series in the morning from Ephesians and on Joseph in the evenings.
5) tender signs of growth to soon become sincere commitment.
6) preparations for conversations within the congregation in the new year for reordering the church in the next few years.

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ALL SOULS, EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)

1) God to provide the right person to work with us as an Administrator.
2) God's provision and wisdom as we consider the best way to appoint a Senior Staff Worker in the next 12 months.
3) God, in His mercy, to call to faith some of the non-Christian spouses of church members.
4) us to continue to love the Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known.

ANDREW CORNES (All Souls, Eastbourne)

1) me to serve, with my wife Katherine, faithfully and fruitfully in the church family and ministry of All Souls, Eastbourne.
2) each of us to lead at least one non-Christian to Christ during the course of this year.
3) us to be both wise and strategic in the ministries we take on, and the people whom we seek to love and devote ourselves to, especially in Eastbourne itself.

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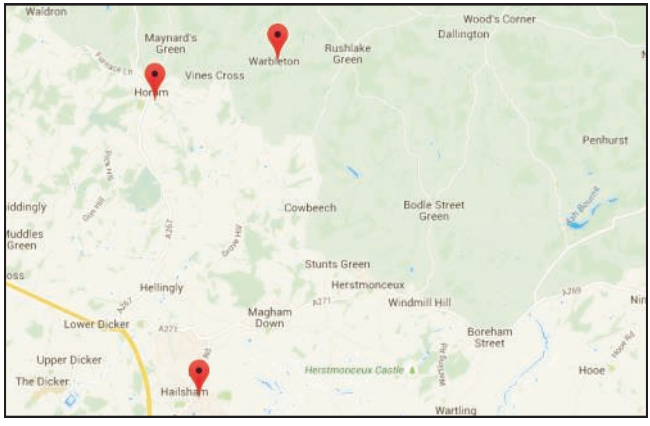
ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Richard Herkes)

1) our new incoming Senior Minister, Chris Styles, who will be licensed on 14 January 2016. Pray that he will quickly adjust to leading a team.
2) the congregation, that they will continue to explore new ways of sharing the gospel with energy and vision.

ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)

1) Kidzone, our after school club for primary age youngsters, now under new leadership.
2) The provision of two new house group leaders.
3) our Advent Lunch programme with an evangelistic talk and the opportunity to stay on for a course; for the carol services and other events. Pray that we might present the gospel clearly and that people will respond.



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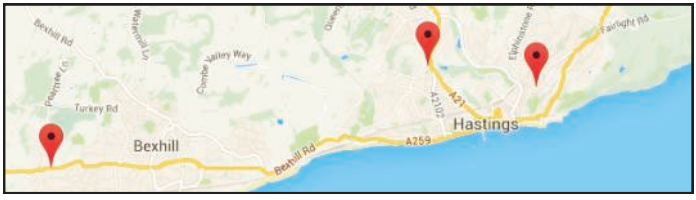
22 	**DAVID MATHERS** (All Saints', Laughton/St John the Baptist, Ripe/St Barts, Chalvington) 1) the gospel to enter homes and hearts through our monthly magazine which is distributed to all residents of three villages, regular preaching on Sundays and our Christmas services. 2) the provision of funds for a kitchen and cloakroom at the back of Laughton Church. 3) our house group leaders – for vision, faith and Christ-centredness. 4) increasing links with school and nursery schools.
	CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy) 1) our PCC as they plan new initiatives to reach unchurched people in the coming year. 2) a new committed leader for our parent and toddler work, without whom the group cannot continue. 3) courage and boldness for all our church members to speak about Jesus

23 	**HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH** (representative, David Bourne) 1) Give thanks with us to the Lord for new people investigating the gospel, for a new 20/30s group launched in September, for a complete staff team and for the opportunity to share the gospel through many different groups at the heart of Hailsham. 2) those who are seeking to find – that seekers would become disciples. 3) wisdom to meet the challenge of a changing town and many new houses and longer term as plans are now out for the town to double in size by 2030. Pray for the resources we need to effectively make Jesus known.
	WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd) 1) the "3-2-1" Gospel course that we are running in January, especially that some might sign-up from our Christmas services. 2) a growing number of leaders and helpers for our work with children and young people.



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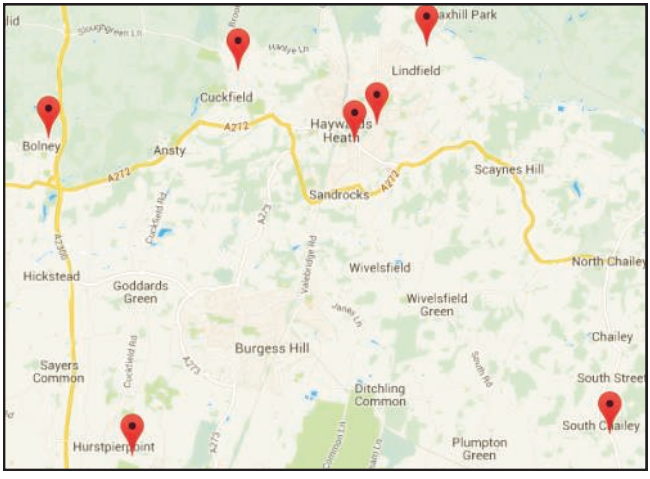
24 	**EMMANUEL, HASTINGS** (representative, Martin Lane) 1) faithfulness and fruitfulness in evangelism. 2) further progress in developing our mission strategy. 3) the raising up and equipping of ministry leaders. 4) continuing growth in maturity and loving relationships .
	ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON (representative, Jonathan Frais) 1) 'our love to abound in knowledge' (Philippians 1v9), as our appetite for God's word increases. 2) us to 'discern what is best' (Philippians 1v10), as we plan for the future. 3) us to be 'filled with the fruit of righteousness' (Philippians 1v11), as we live lives worthy of the gospel.

25 	**ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARD'S ON SEA** (representative, Mike Coe) 1) us to adjust to changes in ministry caused by our curate (Matt Williams) moving to a new job. 2) making the most of Gospel opportunities in our parish and community. 3) the church family to have more opportunities to serve the church. 4) us to make the most of our opportunities with our church primary school.
	TIM VOLTZENLOGEL (St Stephen's, Bexhill) 1) continued spiritual growth amongst the people of St Stephen's, knowing God's presence, purpose and power individually and as a church. 2) clear, effective and relevant proclamation of the gospel in our context. 3) outreach activities including our Coffee Stop for retired folk and Messy Church for families. 4) grace, wisdom and discernment for me personally as I seek to lead.



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26 	**ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD** (representative, James Clarke) 1) funds and approval to be forthcoming to complete our Aspire project – a reordering of the church building to make it a more flexible space for Sundays and beyond. 2) wisdom in how best to reach our community with the gospel, especially through the regular village events. 3) fruit to come from the revitalisation of our ministry to men and women. 4) more people to be reached with the gospel and wisdom for the future with the main morning service at capacity.

27 	**CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH** (representative, Graham Nicholls) 1) many young people aged between 8 and 14 to book up for the next Explore 814 camp at the end of May (run jointly between All Saints' Lindfield, Christ Church Haywards Heath, Cuckfield Baptist Church and Grace Church) and for help in all the planning and organisation. 2) the Spirit to be at work to bring the many people we have contact with to saving faith in our Lord Jesus. 3) wisdom in making good use of our resources – increased membership but limitations on the building .
	CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Jonathan Broome) 1) God to comfort and help us as we come to terms with the difficult news of David Sprouse's resignation as Pastor. 2) us to be united in Christ and encouraged as we look to the future with new opportunities that God gives with our new building. 3) God to help us reach new families with primary school age children, as for the first time for 20 years we don't have any!

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BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)

1) stability and wisdom during a period of leadership change.
2) our newly launched bi-monthly 'Connect Church Cafe' on Sunday evenings seeking to draw in children who come to our Friday night Urban Saints groups.
3) personal renewal amongst us that will lead to community transformation.

CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Charlie Hill)

1) us to be more motivated to pray as a church, that we might more readily seek our Heavenly Father's will for our personal and church lives.
2) us to bold about talking to visitors about the Lord when we hold outreach events.
3) us to be more concerned about the eternal destination of our neighbours.
4) a greater unity with other Christians in the village.

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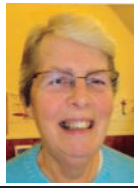

HURSTPIERPOINT EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Margaret Ashdown)

1) us to clearly know the Lord's will as we move in to a new phase of our church's life, following our Pastor's resignation earlier in the year.
2) us to continue to pray fervently and know real wisdom in the way forward.
3) us to be united in our desire for the furtherance of the gospel .

GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)

1) non-Christian contacts the church has in Bolnore Village and Haywards Heath to progress to being those who are interested in finding out more of Christ.
2) Christians at Grace Church to develop opportunities to read 1:1 with non-Christian friends.
3) Christians to move to the Bolnore area, catch a vision for Grace Church and join with us.
4) energy, joy and readiness in Christian service as folk are needed for a number of areas of ministry in the church.

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NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

1) me to watch my life and doctrine closely, keeping a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith (1 Timothy 1: 5; 4:16).
2) wisdom from the Lord to see how we should develop the life and work of the Partnership over the next five years.
3) wisdom and faithfulness in supporting and encouraging church leaders in the Partnership.
4) our older son, Chris, who has long-term health problems (*chronic fatigue*), as he prepares to take his GCSE exams next summer.

JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer - part-time)

1) perseverance and fruitfulness in door-knocking each week.
2) clarity and faithfulness in teaching on the training courses and in church.
3) wisdom and self-control in managing time, and prayerfulness in all things.
4) Give thanks for the Lord's blessings in church and home life.

WENDY SANDS (Administrator - part-time)

1) Give thanks for the Lord's constant love and provision in all things.
2) God's word and prayerfulness to be my priority and for the Lord's wisdom in decision-making in all areas of life.
3) further provision from the Lord for a family member with long-term mental health needs who is unable to return home and may need to move from his current place of care next year.

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1) the recent restructuring of the SGP, with a greater emphasis on the role of local Clusters, to deepen our Partnership and make it more effective.
2) the work we are doing in partnership to truly be effective in building-up and strengthening existing churches.
3) the planting of churches in major centres of population in Sussex to be possible, by working in partnership, and for us to find ways of reaching the villages with the gospel.
4) the Partnership to grow as more churches join.

DECEMBER 2015

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 all those in leadership to be able enjoy a period of rest at some point over Christmas/New Year.
Week 3 - pray for the Sussex Youthworks team as they plan 'Come and See' training events for 2016.
Week 4 - ask the Lord to help us all make Him our first priority.

JANUARY 2016

Week 1 - pray for all the students on the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday courses as a new term begins: for clarity in understanding, a growing love for Jesus and that they will apply what they are learning in life, ministry and witness.
Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they have 24 hours away together this week.
Week 3 - ask the Lord to keep church leaders faithful to the gospel in the year ahead and committed to the primary tasks of prayer and teaching, which they have been set aside to do.
Week 4 - pray for John Woods as he speaks on 'Lessons from Contemporary Preachers' at Sussex Evangelical Ministry Seminars (SEMS) on 1 February.

FEBRUARY

Week 1 - pray for the Partnership Meeting on 3 February when Kevin DeYoung will be speaking on 'The hole in our holiness.' Pray that ministers and other leaders will be encouraged and challenged as they hear the Word preached, and spend time in fellowship together.
Week 2 - pray that many 14-18s will join the Sussex Youthworks team at 'Sorted by the Sea' on 12 February for a great evening.
Week 3 - pray that many guests would book to join the training course 'special day' on 23 February for Evangelism Training with Graham Daniels from Christians in Sport.
Week 4 - ask the Lord to give Nick McQuaker and Jon Hobbs much wisdom and joy in the Lord as they labour for Him.

MARCH 2016

Week 1 - pray for Mark Smith as he speaks on 'Fully God, Fully Man: Contending for Christ then and now' at SEMS on 14 March.
Week 2 - for the Steering Group as they meet on 16 March. Pray for wisdom, faith and vision as they seek to lead the Partnership.
Week 3 - pray for the Spirit to be at work as the gospel is proclaimed throughout the Partnership this Easter time, that many may come to faith. Pray for us all to be bold in speaking about Jesus.
Week 4 - pray that many would book-up for Bible by the Beach from 29 April to 2 May at The Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, with a focus on living distinctive lives through the power of God's transforming grace.

APRIL

Week 1 - pray for greater practical partnership between SGP churches in training, evangelism and church planting.
Ween 2 - pray that many will book for the next 'Book in a Day' on 3 May with David Cook who will be speaking on 'Understanding and Teaching the book of Acts.'
Week 3 - pray that church leaders will consider how they can take advantage of the short courses available from the Training Task Group for churches/clusters of churches.
Week 4 - give thanks for the those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

MAY

Week 1 - ask the Lord to help Wendy Sands in her administration work for the Partnership and give her continuing joy in the Lord, day by day.
Week 2 - pray for an increase in the number of Ministry Training Schemes run by SGP churches.
Week 3 - give thanks for our partnership in the Gospel.
Week 4 - pray for the planning and organisation of the Annual Conference in the Autumn and for many to book.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE
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Tim ***Lane***
Jonathan ***Lamb***
Paul ***Mallard***
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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 11 April 2016
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