



**SUSSEX  
GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP**

**December 2019  
to May 2020**

# Prayer Diary



*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

*Ephesians 6:18*

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

It is divided into 30 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 the back cover for more details.

Day of Month	Please pray:
-----------------	--------------

BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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

1	<p><b>BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE</b> (representative, Phil Moon)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for our young people’s ministry, led by our Youth Minister, Stephen. This term they are looking at the Ten Commandments and ‘Things that God can’t do and why that’s good news for you and me’.</li> <li>2) for Phil as he takes a close look at our Bible teaching and training new leaders and preachers, with the aim of developing new and existing preachers and raising the quality of our Bible teaching.</li> <li>3) for a sub-committee, set up by our PCC, to look at mental health and how we can sensitively raise awareness on the subject within the church, and be godly in our response.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE</b> (representative, Simon James-Morse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for a growing prayer life; individually, as small groups, and as a whole church.</li> <li>2) for a connection with the deaf community in Sussex – and to share God’s love with them.</li> <li>3) for a passion for mission; for the church to experience mission first-hand.</li> </ol>

# BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP

2



## **CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON** (representative, Philip Wells)

- 1) Give thanks for answered prayer in respect of a new Elder and new Deacon/Treasurer, Ben and David, respectively. Please pray for them as they take up their new responsibilities. Please now pray for a Deacon/Church Secretary to fill the vacant position.
- 2) Give thanks for consolidation in partnership with other local churches in a similar location and situation to our own. We have begun praying regularly with New Life Church, Park Hill Evangelical Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the leaders of the initiative from the Association of Grace Baptist Churches as they seek to bring a fresh gospel input to Brighton. There is a huge need in central/east Brighton with tens of thousands of people with very few bible-teaching, gospel churches, to bring the good news to them. Please pray for the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into the harvest.
- 3) for our own efforts to find a new lead-Pastor/Elder for future years. Elder, Chris, has received a diagnosis of terminal cancer, and Philip Wells is looking to hand over responsibilities in the next year or two.



## **NEW LIFE CHURCH, BRIGHTON** (representative, Julian Rebera)

- 1) Relocation: New Life needs a new home! Our current venue is inadequate as we have more children than the venue can cope with. We are still a small church but it is space for the children and youth that is an issue.
- 2) Evangelism and Discipleship: This is ongoing. Please pray that the Lord would help us disciple those who have recently come to faith and that the one or two new regulars would be converted. Pray that we will effectively evangelise others.
- 3) Clubs: We are currently evaluating all our children's and youth work with a view to relaunching a new initiative. Please ask the Lord to provide all we need in terms of team members, leaders and vision.

# BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP

3



**RICHARD JACKSON** (Individual Partner, Bishop of Lewes)

- 1) for a good ending in Chichester Diocese as I move to be Bishop of Hereford in the new year.
- 2) for a godly, orthodox successor to be appointed.
- 3) that I will land well in Hereford, with wisdom to know the most effective way to get the Gospel out around the diocese.



**WORTHING TABERNACLE** (representative, Rich Owen)

- 1) for Alex and Delaine, our new American pastoral interns who came to us via AT3. Pray that they would settle in quickly and grow in their gifts and godliness. Pray for Alex in particular as he studies for his MTh via Union and shadows our pastoral team.
- 2) for us as we host a number of 321 courses and have lots of interest from our midweek toddler groups. Pray that many of those invited will come and that they will be saved.
- 3) for the Elders as they seek to lead the church forwards. All our ministries are stretched, yet we can see the great potential there is for growth. Pray for wisdom, that we'll be able to lead well and give clear gospel vision to the church family.



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

- 1) for the City Mission and its future. The finances (as with many charities) hang in a fine balance and we are looking to God to provide and guide us.

# BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP

4



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

- 1) for our new babies' group which has been very well attended. Please pray for real Gospel fruit from it. Please also pray for an additional group for toddlers which we plan to start in January 2020.
- 2) for a planned programme of visiting and door-to-door evangelism. Please pray for our church family to have courage, faith and perseverance - and for encouragements.
- 3) for two brand new home-groups. Pray that they would enable deeper fellowship and practical encouragement.



**PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH** (representative, Graham King)

- 1) for a new initiative, *Love Peacehaven*. We are printing 1000s of flyers to be delivered in the town, with a population of 25k.
- 2) for *Timothy connection*: a Saturday morning discipleship time for men, considering the next generation.
- 3) for us to reach families and keep new families coming into the church.

5



**AL PICKERING** (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)

- 1) Give thanks for a refreshing and inspiring sabbatical and pray for wisdom in implementing ideas gained from other churches.
- 2) for God to change lives through our Christmas evangelistic events: Wreath Making with short talk; Family Craft and Carols Saturday Morning; Traditional Carol Service.
- 3) for a greater sense of family and unity as a church, where people love one another, love being together and love drawing others in who don't know Jesus.



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

- 1) for us as we run an Alpha Course for the first time in November/December. Pray for the building of a team with a heart for evangelism and particularly that local school parents might come along and find out more.
- 2) for safety, following a few structural issues with the church building, which might delay the reordering plans a bit. Pray that it doesn't distract from ministry.

## BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP

6



**JOHN WOODS** (Individual Partner, Lancing Tab)

- 1) Praise God for a good summer of outreach at Messy Church and Space at the Table, which has resulted in two families coming to church weekly. Pray for more and for them to be converted.
- 2) for John as he sets up the School of Preachers Trust, for which he will be working after February 2020. March to September look fairly busy in the UK, Latvia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan.
- 3) for Lancing Tab in its search for a new Pastor. We are at the stage of exploring the possible suitability of a couple of candidates.




**HOLY CROSS, HOVE** (representative, Dave Howarth)

- 1) that our sermons and small group series in Exodus would have a lasting impact.
- 2) Thank God for about ten 1-to-1s now happening amongst the congregation. Ask God that these would help bring maturity.
- 3) for us as we look to take steps towards becoming a church all about disciple-making. Pray for wisdom, care and boldness.

# CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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

<div>7</div> <div></div>	<p><b>ST MARGARET’S, ANGMERING</b> (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) about changes in the staff team: our Curate having left us in the summer, and two new staff ministry assistants having joined us in September.</li><li>2) for fruit from our Holiday Club in terms of children joining mid-week groups and their families attending on Sundays.</li><li>3) for fruit that lasts from our Explore evangelistic weekend in October, with events for children and youth on the Friday, an evening on ‘Has Science buried God?’ on the Saturday, and guest services throughout the Sunday.</li><li>4) for the development of ‘Impact groups’ for men of working age - a more flexible way of doing Homegroups for busy men.</li><li>5) for a healthy mix between nurture of existing Christians and evangelism in our church life.</li></ol>
--	---



# CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP

<p>8</p> 	<p><b>ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the Lord to provide musicians for our Sunday worship.</li> <li>2) for an increase in people to support the ministry and work of the church, as many of our folk are elderly and struggling with age-related issues. The load falls on the few!</li> <li>3) for our planned Christmas outreach programme which includes a Community Lunch and a Town Square Service.</li> </ol>
<p>9</p> 	<p><b>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH</b> (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for a new initiative which began in October. We show a film on the second Saturday morning of the month as a form of outreach, and features include testimonies, apologetics and fictional narrative, among other genres.</li> <li>2) for many of our congregation who are elderly and facing illness. Pray for improvement but also that they might have endurance and an assured hope in Christ.</li> <li>3) for a special nativity service this year on Wednesday evening, 11 December. Our local Scouts group plays the various parts and their parents come to watch. There is also a message given. Please pray that this will be a fruitful form of outreach.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>TOM ROBSON</b> (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick &amp; St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the works on our hall to be completed, in order to provide more space and better facilities for our morning services.</li> <li>2) for outreach opportunities over the autumn and winter, including a giant nativity retelling at Littlehampton 'Lights On'.</li> <li>3) for the discipleship and encouragement of new believers and wisdom regarding how best to help them grow in faith.</li> </ol>

# CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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

10



**THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY** (representative, Roger Barden)

- 1) for us to find the right man to appoint as Assistant Pastor.
- 2) for a number of seekers who attend our morning services to come to saving faith.
- 3) for one of our elders, David, as he and his family move to Neath Abbey for David to take up the Pastorate there.



**RIDDWICK CHAPEL** (representative, Charlie Sanders)

- 1) Give thanks that since our pastor's retirement, numbers at our services have been maintained and we have been well-served by a growing number of visiting speakers.
- 2) for us as we explore ways of working together with another small church. Please pray for wisdom for both churches as we seek the Lord's will for the future.
- 3) that we might know how we can engage effectively with residents on a new housing development, directly opposite the chapel.

## CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP

11



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

- 1) for the renewal of our vision as a church for 2020 and beyond.
- 2) for the appointment of the right person as a Children and Families Minister, to work alongside our Youth Minister.
- 3) for people of all ages to be coming to faith in Christ in our local area.



**PETER DEAVES** (Individual Partner, Holy Trinity, Rudgwick)

- 1) that Claire and I would give ourselves fully to serving Christ in this parish whilst seeking God's will for where He wants us next.
- 2) for wisdom and God's clear leading as we seek to discern where he wants us to minister.
- 3) that God moves sovereignly in the lives of those we've been getting to know, to either bring them to faith or deepen their confidence in Him. Pray for boldness and prayerfulness on our part.

# CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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

*SGP partner churches in the*  
**CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP**  
are shown on this map.

12



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, MARESFIELD** (representative, Ben Sear)

- 1) Give thanks for the families and individuals who have joined us in recent months and pray that they would feel loved and welcomed.
- 2) that the Lord would provide for our ministry to young people. We want to encourage our Sunday School leaders and grow the team. We also want to develop our ministry with the teenagers in the congregation.
- 3) for our two churches as our PCCs take time to develop our vision for moving forward.



**NICK CORNELL** (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)

- 1) for progress in a small reordering project to improve our lighting and audio visuals.
- 2) that we would keep evangelism and discipleship central to all that we do in the life of the church.
- 3) for the work with our youth and children, following changes in the way we organise things.

# CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP

13



## **ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH** (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) for God's sustaining grace and help for the team with the joys, demands and challenges of being a local church.
- 2) for the Lord to bring new folk to faith through Christianity Explored this term and through the amazing opportunities of Christmas.
- 3) for wisdom in helping those with addictions, as they battle to be set free and seek to follow Christ.



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

- 1) Give thanks for the appointment of our Outreach and Pastoral Worker who joined the staff team recently. Pray for fruit from this role in growing Christ-likeness and gospel witness together as a church.
- 2) for upcoming evangelistic events: Christmas Pudding Making and Christmas Family Fun. Ask that the Lord would bring the right people and soften their hearts for the Gospel (and for smooth practical planning!).
- 3) for continued unity as the church grows slowly. Pray that we wouldn't presume on unity but would make every effort to nurture bonds of affection together – especially with new people being welcomed and supported. Pray for a sense of working together towards our vision as the church shapes around it.



## **RON GEORGE**

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

- 1) for a new training course in Macedonia, following a recent seminar with 29 Gypsy believers with a Muslim background.
- 2) for an Afghan believer who had to flee for his life to Kenya. He led 300 of his people to Christ and is now waiting for a visa to Canada. In the meantime he is reaching out to Somalis.
- 3) for my wife, Nancy, who cannot walk unaided due to damage to her knee. She is waiting for hospital treatment to help relieve the pain.

# CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP

14



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

- 1) for unbelieving spouses to come to Christ, and grace for the believers as they seek to witness wisely.
- 2) for fringe young families to come to a secure faith in Christ.
- 3) for growth in holiness through Real Change courses and personal ministry.



**ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL** (representative, Paddy McBain)

- 1) for God's blessing on the work with children, families and young people.
- 2) for a growing love for God's word and grace-fuelled obedience to what we learn.
- 3) that we will be prayerful and bold in speaking of Christ.

15



**NIGEL MASON** (Individual Partner, St Deny's, Rotherfield & St Mark's, Mark Cross)

- 1) for our new parent-toddler group in St Deny's Church and other attempts to be involved within the community.
- 2) for the start of a new house-group and for church members who are not in a group to consider joining one.
- 3) for St Mark's Church as they run Alpha for the first time, hoping to reach out to those in the community.
- 4) for the financial position of both churches, which continues to be a challenge.



**JOHN COWLEY** (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) for God's provision for more elders and an assistant pastor.
- 2) Give thanks that the toddler group, monthly lunch and Sunday School are going well. Pray for these ministries to lead to interest in Christ.
- 3) Give thanks that in September five of our men started the SGP's Saturday Morning Bible Training Course, and one of our women started the Sussex Ministry Training course. Pray that these courses will be a real help to them in their godliness and usefulness.

# SORTED

A BIBLE CENTRED  
YOUTH EVENT FOR 14-18'S

£1 PER TEENAGER

# BY THE SEA

24.01.20

7:30PM-9:15PM

BISHOP HANNINGTON YOUTH + COMMUNITY CENTRE

38 HOLMES AVE, HOVE, BN3 7LD



**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
RICHARD PRATT  
BEN AND GLORIA KWASHI  
SHARON JAMES  
MARK GREENE  
DUNCAN FORBES  
WILLIAM TAYLOR

# FEARLESS

## ADVANCING THE GOSPEL

**1-4 MAY 2020**  
**CONGRESS THEATRE EASTBOURNE**  
BOOKINGS OPEN SEPT 2019 PH 07958 047140  
[WWW.BIBLEBYTHEBEACH.ORG](http://WWW.BIBLEBYTHEBEACH.ORG)

 **BIBLE**  
BY THE BEACH



## DECEMBER 2019

**Week 1** - give thanks for our Annual Conference last month, focussed on prayer, and ask the Lord to help us all be committed and fervent in prayer over the coming year.

**Week 2** - pray that the churches of the SGP would have a vision for church planting and revitalisation so that the Gospel witness in Sussex might be strengthened and expanded. Pray for wisdom as the Church Planting Task Group meets again this month.

**Week 3** - pray for the Holy 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 4** - pray for all those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over/after Christmas.

## JANUARY 2020

**Week 1** - pray for all the students on the training courses to continue gaining clarity in their understanding of the Bible; a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness. The new term starts on 7 Jan (SMTC/Haywards Heath), 11 Jan (Chichester), 16 Jan (Study Group), 18 Jan (Crawley).

**Week 2** - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet together from 22 to 24 January. Pray too for new Steering Group members as they settle into their new roles.

**Week 3** - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea event on Friday 24 January, in Hove.

**Week 4** - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Spring Partnership Meeting.

## FEBRUARY

**Week 1** - pray for a good time of teaching and fellowship at the South East Gospel Partnership conference from 25 to 27 February, with speakers Robin Weeks and David Jackman. The aim of the conference is to encourage and equip pastor-teachers in the local church, a demanding and often lonely work.

**Week 2** - pray for many people to book for Bible by the Beach from 1 to 4 May in Eastbourne. The focus this year is 'Fearless - advancing the Gospel'.

[www.biblebythebeach.org](http://www.biblebythebeach.org) 07958 047 140 [info@biblebythebeach.org](mailto:info@biblebythebeach.org)

**Week 3** - pray that many will book to join the next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 21 March, this time focussing on supporting those in ministry to children and young people with additional needs.

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



## MARCH

**Week 1** - pray for leaders of the Regional Gospel Partnerships as they meet together this week and look at the way ahead for this growing gospel movement.

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

**Week 3** - pray for Nick and Jon and others to know the Spirit's help as they continue to prepare their training course lectures and for help in teaching and leading workshops.

**Week 4** - pray for 'SGP Wives' - a supportive group for ministers' wives from across the Partnership. It's a great opportunity for wives to be able to share information, pray for one another and encourage each other. Pray for Vanessa Redhouse as she co-ordinates this ministry.

## APRIL

**Week 1** - pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work as the Gospel is proclaimed throughout the Partnership this Easter time, that many would come to faith.

**Week 2** - pray for the staff team (Nick McQuaker, Jon Hobbs, Nigel Jones and Wendy Sands) to know joy and encouragement in their work and God's help and wisdom in all that they do for Him.

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

**Week 4** - pray that church leaders who are struggling or facing difficulties will receive the support and encouragement they need.

## MAY

**Week 1** - give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for more Supporters, to enable the work to continue. Ask the Lord to stir His people to help eliminate our projected deficit.

**Week 2** - ask the Lord to sustain and provide support for former SGP Partners who now work outside of Sussex, like James Russell in Hampshire, Julian Milson in Valencia and Andy Bousfield in Salisbury.

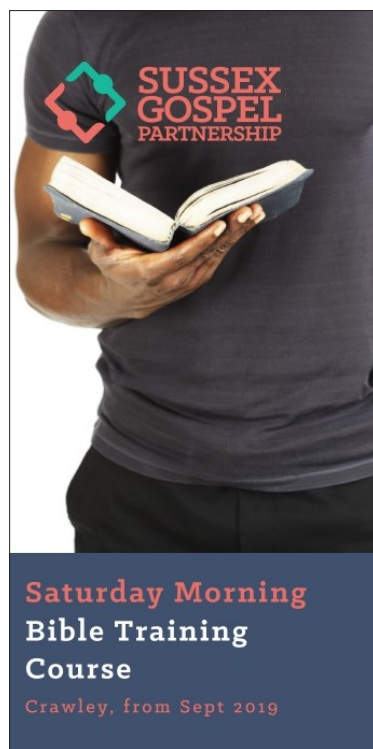
**Week 3** - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Summer Partnership Meeting.

**Week 4** - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea event on Friday 19 June, in Hove.

**Give thanks for a good number of people on the training courses:**

- *Sussex Ministry Training Course* (SMTC) - *Haywards Heath* on Tuesdays  
Year 1 x 26 students  
Year 2 x 14 students
- *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* (SMBTC) - *Crawley* (2019 to 2021)  
(which covers the core elements of SMTC Year 1)  
x 58 students
- *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* (SMBTC) - *Chichester* (2018 to 2020)  
x 20 students completing the course this academic year

**Pray for the Lord to encourage and equip all our students through these courses, and for good friendships to be formed during the year.**



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

**[www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/ministries/training-courses/](http://www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/ministries/training-courses/)**

or contact Wendy Sands, SGP Administrator:

01444 458 635

[admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk](mailto:admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk)

Usual office hours:

Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays

# EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP



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

*SGP partner churches* in the  
**EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP**  
are shown on this map.

16



**MARTIN POVEY** (Individual Partner, Association of Evangelists)

- 1) Thank God 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) that my relationship with our Father in heaven thrives, with me listening to His Word, and believing and living out what He says!
- 3) that as a family we speak boldly, truthfully, passionately and winsomely about Jesus in our local community.



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

- 1) for stamina, wisdom and perspective for us as a family following continued multiple hospital admissions for our daughter, Naomi, due to her Ehlers Danlos Syndrome and a wheelchair accident this year.
- 2) for Jevington Church as they experiment with services in a local village hall, in a more populated part of its parish.
- 3) for work with families, children and young people.

# EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

17



**HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE** (representative, Philip Coekin)

- 1) Offer a big 'thank you' for my three months Extended Ministry Leave (like a sabbatical) which included a month at Moore College, Sydney, for the first time, where I met a helpful college faculty and received timely ministry encouragements. Give thanks for John Brook who maintained a steady church during my absence.
- 2) for wisdom and courage to implement a stronger emphasis on Teams and Ministry Training.
- 3) for our gradual move from generalisation in ministry, to specialisation, and a shared vision, growth and renewed devotion to each other through Christ.
- 4) for £1.5M for a major internal refit.



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

- 1) Continue to give thanks for four people baptised earlier this year. Please pray they would grow in love, devotion and obedience to Christ.
- 2) for our elders (myself and one other called Tony): I feel severely overstretched, and Tony has health problems which may mean he cannot continue as an elder. May the Lord Jesus provide for His church to prosper.

18



**ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE** (representative, Mark Redhouse)

- 1) for 'More' mission 2019. A three week mission in our parish which took place in November. Pray that God will graciously use the mission to bring people to saving faith in our Lord Jesus.
- 2) for the ongoing contact we have with local schools. Pray that we will use the opportunities we have carefully and wisely and that they will continue to develop over the coming years. Please pray particularly, as several schools use our building for Christmas events, that we will be warm and welcoming and use the opportunity to point people to Jesus.
- 3) for the ongoing development of the kitchen and toilet facilities in our main church buildings. We are nearing the end of the planning stage of the project, for which we give thanks. Pray that the remaining permission and plans will be completed and that the Lord will graciously provide the remaining funds needed. Please pray that Trusts will be generous towards our applications.



**ANDREW CORNES** (Individual Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)

- 1) for me as I continue writing a large semi-scholarly book, *What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?*, that I will write what is true, honest and helpful.
- 2) that I will have skill in leading our rather challenging and large home-group and that my wife and I will be diligent and wise in pastoral ministry.
- 3) for my wife and me as we seek to bring the gospel to neighbours, friends and those who just arrive in church, that we may bear fruit that will last.

# EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

19



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

- 1) for real fruit from all the gospel opportunities of the Christmas period with its carol services, primary school visits and other related events.
- 2) for appropriate and engaging discipleship follow-up in the New Year.
- 3) for more regular and consistent attendance of the children involved in our Sunday and midweek children's groups.



## **ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE** (representative, Chris Styles)

- 1) for new afternoon meetings, aimed primarily at families.
- 2) that we will see some of our contacts come to faith and also be able to get closer to others.
- 3) for unity as we make inevitable changes to further God's work here.
- 4) that we would have a passion for prayer; that we would grasp something of the depth of God's love for us; for God's great grace to be upon us, that our witness would overflow into the community.

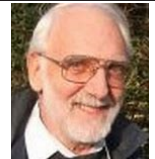
# EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

20



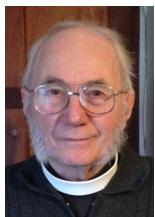
**ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE** (representative, Robert Lovatt)

- 1) Give thanks to God for many encouragements regarding the church. Our work with mothers and toddlers has proved to be particularly fruitful.
- 2) for us as I will be retiring within the next year and there will be the whole process of interregnum and all that it entails for the church. As things stand Marion and I are planning to retire to Angmering.



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

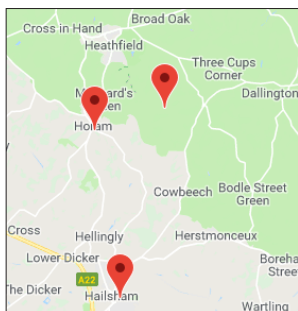
- 1) about three books on the stocks:
  - a year of bible reading notes with Day One Publishers
  - two biographical projects, one on my father's life and one on my own experiences in ministry.



**TERRY BRINKLEY** (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)

- 1) for the ongoing Gospel effects from the monthly Village Market.
- 2) for the success of our Autumn Concert in aid of the Stefanos Foundation humanitarian effort in Northern Nigeria, where many churches are being burnt down, people kidnapped for ransom and many, many killed. Last year the concert raised over £5,000.
- 3) for the ongoing developments in the overall ministry, which are very promising.

# HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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

SGP *partner churches* in the  
**HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP**  
are shown on this map.

21



**CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM** (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) Give thanks that I had a great sabbatical and for renewed energy for the ministry at Christ Church.
- 2) for new leaders for the growing youth work and for wisdom in discipling the breadth of ages.



**WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH** (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for our Christmas and Easter outreach and follow-up. Pray for ongoing interest in Christ amongst the many who come to our services and that some might come to firm faith and regular commitment to church life.
- 2) for ongoing evangelism and ministry to children and families, especially plans regarding our after school club.
- 3) for all our leaders, helpers and volunteers: for gospel vision, wisdom and energy. Pray that the Lord might graciously use our weak efforts for His glory and kingdom.

22



**HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH** (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for the positive impact of Ventures on our young people and for summer holiday clubs for both children and 'seniors'.
- 2) for a series of evangelistic events for all ages from October to Christmas: Light Party, Women's Gingerbread evening, Remembrance/Thanksgiving for those recently bereaved, and Christianity Explored. Please pray for us to be intentional in inviting others and talking of Jesus.
- 3) Give thanks for Ed Drew's recent visit. Pray for parents and the whole congregation to take up the challenge of speaking and living the gospel for the blessing of our children.
- 4) for the successful completion of our re-ordering scheme with new entrance, extra seating, etc, and for builders to release the space we need for Christmas!

# HASTINGS CLUSTER GROUP



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

23



**EMMANUEL, HASTINGS** (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for Hilary, who has joined us as our Families' Worker to develop our ministry to families in the church and local community.
- 2) for Holly, who has joined us as a Ministry Volunteer to gain experience of full-time gospel ministry.
- 3) for faithfulness to the gospel, for the slow but steady growth to continue, for fruitful engagement with the local community and for wisdom to manage change.

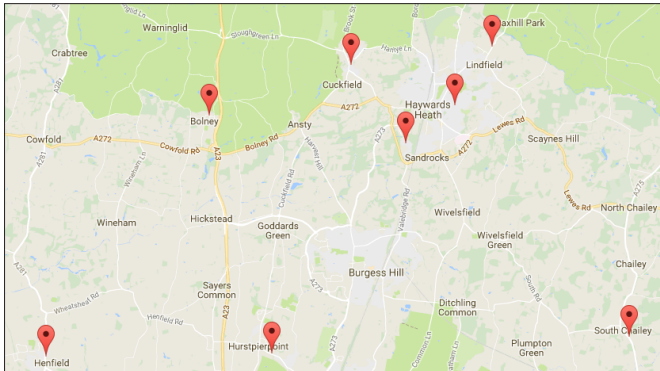


**ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON** (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)

- 1) that we would build with care, working consistently with gospel principles and godly example, as we love God with all we have and are.
- 2) that we will love each other deeply, from the heart, listening attentively and speaking wisely.
- 3) that we may draw more children and young people into the life of the church as we hold out the word of life, clearly and boldly.



# HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



Please join with us in  
praying for  
**church planting  
and evangelism**  
in this area.  
*SGP partner churches*  
in the  
**HAYWARDS HEATH  
CLUSTER GROUP**  
are shown on this map.

24



**CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH** (representative, Will Cockram)





- 1) Praise God for numerical growth over the past six months, particularly through new converts.
- 2) for wisdom as we seek to appoint another paid Elder from 2020.
- 3) that we would be effective in training disciple-making disciples.



**GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT** (representative, David Lowries)

- 1) Praise God for continued joy in church family life and his recent additions to our number.
- 2) for God to open more doors for the gospel in the village.
- 3) for God's help in becoming a Charitably Incorporated Organisation (CIO), as it's a daunting process.

# HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP

<p>25</p> 	<p><b>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL</b> (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for a smooth transition as people step into new roles of responsibility, following the departure of a key Elder in the summer.</li> <li>2) for fruitfulness and mutual benefit now that we are partnering with another Connexion church in Shoreham.</li> <li>3) for our outreach: each term we hold two Men's Curry Nights, a Ladies' Dinner and this term, on 18 December, we'll be holding a 'Canapés and Carols Christmas Party'. Please pray for our guest speakers and for guests to hear and respond to the Gospel.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH</b> (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for the unity that we have as a church, for new leaders, and for people baptised and joining us in membership.</li> <li>2) for wisdom as we consider planting a church and how we might go about that, especially in partnership with others.</li> <li>3) for wisdom as we seek to determine how to better reach our wider community and deepen discipleship in the life of the church.</li> </ol>
<p>26</p> 	<p><b>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH</b> (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that those who have considered the faith for some time would firmly commit to Christ and his church.</li> <li>2) that Christians who have started coming on occasion would firmly commit to Grace Church.</li> <li>3) for energy and wisdom in use of our time as a staff team, as the church and its ministries grow.</li> <li>4) for interest and response from events leading up to and after Christmas.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD</b> (representative, James Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for good attendance at the forthcoming Alpha course, and a short apologetics course in the local pub. Pray for spiritual fruit to be borne in the guests, and evangelistic zeal furthered in the congregation.</li> <li>2) for the new pattern of services, which began in September, to get established, and for regulars to invite their friends. Pray especially that the 9:30am service, which is aimed at families, would connect well with them, and families would grow in faith.</li> <li>3) for work amongst older people, especially for our Pastoral Worker for Seniors as she co-ordinates this.</li> </ol>

# HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP

27



**HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH** (representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) for our Christmas Tree Festival from 6 to 8 December. Pray that as our building is once again opened to the surrounding community, people will be drawn to Jesus. Pray that the preparations will go smoothly, that our organisers will be blessed and encouraged, and that our engagement with the village will bear fruit for the life of our fellowship.
- 2) that the Lord will strengthen and encourage our church. In particular, that the Lord will bring new families into our fellowship and raise up future leaders.
- 3) for a deeper understanding of the Gospel and its application to the daily life and witness of our fellowship. Pray that Jesus Christ would be evident in all we do and say, such that our witness in the village would be faithful and joyful - attracting others to the Gospel.



**CHAILEY FREE CHURCH** (representative, Roger Nutley)

- 1) that the church body will continue to be prepared by the Holy Spirit to be ready to implement the changes brought about by our involvement in the Revitalisation Process.
- 2) that the monthly Messy Church will point attendees towards our Lord Jesus Christ and that there will be a sense of urgency to move on to the next step in those who wish to find out more.
- 3) that the legal process to convert our church into a CIO will continue smoothly and have a satisfactory outcome for all those involved.

28



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

- 1) that young people in the town would come to Christ through the work in the three secondary schools: Burgess Hill Academy, St Paul's Catholic College and Burgess Hill Girls.
- 2) that young Christians would grow in faith and become steadfast in Christ.
- 3) that the Lord would help us all grow in boldness to share our faith as we face the challenge to 'talk Jesus' this year.



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

- 1) for my personal sanctification, evangelism, prayer and Bible reading. Pray that I would be a good husband and father.
- 2) that we would see growth, both in number and in depth, especially at our 10:30 am service.
- 3) that the congregation would be completely captivated by Christ, and this would stimulate even greater evangelism.

# STAFF WORKERS

29



**NICK MCQUAKER** (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) that I would grow in godly character.
- 2) for wisdom and discipline in giving proper priority to each of my ministry responsibilities in the SGP and in the local church.
- 3) for Sarah in her ministry to women and leadership of the children's work in a growing church.
- 4) for faith in Christ to become a personal reality for Chris (who has just started at University); and the Lord to direct Sam's steps as he moves on from Sixth Form College in the Summer.



**JON HOBBS** (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) for wise management of time in juggling work for the Partnership and ministry at Grace Church.
- 2) for continued provision for the staff at church that makes my dual role possible.
- 3) for prayerfulness in all things.

30



**NIGEL JONES** (SGP Operations Manager, part-time)

- 1) for a growing personal delight in my relationship with the Lord and in His salvation, day by day.
- 2) for wisdom in knowing the Lord's leading with a number of opportunities for service that I have at the moment.
- 3) for energy to keep serving the Lord wholeheartedly – I am realising my increasing age, having just officially become a parent with an adult child!



**WENDY SANDS** (SGP Administrator, part-time)

- 1) for growth in godly discipline in all areas of life.
- 2) for the Lord to soften the hearts and open the eyes of many family members towards the Good News of Jesus, following the very recent and sudden death of my brother-in-law.
- 3) for long-term friendships with unbelievers to be used by the Lord, for His glory, and for help in sharing the love of Jesus with them all, often in painful trials.
- 4) for my witness at Chailey Heritage School, where I am a regular volunteer on the school farm.

*Sussex Youthworks*



**SUSSEX  
GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP**

**“Come and See!”**



**Support for ministry  
to children and  
young people with  
additional needs**

**Saturday 21 March 2020, 9:30am to 1pm,  
at Cuckfield Baptist Church, RH17 5GP**

**Sussex  
Youthworks**



**SUSSEX  
GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP**



## **Save the Dates for 2020!**

**Great evenings for 14-18s**

centred on learning from the Bible in a creative and engaging way, with lots of young people from SGP churches.

**Bring your youth groups!**

*Booking:* Not needed!

*Venue:* Bishop Hannington Youth and Community Centre  
38 Holmes Avenue, Hove, BN3 7LD

*Time:* 7:30 to 9:15pm

*Cost:* £1 per teenager, to cover costs

*Enquiries:* Rich Arnold, 07816 523 915

**Fridays: 24 January, 19 June, 25 September 2020**



***The Sussex Gospel Partnership is...  
a partnership of Bible-centred churches  
working together for a growing gospel church  
in every Sussex community***

To find out more about the SGP please use the contact details below.

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 2020.

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 **27 March 2020.**

**Requests to be submitted by church leaders, by email to:**

*margaretlashdown@gmail.com*

**SGP contact details:**

Mrs Wendy Sands, SGP Administrator,  
c/o Christ Church, New England Road,  
Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3LE

admin@sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk  
01444 458 635

www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk