



**SUSSEX
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PARTNERSHIP**

**June to November
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.

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Day of
Month

Please pray:

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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)

- 1) with us for our two top goals for 2020. One is to raise the standard of our Bible teaching, the other is to raise our mental health awareness. Pray that both would be really improving this year.
- 2) for Tim Gage and family (Clare with Ben and Sammy) as they move literally up the road and for Tim as he becomes the new Rector of St Peter's, West Blatchington. Pray too for Ben Martin and family (Morag with William, Evie and Freddie) as Ben comes to be our new Curate at the end of June.
- 3) that, if it's appropriate, we will be able to help Tim and St Peter's as they consider gospel outreach into a big new housing estate to be built on the northern edge of Hove. We would love to do this.



HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Dave Howarth)

- 1) Give thanks for members who, during lockdown, have been growing in love for God, one another, and the lost.
- 2) for leaders of adult small groups to grow in love and pastoral ability and to take appropriate responsibility for ensuring group members are pastored.
- 3) Give thanks for ways we have been able to serve local people during lockdown. Pray for people we have connected with to keep engaging with Jesus - and for a surprising number of church members to help them do that.

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CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Philip Wells)





- 1) for the future ministry in our church. In September 2019 we recognised another Elder, Ben Alltimes, for which we give thanks. However, we are conscious of the cancer diagnosis remaining for Elder, Chris Fry, and that I am looking to be stepping back from the 'heavy lifting' of my Pastor/Elder role in future. Please ask the Lord to show us who can drive forward the growth and development of the church in the Brighton context.
- 2) that God will send labourers and resources into the harvest, and that they will be deployed in a way that is most helpful to His kingdom. We are conscious of the interlinked witness of the smaller conservative churches in Brighton, and also of their relative fragility. There are notable large churches in Brighton and Hove, but we lack strength in the area of conservative reformed evangelical witness. Part of this mix is the aspiration of the Association of Grace Baptists to have a significant input, eg, by a church plant.
- 3) for the growth and development of Calvary Church. We continue to ponder the possibilities given that our current building, while strategically placed, is very limited in the possibilities of expansion on the existing site.



WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)

- 1) that we learn from the coronavirus pandemic. Pray that we wouldn't seek to go back to exactly what we were, but that we will take with us all the good that has been gained in terms of fellowship, communications, focus, and the ability to reach out in new and innovative ways. Pray that we will leave behind what we clearly don't need so that what we become post-corona is fresh and well pruned for new growth, rather than a simple resumption.
- 2) that we will be able to adapt to the financial pressures we are under. Ask that through wise decision making and (God willing!) increased giving, the good work we are doing will not have to be scaled back.
- 3) for a good number of new students to enrol onto our Graduate Diploma programme with Union School of Theology (www.ust.ac.uk).

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<p>3</p> 	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for God's grace in enabling us to run a holiday club over the February half term, and that several families came to the Sunday holiday club service. Also for a new 'Families at Four' event which we ran for the first time in early March. 2) that God would be at work in these families and that we would be able to reach them, serve them and share the Gospel with them. 3) for us as we care for one another and our community during this time of lockdown. Pray that we would be united in Christ, that no-one would be forgotten, and that we would be able to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ. 4) that I will be able to rest, enjoy and make the most of my sabbatical this summer, and that the church will grow and remain faithful while I am away.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for those more vulnerable/elderly in the church family to be well and looked after. 2) that we will not lose the momentum that was building in the church before the lockdown. 3) for fruitfulness, new connections and the salvation of many through live streaming and creative social media platforms.
<p>4</p> 	<p>NEW LIFE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our relocation - that the Lord would provide a suitable venue for us during 2020. 2) for the Lord to add to our leadership team - in particular we need at least one more Elder. There are currently two of us. 3) for our outreach - there are always new opportunities (particularly with lock-down and following). Pray for wisdom in making the most of them. 4) for church growth - that the Lord will add to us through conversion and transfer and that believers will grow in their faith.
	<p>ASCENSION CHURCH, PEACEHAVEN (representative, Mark Hake)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that during and following the Covid-19 pandemic we would be a light and beacon of hope for Peacehaven. Please pray for future growth at our Sunday services, both in number and in depth of faith; with more regular and consistent attendance on a Sunday, and an increased desire to learn from God's Word. 2) for the congregation to have a deeper understanding of the Gospel and its application to their daily lives, and an increasing willingness to serve Christ in their lives. 3) for our monthly 'Who Let The Dads Out?' and our other outreach activities to families in Peacehaven. Pray that they will be a Gospel bridge into the church.

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

- 1) that our church members will grow to be more like Christ during the Coronavirus crisis.
- 2) that the greater emphasis on everyone caring for each other, during lockdown, will stay with us.
- 3) that those exploring Christianity and church membership will come to faith, or feel more connected with the church, not less.



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

- 1) that the current lockdown situation will change ministry in our churches for the better, long-term. Pray that God will help us to reach out in new ways with the gospel that will bear much fruit in the next generation.
- 2) for our church financial situation. We are slowly reducing a historic deficit but are also having to make hard decisions about keeping staff in place. Please pray for God to convict people to give willingly, sacrificially and with joy! (This is apart from the impact of Covid-19).
- 3) for those who completed our first Alpha course in February. Pray that God will be working in their hearts.

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JOHN WOODS (Individual Partner, Lancing Tab)

- 1) as we adapt to operating in a digital world and are still looking for a Pastor. Pray for those who have become Christians in the past year or so to feel connected and supported.
- 2) for me as I have now stepped down from the role of Pastor at Lancing Tab and have taken on the task of being the Training Director of the School of Preachers (www.schoolofpreachers.org).
- 3) for me as I seek to fulfil some of the commitments to teach within the confines of present travel restrictions.
- 4) for some writing projects that I am engaged with at present.

CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Steve Lomas)

- 1) for our members and contacts during this time of lockdown.
- 2) for all our elderly members at a time of concern.
- 3) for me as I develop new ways of ministry online, via a Pastoral Message of Encouragement, by letter to those who are not online and a new opportunity of preaching to a church in Kenya on Sunday mornings.

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ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)

- 1) Give thanks for a well attended day conference and subsequent video presentations about Special Creation (as described in Genesis). Pray that those who are not Christians will put their faith in the Lord and that Christians who attended will have fresh confidence in the Bible as God's inerrant and authoritative Word.
- 2) for our elderly congregation. Prayers for those who face ongoing health issues would be appreciated, particularly with concerns about Covid-19.
- 3) for the Lord to open up opportunities for me to take assemblies at a local primary school.



TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)

- 1) for us as we seek to be able to complete and make good use of our hall, following renovations.
- 2) for those on Alpha and coming to church who don't yet know the Lord, to come to faith.
- 3) for wisdom in pastoral care for one another.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



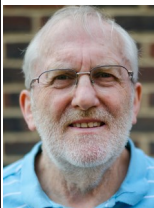
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THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Roger Barden)

- 1) for new opportunities in the local community and among the large fringe of the church, during and following the Coronavirus crisis.
- 2) for the Lord to guide and provide as we consider renovating part of the church building.
- 3) for wisdom as we look to restructure our children's ministry prior to the new school year.



RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Charlie Sanders)

- 1) Give thanks to God for a good start to our joint working with Kirdford Chapel and for wisdom to know how to develop this relationship.
- 2) for the Lord's protection of our elderly congregation during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 3) for wisdom in how to engage effectively with residents on a new housing development directly opposite the chapel, as our original plans have had to be put on hold because of the current lockdown.

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

- 1) Give thanks for the renewed focus to our vision and pray for us as we work through what it means for us all to be becoming disciple-making disciples.
- 2) for our Church Weekend Away in the summer (subject to lockdown restrictions) to be a significant time to get to know one another better and to be learning together from the book of Acts.
- 3) Give thanks for a new person joining our staff. Please pray as we restructure the team to grow the work of the Gospel in this place.

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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) for our 'Discover Life' Mission in mid-October as we host a week of outreach events, including a quiz night with guest speaker Rico Tice. Pray for the planning and for many guests to come and to be saved.
- 2) for our Barnabas group as it ministers to those who have dementia and their carers.
- 3) Give thanks for a united team of leaders and for many new people coming to join the church family. Pray that newcomers would be welcomed well and feel at home as they serve the Lord with us.



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

- 1) Give thanks for a recent partnership project with Forest Fold Baptist Church to reach children and young people in Crowborough with the Gospel, especially those from the local housing estate near to St Richard's. Twenty seven children came along, which was very encouraging. Pray on as we continue to trial things next term and make longer-term decisions about the group over the summer.
- 2) Give thanks for continued growth in the church family, with up to 70 people meeting on Sundays. Pray that new members would find a place to settle and serve easily and that those on the fringes would be drawn in (Christian and non-Christian alike) and for wisdom in how we best use the physical resources we have.
- 3) for all those affected by the Coronavirus, especially older members of the church family who are increasingly isolated. Pray for the particular role home groups have in pastoral support at this time, and ask the Lord to protect those most at risk.

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

- 1) Give thanks for many new families who seem to be accepting Christ. Pray for the spouses who don't come.
- 2) for wisdom as we think about advertising for and appointing an Associate Minister (youth, children, family outreach).
- 3) that a cash windfall and buildings issues will not distract us from proclaiming Christ.



ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)

- 1) that God's kingdom will continue to grow in Danehill and Chelwood Gate in spite of national health challenges.
- 2) for a new generation who know and love the Lord, and that the older generation will continue strong in faith.
- 3) that we will be bold and wise in taking opportunities to talk about the Lord Jesus.

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

- 1) for the two congregations developing one Benefice PCC.
- 2) for spiritual fruit from two Alpha courses, which started in April.
- 3) for the implementation of the LYCiG course (Leading your church into growth).



JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) Praise God for the appointment of three new elders.
- 2) for the new trial Gospel initiative led by St Richard's, and supported by volunteers from FFBC, for youth on the Alderbrook estate.
- 3) that the virus will lead to a softening in many people's hearts and a realisation of our need of God.

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NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)

- 1) for progress in a small reordering project to improve our lighting and audio visuals.
- 2) for new staff members joining us - as we search for a part-time Children and Family's Worker and welcome a new Curate in September.
- 3) for wisdom as we work on a new plan for our growth in the next three years.

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MARTIN POVEY (Individual Partner, Association of Evangelists)

- 1) Thank God for the great opportunities to preach Christ and Him crucified in 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 wisdom, boldness, courage and unity for us as a couple and for us as churches.
- 2) for our work among families and children and teenagers, including restoration of broken marriages, God-willing.
- 3) for wisdom about what to do about our smallest church, Jevington.

JUNE 2020

Week 1 - give thanks for our Partnership Meeting on 20 May, via Zoom, when David Jackman opened up God's Word for us. We also took the opportunity to reflect together on the impact of the lockdown to our ministries and pray together. Pray that this time will have encouraged those present and helped them not to grow weary in the work of ministry.

Week 2 - pray for Jon Hobbs and Tom Robson as they coordinate/speak at a meeting on 10 June to help a group of ministers consider whether church revitalisation is for them and how they might progress with it. Pray for a practically useful morning.

Week 3 - pray for many young people to come along to Sorted by the Sea on Friday 19 June (subject to lockdown restrictions). These are great evenings centred on teaching the Bible creatively and engagingly, with loads of young people from SGP churches.

Week 4 - pray for the planning of our Annual Conference, on 21 November (subject to lockdown restrictions) and for many people to book in due course.

JULY

Week 1 - pray for many people to sign up to the Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTTC) in Haywards Heath and the Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC) starting in Denton, near Newhaven, in September.

Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet together on 15 July.

Week 3 - pray for all the students on the training courses (running via Zoom this term) as they finish/break up for the summer. Pray that they will be able to use what they have learned to grow in their walk with the Lord and in their various ministries/gospel opportunities.

Week 4 - pray for all those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over the summer.

AUGUST

Pray for Sussex Youthworks. For ongoing enthusiasm and coordination by the Task Group team as they plan all the regular events, including 'Sorted by the Sea' and 'Come and See' training mornings. Pray that as they share resources to support youth and children's ministry across Sussex these would be an encouragement to youth and children's leaders. Ask the Lord to give the Task Group joy and energy in Christ during a time full of uncertainty as they seek to support their own churches and SGP churches, and for help in the transition from lockdown to 'normal' church life.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Week 1 - pray for all the students on the training courses to settle quickly; make friends; gain clarity in their understanding of the Bible; have a growing love for Jesus; know the Lord's help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness. The new term starts on 19 Sept (SMBTC/Denton - 1st year), 22 Sept (SMTTC/Haywards Heath), 26 Sept (Crawley - 2nd 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.

Week 3 - pray for many 14-18 year olds to join our Sussex Youthworks team for Sorted by the Sea on Friday evening, 25 September.

Week 4 - Pray for many people to book for our Annual Conference on 21 November and for the speakers/planning team as they continue to prepare.

OCTOBER

Week 1 - pray for a good time of teaching and fellowship at our Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 7 October.

Week 2 - pray for the next Thrive meeting planned for 15 October. Please pray for good attendance and that this will truly benefit all who come in promoting the actual planting and revitalisation of churches throughout Sussex.

Week 3 - Pray for Nick, Jon and Wendy to know joy in the Lord as they serve Him, and for wisdom in all they do.

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

NOVEMBER

Week 1 - pray for a good time of teaching and fellowship at the FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) conference from 9 to 11 November, in Torquay. The theme of this year's conference is 'The Church that Sends'.

Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet together on 18 November.

Week 3 - pray for the Annual Conference on 21 November to be a great time of encouragement as we (God willing) meet together again face to face.

Week 4 - pray for churches as they gear up for Christmas evangelistic events. Pray for boldness, good conversations and for the Spirit to convict and convince and for much spiritual fruit.

Please pray for a good number of people to apply for the training courses starting this September

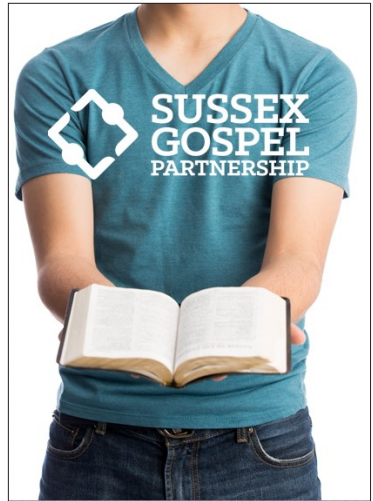
- *Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTC) - **Haywards Heath** on Tuesdays*
- *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC) - **Crawley** (2019 to 2021) - which covers the core elements of SMTC Year 1*
- *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC) - **Denton, Near Newhaven** (2020 to 2022)*



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EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

<p>16</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for Sue who has recovered from Covid-19 symptoms. Also that the Lord is gifting us with new skills to pastor His people and present to the world. 2) for our hardworking team of 'shoppers' who venture out for the vulnerable, and for a highly supportive and loving congregation. 3) for John Brook, now on extended leave (May-July), after five years with Holy Trinity, before leaving us in September.
	<p>SOUTH STREET FREE CHURCH, EASTBOURNE (representative, David Batchelor)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the evidence of spiritual life and growth within the congregation and pray that this will be sustained and increase. 2) that we will know how to reach young adults with the Gospel. 3) that God will provide two new elders that we feel we need.
<p>17</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for evidence of God's grace during lockdown. Praise God for the way the church family has been caring for one another and for the new people who are being drawn into family life. Pray that after lockdown these new relationships will continue to develop and people will come to saving faith in Jesus. 2) Rejoice with us that, in God's grace, the funds have been raised for our Facilities Development Project, through a mixture of gifts, grants and loans. God-willing the project will begin as soon as lockdown finishes. Pray that with the developed facilities we may be wise and creative in the use of our building, for the glory of God. 3) that we will adjust quickly as a church family to the opportunities and challenges that life post Covid-19 will bring to us.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Individual Partner, All Souls, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for my writing as I am now effectively a full-time writer working on a semi-scholarly book: What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships? Ten chapters (of 19) written, and about another year of writing before me. 2) for my pastoral relationships, both within All Souls, Eastbourne and more widely. 3) for me to be bold and tenacious in evangelistic relationships with neighbours on our street and others more widely in Eastbourne. Pray that I would especially discern those in whom the Spirit is at work.

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

- 1) for wisdom and zeal in taking the evangelistic opportunities that have opened up as a result of the pandemic.
- 2) for fruitful explorations into ways of continuing church amongst those without online access, of whom we have many.
- 3) for wisdom for increasing our pastoral care still further for those who will remain fairly shut-in, even beyond lockdown.



TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)

- 1) for the future of the market outreach as the village hall at Chiddingly has been locked down until further notice.
- 2) for us as a church, in lockdown. All the members are in touch with one another by various means. Pray for ongoing faith and vision after 206 years since the Chapel was founded.
- 3) that the ongoing monthly Gospel article in the Parish magazine will bear much fruit after 36 years.

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ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Robert Lovatt)

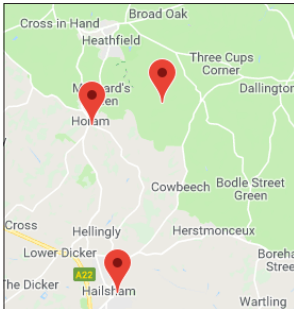
- 1) I am due to retire as Vicar, in September, but with the continuing crisis it is difficult to know exactly when this will happen. However, please pray for the process of appointing my successor.
- 2) for us as we live-stream our services during lockdown. Some of our knowledge and equipment is a bit limited so please pray that we might become more adept and that the live links will prove fruitful.
- 3) for the large number of our elderly and now quite isolated members. Please pray as we seek to look after and support them, including doing shopping.



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

- 1) Please continue to pray for me as I write, and for the books to be useful and fruitful:
A Year of bible readings for 2021 - now with Day One publishers.
Michael's own experience in ministry - half written.
My Father's life time of work with the LCM - currently on hold while I finish the above book.
 Give thanks and praise for the extraordinary worldwide outreach of the Bible Speaks Today commentaries in many translations. It's a privilege to be one of the many authors involved.

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) Give thanks for two new leaders for our youth work and pray for their training and growth in their new ministry.
- 2) Give thanks for the five people who have recently completed Christianity Explored. Pray that they will come to full faith in Christ and grow as His disciples.
- 3) for contacts to be made with new people who move into the village and that some Christians who move into the new houses might choose to settle at Christ Church.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for our united benefice service with Heathfield Chapel in a marquee on Rushlake Green, following the village Flower Show on 26 July, and the church's presence at the Flower Show the day before.
- 2) for our plans for an Evangelistic Supper and Church Away Day in the Autumn term.
- 3) for the growth of our work with children and families.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for the completion of the new west end entrance and for the improved connection with the High Street. Pray for good opportunities from this.
- 2) Give thanks for two small Christianity Explored groups meeting and for their desire to 'carry on'. Pray that they will come to a real faith.
- 3) Give thanks for a number of teenagers 'going public' as followers of the Lord Jesus and preparing for Baptism/Confirmation. Pray for them please.

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EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for God to raise up leaders.
- 2) for effectiveness in evangelism.
- 3) for opportunities for one-to-one discipleship.



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

- 1) that as the Lord reminds us of our inability to control events, let alone know what tomorrow brings, we may have a new humility and depth in public worship and private prayer before God, sovereign ruler of nations.
- 2) that as we learn again that relationships matter more than work and goods, we may have a new appreciation of Christian fellowship, God's gift and family, and a fresh willingness to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 3) that as we consider the weakness and vulnerability of man, we may have a new vision for sharing Christ, our refuge and salvation, and the lasting hope for the world.

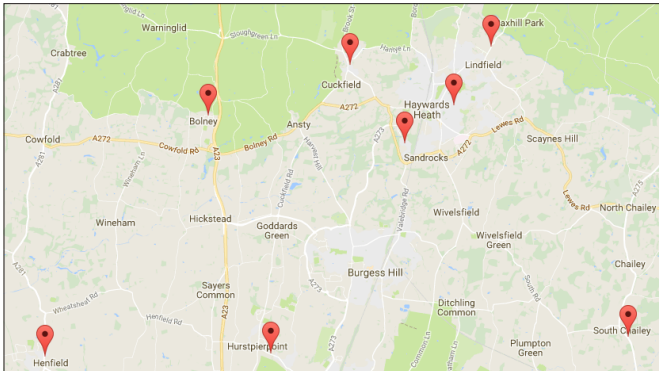
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ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARDS ON SEA (representative, Matthew Foy)

- 1) for wisdom as we review our pattern of Sunday services, given we now share our minister with another church.
- 2) as we have a particular focus this year encouraging people to join midweek groups. Pray especially for a new Mums' group starting this summer.
- 3) for our outreach to families, especially through our church school.

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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) for wisdom as we continue to minister to and care for the church during lockdown.
- 2) for protection for those in the fellowship who are very much in the vulnerable category.
- 3) for initiative as we seek to make the most of the Gospel opportunities that come our way.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (representative, David Lowries)

- 1) for protection from Coronavirus and ask the Lord that out of it there might be opportunities for the Gospel.
- 2) Praise God for peace, unity and a love for Jesus in the church and pray that we would grow in grasping how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
- 3) that we would have significant relationships with unbelievers where we might have Spirit-given boldness to share the Gospel.

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<p>25</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me on my sabbatical (May - August). Please pray that this will be a fruitful time of rest and renewal for the next season of ministry. 2) that God may call more workers for the harvest to join us at Bolney Village Chapel. Over the last year some core members have moved away. 3) for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit and confidence in exercising spiritual gifts, as we seek to proclaim Christ in Word and Spirit. 4) Give thanks that my 'Turn The Page' stories now reach several thousand every week on social media with roughly 10% engaging in some way. Please pray that these stories will provoke readers to seek after Jesus and come to faith. (www.turn-the-page.co.uk)
	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that through these unusual times we would grow spiritually as a church and use the opportunities the Lord provides. 2) that as an Eldership we would have wisdom about longer term building plans/options. 3) for wisdom as we continue to seek to reach out to our wider community.
<p>26</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for newcomers. Pray for their being established as committed members of the church. 2) for the finances to employ a new trainee minister and the right candidate. 3) for those who have been considering the faith for some time to commit to Christ.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, James Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for spiritual awakening during the Covid-19 crisis and for a coming together as a church family after the emergency is over. 2) for fresh ways of promoting the Gospel within the community. 3) for the imminent appointment of a new Children's Pastor.

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HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) Praise the Lord for new contacts and pray for the strengthening of those relationships within our congregation. Pray that these contacts will grow into committed regular members of our fellowship.
- 2) for a deepening sense of the call to Gospel mission in our village. Pray that our people will continue to grow in their outward vision of the Lord's work and the work of personal evangelism.
- 3) for a deeper experience of the life of Jesus in our fellowship. Praise God for the work He has already done in our lives and for an increasingly greater zeal to know Christ more and more each day.



CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Roger Nutley)

- 1) that our church family will be aware of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who is active in all our lives and be confident of His loving care.
- 2) that God the Father will embolden us to speak of spiritual matters in a time when more hearts are open.
- 3) that the new opportunities presented (by using the internet to make the Good News available to those who do not attend a church) will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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

- 1) that young people will find Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through our work in local secondary schools.
- 2) that the Lord will teach us to walk more fully in His ways and to love Him more dearly.
- 3) that God would bless and refresh the people who lead our various ministries.



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

- 1) for me in the coming months as I look for a job post-curacy. Pray that I will trust in the Lord as He calls me to the right place and trust in His timing.
- 2) for the whole congregation of St Andrew's to grow closer to the Lord through prayer and Bible reading in the weeks of lockdown, and that as a church we would make the most of all evangelistic opportunities that arise during this time and in the aftermath.

STAFF WORKERS

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NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) Give thanks for the many people continuing to benefit from our training courses through the use of video conferencing.
- 2) for continued wisdom in leading the ministries of the SGP under lockdown and as we, Lord willing, gradually come out of lockdown.
- 3) for good physical, spiritual and mental health as a family and growth in faith and godly character (i.e. for myself, Sarah, Chris and Sam).
- 4) for Chris to be able to return to Southampton University in the autumn and for Sam to be able to begin a year as a ministry trainee at a church in Enfield.

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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 wisdom on how best to pitch lectures and engage the students.
- 4) for wisdom and time to encourage planting and revitalisation in Sussex.



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 and friends towards the Good News of Jesus, and for wisdom and help in my witness.
- 3) for the Lord to guide me in how best to use my time.

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