



**SUSSEX
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PARTNERSHIP**

**December 2020
to May 2021**

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

Dear Friends

It's great to be able to partner together in prayer and pray for one another and for the progress of the gospel in our region by using our bi-annual prayer diary. This 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, together with a NEW MAP showing the location of all our Partner Churches, which you may like to pull out and display somewhere as a reminder to pray for the churches in our region.

On behalf of all the contributors to the prayer diary, thank you for your prayers and for your partnership in the gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Nick McQuaker

Director of Training and Development

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Day of
Month

Please pray:

BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)

- 1) for the return of our normal service pattern (08:00, 10:00, 18:30). Pray for the ability to maintain safe standards throughout the day and that it will enable more folk to engage better with the Lord through His word.
- 2) for our evangelism, in particular our Alpha course, running in November and December as well as our Christmas and Easter outreach. Pray for wisdom to know how best to approach these in the current climate.
- 3) for endurance in the staff team and congregation. Pray we would know how to best love and serve each other as Covid-19 and anxiety levels go up and down.



TIM GAGE (Individual Partner, St Peter's, West Blatchington, Hove)



- 1) Give thanks for the warm welcome we have received from the St Peter's church family and for their desire to be nourished and meet together during the pandemic. Give thanks for the way that expository preaching has been received and for those who desire to grow in the knowledge of God through His word.
- 2) for us as a family as we expect our third child in December. Ask that we would have the energy, patience and wisdom to nurture our growing family.
- 3) for the coming months at St Peter's as we consider new technology that will allow us to continue with our online ministry to the parish and beyond, alongside the ongoing development of our new family service, St Peter's@4.







HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Dave Howarth)

- 1) Thank God for his servants amongst the church. Pray that they would be rooted in the gospel, and not grow weary in doing good.
- 2) Thank God for the three people who have joined the church over the past couple of months, one via conversion. Ask that they would be well loved and grow in Christ.
- 3) for those at Holy Cross who are in a habit of half-heartedness.

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<p>2</p> 	<p>CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Philip Wells)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's keeping and protection through many years of His faithfulness, as well as in recent difficult months. 2) that the Lord will supply suitable people to be Deacons and Elders in the future, including someone with good experience to lead and pastor the church full-time into the future years. 3) for fruitfulness. Brighton is a needy city and we ask for special energy, creativity and spiritual sensitivity to have a clear, strong and authentic witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our church plant in Halifax, West Yorkshire, led by The Rev Doug Clark. They are a small fellowship planted into an urban, deprived area of the town which has no gospel church. Pray that the team of three Worthing Tab families who are pioneering the work would continue to flourish and that they would see conversion growth very quickly. 2) that our outreach to families through our toddler groups would be able to recommence soon and, most importantly, that the relationships we had built over many years with local families would not have been affected by the break that the pandemic has caused. 3) that the large number of visitors we have had since the church reopened in July would be able to settle with us and that the Lord would save them. Pray that our witness in the town will continue to grow as a result of the pandemic, and that we will continue to see new and creative ways of reaching out to these folk.

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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 our return to meeting in person on Sundays, and especially for a number of new people who have joined us. Please pray that they will stick with us and grow into fruitful disciples. 2) for a number who haven't felt able to return. Please pray for persistence as we try to encourage and disciple them. Pray for us as we resume our pre-lockdown activities and as we try to find new ways to reach out to the community beyond our church family. 3) for our giving to increase. For some years our financial position has been steadily improving but 2020 has been very difficult. Pray for us 'to learn, pray and work together to become the big-hearted people God calls us to be' (The Generosity Project).
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our livestream broadcasts to continue to reach many in the UK and around the globe. 2) for us now that socially-distanced services are taking place. Pray for safety and church growth. 3) for the many staying at home, isolated. Pray for wisdom/ways to minister, etc.
<p>4</p> 	<p>OLI BUTLER (Associate Partner, UCCF)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the Lord might be my delight and strength and that I will work from a place of grace in all I do. Pray that I might be an effective and godly leader for the students I counsel and advise. 2) for the Lord to raise up new student leaders for Eastbourne CU and for Him to re-establish it as a witnessing community that loves Jesus. 3) for my three CUs (Brighton, Sussex, Eastbourne) to provide a welcoming, gospel-centred and stable community for any student facing mental health challenges in these Covid-19 times.
	<p>NEW LIFE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our relocation - the church needs a new venue. We are in negotiations which, if successful, will mean we have an amazing space in an amazing location. However, it is much easier for the venue to say 'no' as our use doesn't quite fit their categories. Please ask the Lord to move mountains. 2) for future partnership - David Skull, a minister at Grace Church, Guildford, is considering relocating to plant a new church in East Brighton. We really need to see more churches here and so much want to work together for the success of the gospel. Please ask the Lord to guide us in how we partner for the maximum advance of His Kingdom. 3) for us as we have struggled due to the pandemic restrictions. Ask the Lord to help us make the most of the opportunities that do exist, to edify the church and advance the Kingdom for His glory.

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

- 1) for love and unity in our church, especially between those who are able to come to meetings in person and those who have stayed online.
- 2) that God would guide us about how to keep reaching out with the gospel, when opportunities seem more limited.
- 3) for wisdom and success in restarting our children's work and for this to serve our families well.



JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)

- 1) Give thanks for a great start for a new intake at the School of Preachers seminar at the end of September in Riga. This group is mainly under 30 years old and they seem to mix together well. Please pray for my next scheduled teaching trip to Latvia from mid-November to early December.
- 2) for a book I have been working on called 'God is in the House', which is taking shape. I hope to deliver the main part of the manuscript to the publishers soon. Pray for the final read-through and revisions.
- 3) for Lancing Tabernacle, who have called a man as their new pastor. He and his family aim to make the move to Lancing in the new year. This is a challenging time to move and make a new start. Please pray for a good and fruitful start to a new season of ministry here in Lancing.

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

- 1) that our investment in online and streaming ministry bears fruit. We want to thank God for His provision in generous donations to kick-start streaming from the church building and ask Him to use the new equipment in new ways to bring the gospel to Hove and beyond.
- 2) for a solution to some serious work which needs doing on our tower. It feels unrelated to ministry and a burden to have to seek grants and spend money on. Please pray that God will guard me and the leadership against resenting the beautiful old building and also for wisdom in the best way to solve the issue.
- 3) for our current stewardship focus on regular giving. Pray that people own and invest in our vision to 'Love God & Love Hove' like Jesus, and step up to resource the vision.



CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>7</p> 	<p>ST MARY MAGDALENE, SOUTH BERSTED (representative, Tim Crook)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks to God for sustaining us through the pandemic so far and giving us the opportunity for physical 'Church in the Car Park' mission and outreach services through the summer. 2) for our unity as a church and a change in culture to become more prayerful, engaged, open-hearted and generous towards building the work and building one-another up. 3) that we can develop stronger partnerships with churches who may like to support us with people and/or money.
	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for fruitful ministry. We recommenced services on 12 July with a morning service and I also conduct a Facebook Live Service on Sunday evenings. I then preach the Sunday morning message on Facebook Live on Monday mornings. We also have a midweek podcast and 'message of encouragement' to those who don't feel safe coming to the church building yet. Please pray for all these ministries, and an online midweek preach to a church in West Kenya. 2) for the Lord to supply an additional Deacon/PA. One of our Deacons is moving away in the new year and this person is also my PA. This will be a great loss within an elderly fellowship. 3) Give thanks for two people who have come to know Jesus during the past months of lockdown and restrictions. Please pray for them as they settle in the church and for a few others who have joined us since services at the building restarted. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they are nurtured for the Lord.

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<p>8</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we restarted our physical gatherings on Sunday mornings on 4 October. Pray that the service will become re-established. 2) that some of our people will not be unduly fearful. Pray that they will not become immersed in worst-case Covid-19 scenarios promoted by the media but rather read their Bibles, pray and trust God. 3) for the Lord to provide us with another Treasurer. Our current Treasurer needs to retire by the end of the year.
	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for fruit from our online outreach. We have had good responses to online newcomers and online Alpha and would love to see people come to a real and living faith in Jesus. 2) Give thanks that work in our hall has been completed during lockdown. Please pray for wisdom about how to use this space for the gospel now and as opportunities for meetings increase. 3) Give thanks for a new Curate and his family. Please pray for us as we seek to support and encourage them, as they do the same for the Church family.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>9</p> 	<p>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Roger Barden)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for our new Assistant Pastor, Tom, who began with us in August. Pray for him as he settles and gets involved in our youth ministry and evangelism. 2) for fruit from our online Sunday morning ministry and children's ministry and for wisdom about any longer-term changes we should make to church ministry. 3) for our Toddlers' group. We were starting to see a number of new families prior to lockdown. Pray that many will return, when it is possible to restart.
	<p>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Charlie Sanders)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that, together with four other small churches, we have been able to create 'Chapel Channel' via Zoom, enabling us to have a weekly service, Bible study and prayer meeting as well as chat rooms for fellowship. 2) for wisdom as we consider how and when we might be able to restart services at the chapel. 3) for us as we, together with Kirdford Chapel, are looking to employ a joint Families and Young People's Worker. Please pray that the Lord will provide someone with the right gifts for both churches.
<p>10</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for Luke and Tim who have begun their new roles on our team as pastors for the evening service and our youth and children. 2) for our Digital Strategy as a church and wisdom for how best to connect with our new online congregation. 3) for our network of homegroups as we seek to build and develop these during this season. 4) that the renewed vision of 'Becoming disciple-making disciples' would increasingly be a reality for all of us at St John's.

CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) for fruit from our online Christianity Explored courses.
- 2) for the staff team as we navigate the restrictions of Covid-19, that we might have wisdom and energy.
- 3) Give thanks that the Lord loves and cares for His sheep! Pray that we would ensure that everyone is cared for and not overlooked at this time.



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

- 1) Give thanks for financial stability in spite of the impact of Coronavirus. We celebrate in 2020 St Richard's being financially self-supporting for the first time in 60 years – a milestone moment for the church family.
- 2) Give thanks for so much informal pastoral care amongst the church family over recent months. Please pray that this one-anothering might continue through what we anticipate to be a tough winter season. Pray that people might be loved well and encouraged on together both practically and spiritually.
- 3) for Christmas outreach opportunities. At the time of writing we don't quite know what we will be doing, but hope to gather a Christmas planning team and prioritise the evangelistic opportunity Christmas still brings.



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

- 1) for continued wisdom in how to encourage our congregations during the pandemic. Give thanks for new homegroups/Bible studies that are forming.
- 2) for help in finding a balance between ministry in the present while still looking to the future, which people want to do. Prayer for wisdom and confidence in God would be wonderful.
- 3) Give thanks to God that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and knows His sheep, and they know Him. We have seen answers to prayer that remind us of this great truth in a time when we feel limited.

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<p>12</p> 	<p>ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (representative, Mike Warren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for outreach to the new Hollyfields estate of 250 homes. Pray for Christians to move in and for non-Christians to be ready to hear about Jesus. 2) for decisions about the shape of the job description for a new Associate Minister, and finding the right person. 3) for help in sustaining and developing the youth and children's work. Pray for new, godly leaders.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to reach people of all ages in our community with the good news of Jesus. 2) for us to grow in numbers, in faith and in love. 3) for us to allow the Bible's teaching to shape our decisions and priorities.
<p>13</p> 	<p>NIGEL MASON (Individual Partner, St Deny's, Rotherfield & St Mark's, Mark Cross)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for an Alpha course. We planned to run Alpha last April in a village community centre. Pray that we will be able to run this in the new year. 2) for us to continue to develop and enjoy a good relationship with our local church school. They are keen for us to go in and take classroom assemblies. 3) for us as we have been asked to run the village parent and toddler group in the local community centre. This provides us with the opportunity to serve our community and gives time for us to meet families.
	<p>JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the provision of new elders who have settled in well. 2) for children and secondary school aged children who have been harder to cater for during the Covid-19 restrictions. 3) for our missionaries in Cyprus, James & Rachel, as they continue the slow work of reaching Turkish Cypriots. Give thanks for the flourishing work of teaching and supporting African students studying in Lefkosa.

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NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)

- 1) for imagination, trust and energy as we rebuild after lockdown and particularly to see opportunities to do new things.
- 2) for us all to gain a greater sense of the urgency and joy of evangelism.
- 3) for us as we potentially advertise for a new full-time Children and Families' Worker over the coming months and for our new Curate, Dave, who started in September.



RON GEORGE (Associate Partner, Eurasia Education Foundation & member of All Saints', Crowborough)

- 1) Give thanks that Zoom seminars, teaching how to reach out to Muslims, are reaching many.
- 2) for the adaptation of leaflets on OT prophets to draw Muslims to Christ.
- 3) for our Afghan friends who have received a permit to stay in Canada after seven years as refugees in Kenya. Pray for them to settle quickly and for the Lord to provide all they need.

DECEMBER 2020

Week 1 - pray for the Steering Group as they seek to make plans for 2021 and beyond with all the continuing uncertainty created by the pandemic. Give thanks for all we have been able to do through the use of video-conferencing technology.

Week 2 - 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, despite the Covid-19 restrictions. Pray for us all to be bold in speaking about Jesus.

Week 3 - pray for the planning of our Partnership Training Days/half days for 2021, which are open to all. Our last afternoon was in November when Richard Borgonon gave us lots of practical help in reading God's Word One-to-One. You can listen to the sessions through the Resources section of our website.

Week 4 - 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.

JANUARY 2021

Week 1 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea event planned for Friday 22 January, subject to restrictions. They are evenings of great fun centred on teaching the Bible in an engaging and relevant way.

Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they seek to lead the Partnership in the year ahead.

Week 3 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our spring Partnership Meeting on 10 February, when David Jackman will be speaking on 'Ministry as Preachers of the Word of God'.

Week 4 - pray for Nick McQuaker as he was released, this summer, to work an average of 4 days per month for the Regional Gospel Partnerships, nationally, in the role of Development Officer. As part of this role he is on the Steering Group for A Passion for Life 2022. Pray for wisdom and energy for Nick in this role.

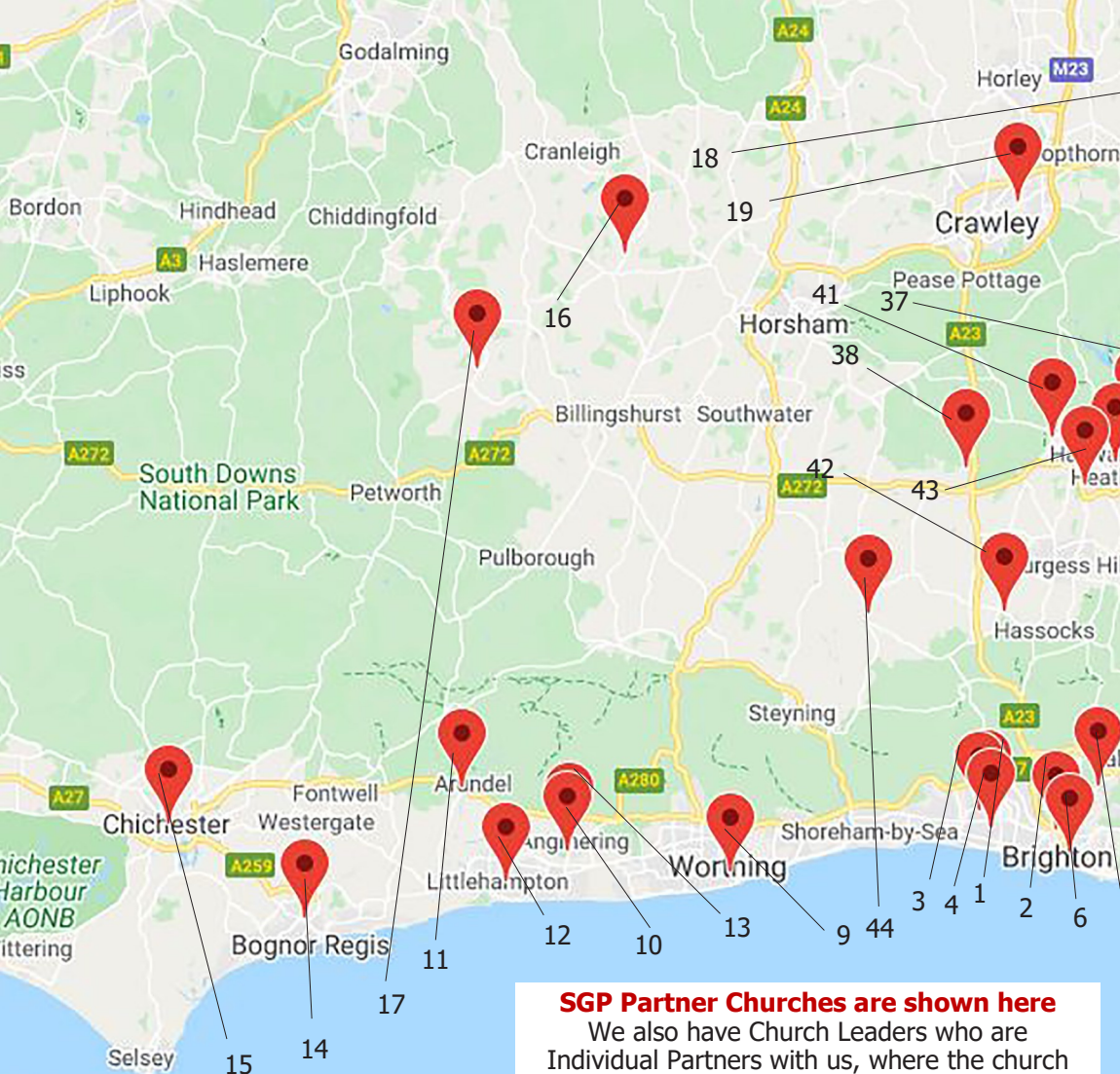
FEBRUARY

Week 1 - pray that many people will book to go to our next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 27 March when Rory Bell from TnT Ministries will be leading us again, focusing on 'Ministering to Children with Special Educational Needs'.

Week 2 - give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

Week 3 - pray that church leaders who are struggling or facing difficulties will seek help and receive the support and encouragement they need.

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



Brighton Cluster Group

- 1 - Bishop Hannington, Hove
- 2 - Calvary Church, Brighton
- 3 - Goldstone Church, Hove
- 4 - Holy Cross, Hove
- 5 - New Life Church, Brighton
- 6 - Park Hill Church, Brighton
- 7 - Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church
- 8 - St Leonard's, Denton
- 9 - Worthing Tabernacle

Chichester Cluster Group

- 10 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 11 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 12 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 13 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 14 - St Mary Magdalene, S.Bersted
- 15 - St Pancras Church, Chichester

Crawley Cluster Group

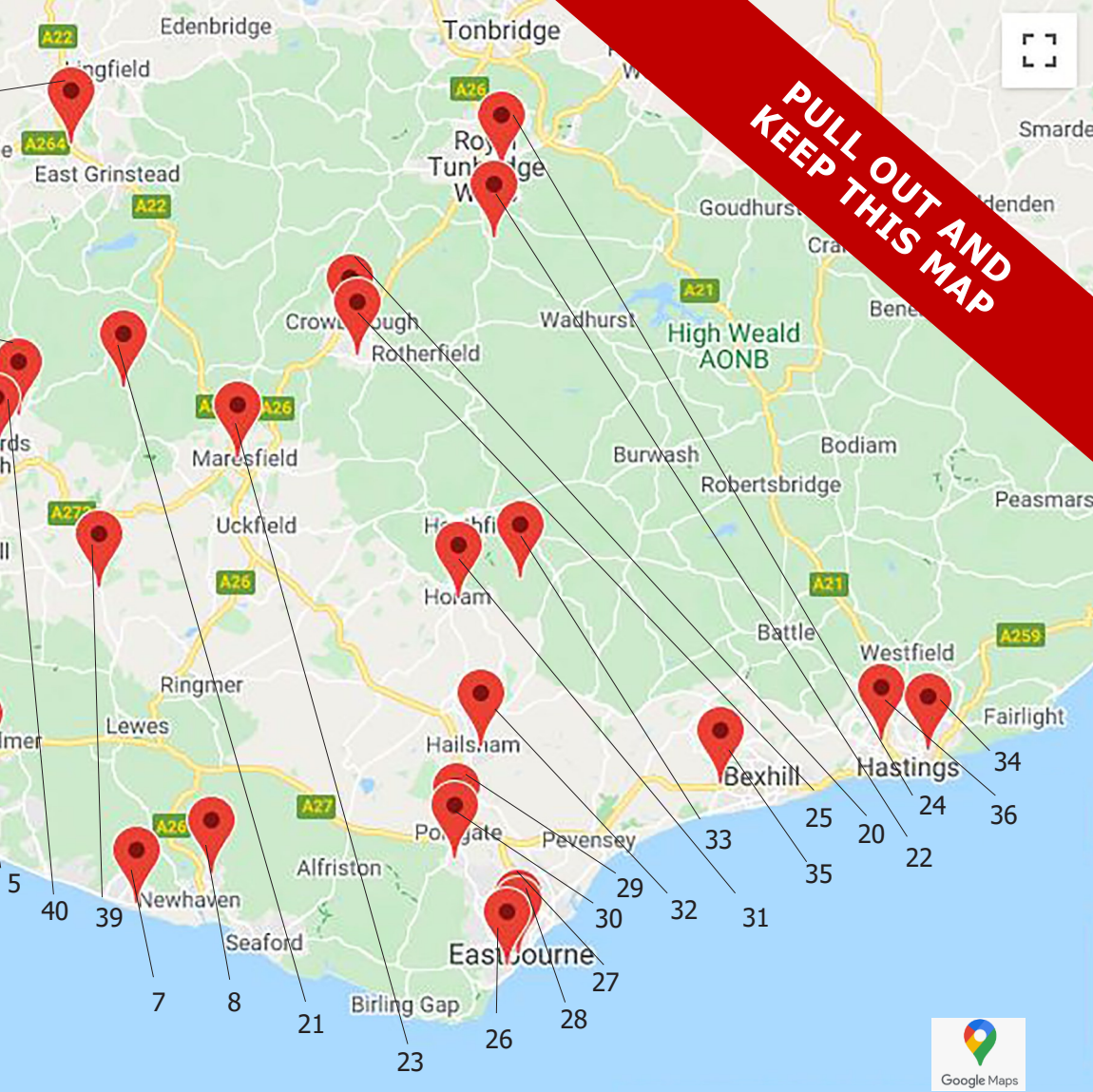
- 16 - Rudgwick Chapel
- 17 - Kirdford Chapel
- 18 - St John's, Felbridge
- 19 - Three Bridges Free Church

Crowborough Cluster Group

- 20 - All Saints, Crowborough
- 21 - All Saints, Danebury
- 22 - St Albans, Frant & Bexley
- 23 - St Bartholomew, Crowborough
- 24 - St Peter's, Tunbridge Wells
- 25 - St Richard's, Crowborough

Eastbourne Cluster Group

- 26 - All Saints, Eastbourne
- 27 - All Souls, Eastbourne
- 28 - Holy Trinity, Eastbourne
- 29 - St John's, Polegate
- 30 - St Wilfrid's, Eastbourne



Eastbourne Group

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Holy Trinity, Eridge
Maresfield
Rye Wells
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Hailsham Cluster Group

31 - Christ Church, Hailsham
32 - Hailsham Parish Church
33 - Warbleton Parish Church

Hastings Cluster Group

34 - Emmanuel, Hastings
35 - St Mark's, Little Common
36 - St Matthew's, St Leonards-on-Sea

Haywards Heath Cluster Group

37 - All Saints, Lindfield
38 - Bolney Village Chapel
39 - Chailey Free Church
40 - Christ Church, Haywards Heath
41 - Cuckfield Baptist Church
42 - Good News Church, Hurstpierpoint
43 - Grace Church, Haywards Heath
44 - Henfield Evangelical Free Church

MARCH 2021

Week 1 - 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 workshop groups.

Week 2 - ask the Lord to keep church leaders faithful to the gospel and committed to the primary tasks of prayer and teaching, which they have been set aside to do.

Week 3 - pray for us all to be bold in our witness and invitations to Easter services and events, and for the Spirit to turn many hearts to Jesus in repentance and faith.

Week 4 - pray for many people to book for Bible by the Beach from Friday 30 April to Monday 3 May in Eastbourne and/or on-line, subject to restrictions. The focus this year is 'Under Construction - Building Healthy Churches'. www.biblebythebeach.org

APRIL

Week 1 - pray that many will book for the next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on 12 June, focusing on 'Purely Pre-schoolers'.

Week 2 - pray for all those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over Easter.

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

Week 4 - pray that the churches of the SGP would have a vision for church planting and rejuvenation so that the gospel witness in Sussex might be strengthened and expanded.

MAY

Week 1 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our summer Partnership Meeting.

Week 2 - pray for the continued planning of our 2021 Annual Conference, and for many people of all ages to book to join us! Information will be available via the website at www.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/events

Week 3 - pray for the staff team (Nick McQuaker, Jon Hobbs 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 4 - pray that many people involved in leading children's and youth work will join us for our next Revive day, on Thursday 17 June, where they can come and hear the word taught, enjoy fellowship together, be encouraged and Revived!

Sussex Youthworks

2021 save the dates!

Further details for 'Come and See' and Revive! available nearer the time

Fridays 22 January & 18 June

Sorted by the Sea for 14-18s

7:30 to 9:15pm, £1 per teenager

Bishop Hannington Youth &
Community Centre, BN3 7LD



Saturday 27 March

'Come and See' training morning
with Rory Bell from TnT Ministries

Focus: Ministering to Children with Special Educational Needs



Saturday 12 June

'Come and See' training morning

Focus: Purely Pre-schoolers



Thursday 17 June

Revive!

A day of refreshment for those involved
in leading children's and youthwork



EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP



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MARTIN POVEY (Associate 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) that our three churches will be faithful in private prayer, faithful in Sunday worship (either in person or online) and be mindful of grace daily, so that we may manifest 'patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus' (Revelation 14v12) during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2) that we will grow in both numbers and spiritual depth despite the pandemic.
- 3) that our **daughter**, Naomi, can return to a time of better health and more active, normal life.





DAVID BAKER (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)



- 1) for us in our desire to get serious about personal evangelism to the 'highways and hedges' (Luke 14:23).
- 2) for wisdom and guidance as we seek to take on a second staff member to help motivate and mobilize the congregation in evangelism.
- 3) that as we sow, God will give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6).



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<p>16</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for development of gifts to reach the 'online' congregation and when we meet. 2) for half a dozen young adults continuing to explore the significance of Jesus. 3) for spiritual strength for each day and the many challenges that arise. 4) for protection of the Lord's people through practical and spiritual care. 5) for the Lord to provide us with a good ministry trainee, asap.
	<p>TONY BAKER (Associate Partner, Holy Trinity, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the right preaching and pastoral openings. 2) for evangelistic opportunities, including with our neighbours.
	<p>MICHAEL WILCOCK (Associate Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please pray for the ongoing work of the books I am writing.

<p>17</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God for His faithfulness during this time. In particular thank God that the core of the church family has stayed united and growing in Christ. 2) for various evangelistic initiatives, that God will use them to grow His Kingdom and bring people to saving faith. Martin Povey is heading up our door-to-door magazine distribution, and Christianity Explored started at the end of October. Pray that we make wise and useful decisions regarding our Christmas events and services. 3) Thank God that He is graciously providing the finances needed for our facilities development project. Please pray for success in the one or two outstanding grant applications pending. Please also pray that we will make wise decisions about staff appointments in the coming months. We are currently looking for a part-time Operations Manager and in the spring will look to appoint a new senior member of staff. Once again please pray that our Lord will continue to supply the resources needed and that our motivation may increasingly be for His glory alone.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate 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? Fourteen chapters (of 20) written, with another 8-10 months of writing before me. 2) for my evenings spent in phone calls and Zoom meetings, to Christians and not-yet-Christians in Eastbourne and further afield, and to SGP pastors (a joy!). 3) for me not to lose sight, during Covid-19, of evangelism as a/the top priority: being used by God 'by all means to save some'.

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

<p>18</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God that our Sunday services recommenced smoothly at the beginning of September. All three services are now up to capacity so please pray for wisdom to know how to accommodate more folk. 2) Praise God that the service recordings now available via the ordinary telephone systems are reaching members of the church family not yet ready to return to services. 3) for wisdom in keeping the church family here together, given that over half are not yet ready to return to physical meetings and activities.
	<p>TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the creation of a new Chapel website. The existing one was placed by someone in the parish and the information is almost entirely inaccurate. It was clearly done as an anti-Christian move by a local person or persons, as yet unknown. 2) for our Youth Club as they are only able to meet on Zoom at present. 3) Give thanks that church members are in good heart and steadfast in faith. God is good. Give thanks too that we have recently been given a completely new kitchen at Chapel House for which we joyfully praise God!

<p>19</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Jon Haines)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the joy of partnering in the gospel, for all those who have worked hard to engage with new technology and who have adjusted to serving in a number of new ways. 2) for wisdom, leading and trust in the process of appointing a new vicar (Robert Lovatt retired in September after 15 years at All Saints'), and for unity amongst the church family through the vacancy. 3) for our pastoral care, support and love for one another, particularly for those who are vulnerable and isolated through the winter months. 4) for our witness as we interact with others, both in the words we say but also as we seek to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that when our Sunday@4 event starts up again it will see growth and blessing. 2) for the families we're witnessing to and that committed families would also join us in the work. 3) for unity and maturity and a commitment to Jesus' teaching and prayer. 4) that we would know the power and presence of God with us. 5) for genuine conversions which also have an awakening affect on believers. 6) that God will bless our finances.

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) for God to raise up new leaders in the church.
- 2) for a deeper commitment to prayer as we develop our church vision.
- 3) for wisdom in knowing how best to make disciples during these changing times.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for gospel fruit from our Remembrance and Christmas services and other evangelistic efforts.
- 2) for God's blessing on our youth group and work with children and families and local schools.
- 3) for a growing number of leaders and for more people who are able and willing to serve.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for God's kindness in the rapid learning of technology and new ways of working, and for a now steady return to face-to-face meeting with two morning services.
- 2) for us as we struggle to get families to engage again.
- 3) for ways to resume outreach activities and for addressing the challenges of Christmas.

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EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for the church family to grow in confidence to disciple one another in everyday life.
- 2) for one-to-one Bible reading and prayer partnerships to bear fruit.
- 3) for opportunities for evangelism.



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

- 1) that the Sunday gatherings would be blessed as we study the nature of the church (salt, light, body, bride, temple, vineyard, assembly, flock, household, priesthood).
- 2) that the weekday Bible study would enable people to grow in grace and knowledge (looking at 1 Samuel and how the Lord does a new work by his Spirit, despite human folly).
- 3) that the leadership would be unified in Christ and His gospel, as we hold out the word of life in shared physical space and on YouTube.

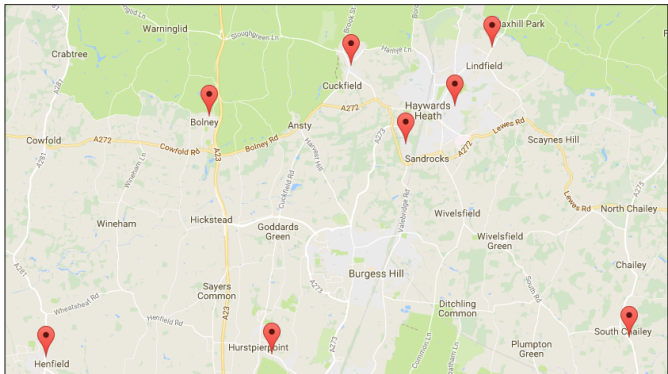
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ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARDS ON SEA (representative, Matthew Foy)

- 1) for a new pattern of Sunday services starting in January 2021 with the main morning service moving to 11am. As part of this process we are also looking (Covid permitting) at the introduction of a monthly All Age service focused on reaching families with under 8s. Pray for people to adapt to the changes and for a team to be recruited for the afternoon service.
- 2) Give thanks for new people helping with our children's ministry. Pray for wisdom as to how to resource a third group from September 2021.
- 3) for us as we look to roll-out a 3-week course of Bible studies that people can do informally with their friends, family, colleagues, etc. Pray for wisdom as we trial some materials over the winter and then equip the church family to use them in the spring.

HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)





- 1) for help in making the most of every opportunity to share the gospel.
- 2) that we as leaders would have stamina and wisdom as we minister in such uncertain times.
- 3) that the Lord would use the present crisis to save many in Sussex.





GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (representative, David Lowries)



- 1) Thank God for keeping us as a fellowship and that spirits are not too low.
- 2) for God to help us as we navigate being in person and online (as of November). Pray that we would remain united and that those who are not with us in person will not feel second-class.
- 3) for relationships with believers and unbelievers that are deep enough to talk about Jesus more naturally.

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<p>25</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In December I will have completed my first ten years as Pastor at BVC. We give thanks for God's faithfulness and provision and for lives touched and changed by the gospel. Please pray for ever greater effectiveness in reaching the lost in Bolney. 2) that God will add again to our 'core team' after the loss of some who have moved away. 3) for those who watch our services and who read and view my 'Turn the Page' stories. Pray that those who hear the gospel will be changed by it.
	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom as we search for a new building, with some exciting possibilities that have huge challenges to them. Pray that we would trust the Lord to provide and overcome them, if we should go ahead. 2) for our continued unity as a church over this period when we cannot meet as we would want to. 3) for us as we make evangelism and reaching out a focus and priority in the coming year.
<p>26</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's protection of faith and fellowship within the church, and His work amongst my own family during the pandemic. 2) for wisdom about how best to deepen faith and reach unbelievers while churches are still limited in their activity, and as we (I hope) return to normal. 3) for perseverance in our door-knocking and gospel interest in those we meet. 4) for church members to be bold in evangelism over Christmas, where possible.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, Stuart Silk)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for James and Chris Clarke and their 24 years of ministry in Lindfield. Pray that they may enjoy a restful retirement (James retired in October). 2) for unity and supportiveness among the church family during the interregnum and especially for our church wardens, Laurence and Katie, as they lead the process to recruit a new Vicar. 3) Give thanks for Janine who started as our Children's Pastor in the summer. Pray for wisdom as she helps to renew our outreach and discipleship of children and families.

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27		HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God none of our fellowship has been affected by Covid-19. Pray for continued protection, but also for the health of those whose treatment for other medical issues has been delayed. Pray for confidence in Jesus for our elderly members who may be anxious about their future. 2) for the Christmas outreach in our village. All our plans for this year have been cancelled and we need to find different ways of sharing Christ. Pray for imagination, wisdom and enthusiasm to develop creative alternatives to previous methods that will be appropriate for these circumstances. 3) Thank God for many positives and encouragements amongst our fellowship during the present crisis (deeper prayer life and answers to prayer, personal spiritual growth, love and care of each other, etc). Pray that our people will continue to grow stronger in the Lord and that the Lord will build up His church here in Henfield.
		CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Roger Nutley) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that God, in His infinite grace, may give us wisdom and confidence as we plan future events to reach those outside the church. 2) that we will be enabled to maintain links in our fellowship through our home-group and services, so that our faith will be strengthened. 3) that the ongoing process to convert the church to a CIO will be speedily completed.

28		ANDREW ANGEL (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the Lord will bless The Hub schools' team as they minister in secondary schools in Burgess Hill in this pandemic situation. 2) that the Lord will lead if He wants to use this pandemic to re-shape our church and that we will respond faithfully. 3) that the Lord will provide for all that is needful.
		ISAAC PAIN (Associate Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me and my family as we move to St Alban's Diocese where I will serve as the Minister of Cranfield with Hulcote and Salford. Pray for the kids to settle quickly and well. 2) for me to get a good grasp on the churches and their particular contexts and opportunities, especially for early evangelistic opportunities in the schools and the local university. 3) that I would start this new stage of ministry well. Pray that my prayer life, godly living, personal evangelism, preaching and teaching would all glorify the Lord.

STAFF WORKERS

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NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) Give thanks that in spite of all the difficulties created by the pandemic we have over 100 people in SGP training groups this academic year.
- 2) for wisdom in a new part-time role I have as Development Officer for the Regional Gospel Partnerships aiming to support the partnerships across the country, including co-chairing A Passion For Life, working towards a national mission in 2022.
- 3) for Chris as he takes a year out from his University studies and works in website design and creation; and for Sam to recover from knee surgery and be able to make the most of his year as a ministry trainee at a church in Enfield.
- 4) for good physical, spiritual and mental health as a family and growth in faith and godly character

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JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) for energy and wise management of time, juggling work for the Partnership and ministry at Grace Church.
- 2) for a new trainee minister to take over from Dan in September, and the finances to employ them so that I have the time for my SGP role.
- 3) for wisdom on how best to pitch lectures and engage the students on the various Bible training courses.
- 4) for wisdom and time to encourage planting and revitalisation in Sussex.



WENDY SANDS (SGP Administrator, part-time)

- 1) for growth in faith and discipline, and joy in the Lord.
- 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, ability and courage in my witness.
- 3) for the Lord to guide me in how best to use my time.

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