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**June to November
2021**

Prayer Diary



***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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, Individuals and Associates 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 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

SGP Director

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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 recommencement of our work amongst children and young people. Please pray in particular for more leaders to join the team, for our families to reconnect and that, as the church regathers together, we may be good at welcoming and engaging people of all ages.
- 2) that the Lord may have been using these last 12 months to prepare the ground for mission over the coming months and leading up to A Passion for Life 2022. It has not been the year we planned but trust that it is the one we needed. Pray especially for our hope, that we may be able to have church folk reading the Bible with non-Christian friends and family.
- 3) for wisdom as groups re-emerge and we regather together. Pray we would know what to stop, carry on or change.



HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Dave Howarth)

- 1) Give thanks for our teaching series in Ephesians. Jesus has made us 'one new humanity.' Pray that we would grasp it, love it and live it.
- 2) for those of us who are lukewarm to become hot.
- 3) Give thanks that about ten of us were at the SGP's evangelistic training day in March, with Rico Tice, on Zoom. Pray for many from Holy Cross to not just know about evangelism, but start or keep doing it. Pray for conversions.




BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP

<p>2</p> 	<p>CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Philip Wells)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we continue to seek a new pastor/elder to lead the church into the future as I step back in summer/autumn 2021. Please pray for God to put it into the heart of the right man to want to serve in a theologically conservative gospel church in inner-city Brighton. 2) for us as the long year of lockdown and the loss of two of the three elders, as well as other key serving church members, has left the church in a much weaker position than we were in a year ago. Please pray for the raising up of trustworthy and able deacons and helpers. 3) for the process of evaluating ministries and approaches as we slowly enter a phase of 'new normal'. Eg, there was a very big ministry to international students which has lapsed for a whole year, likewise ministry to youngsters. 4) Thank the Lord for keeping us together over the past year, which has been a very difficult year in many ways. Thank him for sustaining the ministry.
	<p>TIM GAGE (Individual Partner, St Peter's, West Blatchington, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a healthy return to in-person services as of Palm Sunday and for the many people who attended over the Easter weekend, alongside continuing online and telephone services. 2) Give thanks for the safe arrival of our third son, just before Christmas. 3) for our new curate, Jan, who is joining us in the summer. I am looking forward to the new insights that he will bring and to have another partner in the gospel to pray with. Pray too for wise appointments to be made of a Children and Families' worker and a new Director of Music.
<p>3</p> 	<p>GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Simon James-Morse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to embrace and meet the missional opportunities at a local residential care home. 2) for an increasing connection with the deaf community in Sussex. Pray that we will be able to share God's love with them. 3) for a fresh, vibrant and growing prayer life; individually, as small groups, and as a whole church.
	<p>MIKE JOURDAIN (Associate Partner, Brighton & Hove City Mission)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom as we come out of lockdown as to how we establish face-to-face contact with schools, care homes and foodbank clients, while incorporating aspects of our work which were effective during the last 12 months. 2) for our staff team, volunteers and trustees as we come back together under new leadership. Pray that we move forward with real joy, passion and excitement in God's work. 3) for developing new and stronger relationships with churches and for God's guidance as to how we can best support them to spread the love of Jesus throughout this City.

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<p>4</p> 	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks with us for many encouragements during this last lockdown: improved online children's work, providing community meals and outdoor services and activities. Nevertheless, the last year has been tough. Please pray for our financial position. We are very thankful for all our regular givers but, for various reasons, we have been hit hard through the pandemic. 2) for our curate, Jez Lowries, and his family as they look to move on in the next year. Pray for the right opportunity for Jez, and also for us as a church family. Pray that we would joyfully rise to the challenge of filling any gaps he/they may leave.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we reopened on 4 April, with two meetings to enable social distancing. 2) for a new initiative of seven or eight weekly sermon-based small groups starting in September. As well as digging deeper into God's word, these groups will help develop relationships in the growing church. 3) for my family to find a house to buy in the area.
<p>5</p> 	<p>OLI BUTLER (Associate Partner, UCCF)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the new leaders of Brighton and Sussex CUs, that they can settle well into their roles, establish themselves as Jesus-centred teams and be supported by me in developing plans for the future. 2) for the new leaders to come to Forum, the annual training conference, and that it can happen in-person in late August. 3) for me as I prepare and begin my fourth year on staff in August, and for my new Relay Worker, Anika, who I'll be supervising. Pray for her as she needs to raise financial support for her role.
	<p>NEW LIFE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom and guidance as we look to future possibilities with David Skull and the new Brighton church plant. We are considering and discussing the possibility of 'joining forces'. 2) regarding our venue. We thought we had the perfect place lined up, but after nine months of negotiating and talking with the prospective venue managers we were given the green light 'as long as it is not being used for religious purposes'. We are therefore back to the drawing board. 3) for a team coming from America, God-willing, at the end of July, to help with outreach and evangelism in Moulsecoomb and the Lewes Road corridor. This is dependent upon Covid restrictions. We also have logistical challenges, particularly surrounding a base to work from. Again, we would really appreciate your prayers.



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<p>6</p> 	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to be growing in prayer - to be more dependent on God as a church and enjoying seeking him together. 2) for us to be growing in togetherness - as more opportunities open up to spend quality time together. 3) for us to be growing in number - as we reach out with the gospel, and having lost a number of people over the last year.
	<p>ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that as we return to the church building God would be feeding the core of our church family, so that all that's happened over the last year would be fuel for outreach. 2) that our vision to 'Love God & Love Hove' like Jesus, would be owned more and more by our congregation and that this would result in us reaching our aim to be a fully giving-funded church (having lost the income from our hall) and in Jesus being known by more people in our city. 3) that all those who have lost people during the pandemic, or who have had lives and businesses upturned, would still be able to say 'blessed be Your name' and would see how the Lord has kept them through it.
<p>7</p> 	<p>JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God that I have been able to complete my first year working with School of Preachers. Remarkably I was able to fulfil my commitments to train preachers in Latvia – through five physical visits in 2020 and a number of virtual visits in 2021. The next of these virtual events is planned for 14/15 May. I am also preparing a new seminar on the four voices of preaching, on 11 May, for a virtual gathering of Salvation officers throughout Latvia. 2) Praise God for the completion of a book on preaching called 'God is in the House'. The contract is signed and the book is now at the publishers. Pray for the editorial and revision process and that the book will be useful widely but especially within Eastern Europe. Please also pray about a fresh writing project, 'Father to the Fatherless: speaking to the heart of the Father Deficit'. This is not exclusively for preachers, but it will help preachers develop a sensitivity towards those in their congregations who are 'fatherless' in various ways. 3) for planning and involvement in training and 'player-coach' work with a variety of preaching teams in the UK and Eastern Europe. Pray too for wisdom about reintroducing face-to-face teaching in Latvia from the autumn.




CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP





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<p>8</p> 	<p>ST MARY MAGDALENE, SOUTH BERSTED (representative, Tim Crook)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for daily vlog (video blog) teaching through Mark's Gospel in 94 bite-size chunks from New Year's Day to Easter Day. 2) for outreach 'Church in the Car Park' and 'Church on the Decking' (including small groups) to teach the Bible and gospel faithfully. 3) for more leaders, especially church wardens, and an increase in finances.
	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise the Lord that we have continued with services in our building on Sunday mornings (when permitted) and an online Sunday evening service, which have been a blessing. We seek guidance from the Lord on the way forward. We are considering starting a parent and toddler group and a mid-week prayer and Bible meeting, when we are able to do so. We value prayer! 2) for those who have been shielding for much of the past year and perhaps are tentative about returning to in-person services. 3) for several general administrative and practical positions to fill for the church to function effectively, including a church secretary. Please pray for God to move in these matters. 4) Praise God with us for continued fruit from mid-week preaching to a church in Kisii, West Kenya.

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<p>9</p> 	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for continued fruit from our online evangelistic courses which the Lord has blessed over the last year, with several commitments of faith. 2) for wisdom in integrating new members, new believers and our church family back together over the course of the year, including the way and times in which we gather. 3) for faithfulness in sharing the gospel in a way that connects with the individual lives of the people around us in Wick, especially in preparation for A Passion for Life 2022.
	<p>MARK RODGER (Associate Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we will build good and fruitful relationships with the churches leading to people knowing, loving and following Jesus here. 2) that we will not be ashamed of the gospel and take opportunities to share Jesus with neighbours and school contacts. 3) that God shows us specifically how he wants us to serve him in our 2-3 years here. Pray that he will equip us and that we will learn what he has for us beyond my curacy.
	<p>MATTHEW LUFF (Individual Partner, St John's the Evangelist, Southbourne with West Thorney)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for encouraging numbers of new people we have been able to engage with over lockdown. 2) that the church would be reunited under God's word. 3) that we do a few things well and do not fall into the trap of busyness.



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<p>10</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that as Covid restrictions are lifted those who have been isolated for so long will have sufficient faith in the Lord, and consequent courage, to return to normal patterns of life, including a return to regular church attendance and involvement. 2) for a greater love and appreciation for each other, 'for our neighbour' and within our own families, now that we increasingly have freedom to interact in person again. 3) for an event on Saturday 16 October from 10am to 3pm, with Professor Colin Garner, exposing the problems with evolutionary theory and showing how the Bible's account of special creation is a scientifically sound belief consistent with what we observe. Please pray that this event, which is free and open to all, will have an impact evangelistically. (Details will be available on the church website in due course.)
	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a continuing sense of gratitude for the Lord's grace over these difficult last 12 months. 2) for wisdom in the coming months as we move towards regathering the church family in June and engaging afresh with our community. 3) for the recruitment of a new Leader of Ministry to our Under 18s over the summer.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>11</p> 	<p>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Charlie Sanders)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we returned to in-person services at Easter. Please pray for wisdom regarding the future of Chapel Channel, an initiative which has enabled us to meet online with four other small churches during the pandemic. 2) for us as, together with Kirdford Chapel, we are looking to employ a joint Families' and Young People's Worker. Please pray that the Lord would provide someone with the right gifts for both churches. 3) that we might know the right time to reach out with boxed cream teas to a new housing development opposite the chapel. This was put on hold because of the pandemic.
	<p>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the various gifts of many at the church who have served God and the gospel with such commitment during the pandemic. 2) for Miriam in her new role at the church as Discipleship Leader, working to drive forward our vision of becoming disciple-making disciples. 3) against people drifting away from God at this time, and please pray for opportunities to disciple new people who God is calling during this season. 4) for wisdom and unity as we decide what to continue doing, what to stop doing and what to start doing as we move out of restrictions.

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

- 1) for fruit from this period of online ministry and wisdom for the leadership as we gradually return to in-person meetings and services. It has been encouraging to see some new people join us during the pandemic but there remains an uncertainty about who we have been reaching via our Sunday morning YouTube broadcast.
- 2) for the Lord's leading as we review our children's and youth ministries and consider how we can best reach and support families in the future, particularly from September.
- 3) for help in training and raising up new leaders in the church. We have recently started a monthly training course; we also need to grow our team of deacons who provide essential practical support to the life and mission of the church.

CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining grace and encouragement over the last year.
- 2) that we will be bold in our evangelism, especially as we prepare for A Passion for Life 2022.
- 3) for wisdom as we rebuild church life and rethink our vision and plan for the coming years.



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



- 1) for my wife as she returns home after surgery for a knee replacement and 15 weeks of rehab.
- 2) for new energy to keep teaching missions in Moldova.



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

- 1) Give thanks for those who have stepped up to serve over the past few months, and have a continuing desire to reach out afresh with the gospel to others.
- 2) Give thanks and pray on for our 'Going for Growth!' project. The church families at St Richard's and All Saints' have given generously so that we can purchase the bungalow and site next to St Richard's. Pray that the purchase would go smoothly and for wisdom as we begin to think how the site might best be used for our growing ministry in that area of the town.
- 3) Give thanks for the current provision of children and young people's work at St Richard's in family bubbles. Pray on as we seek to rebuild a new team for that ministry in the longer term, that people would be willing (and excited) to serve in this precious ministry.

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<p>14</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for people to return to strong habits of meeting together for prayer, Bible study and worship. 2) Give thanks for and pray for continued fruit in the children's and youth ministries. 3) for gospel priorities leading to sharing of faith, generous giving and wise decisions in all areas of church life.
	<p>JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for God's sustaining grace, help and provision to keep going as a church through the Covid months. 2) for wisdom to do our summer youth camps/holidays well and wisely, in the circumstances, and for God to use them again this year even though they will be different from normal. 3) that there may be some increased gospel interest in those who have been tuning in to our online services during the last year.



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JUNE 2021

Week 1 - pray that many people will book to go to our next Sussex Youthworks 'Come and See' training morning on Saturday 12 June, focusing on Purely Pre-schoolers and 'helping little ones flourish in a fragile world'.

Week 2 - 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.

Week 3 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our summer Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 30 June, when we hope to be able to meet in person for the first time since the pandemic. The focus of our meeting will be 'Creating a Mission Culture in the Local Church'.

Week 4 - pray that many people will apply to join the Sussex Ministry Training Course (Tuesdays in Cuckfield, near Haywards Heath) and the monthly Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (in Hove), starting in September.

JULY

Week 1 - pray for the Steering Group as they have an 'away day' to reflect on the past year and make plans for 2021/22.

Week 2 - pray for many churches in Sussex to commit to joining with churches across the UK in A Passion for Life, a national mission planned for the run-up to Easter 2022.

Week 3 - pray for Nick McQuaker as he gives a portion of his time to supporting the Regional Gospel Partnerships nationally as Development Officer and co-chairing A Passion for Life.

Week 4 - Pray for David Skull and his family as, Lord willing, they move from Guildford to Brighton for David to lead a church plant in the city, Grace Plant Brighton. Pray for Christians to be stirred up by the Lord to join the initial core group.
(See graceplantbrighton.org.uk for the vision for the new church.)

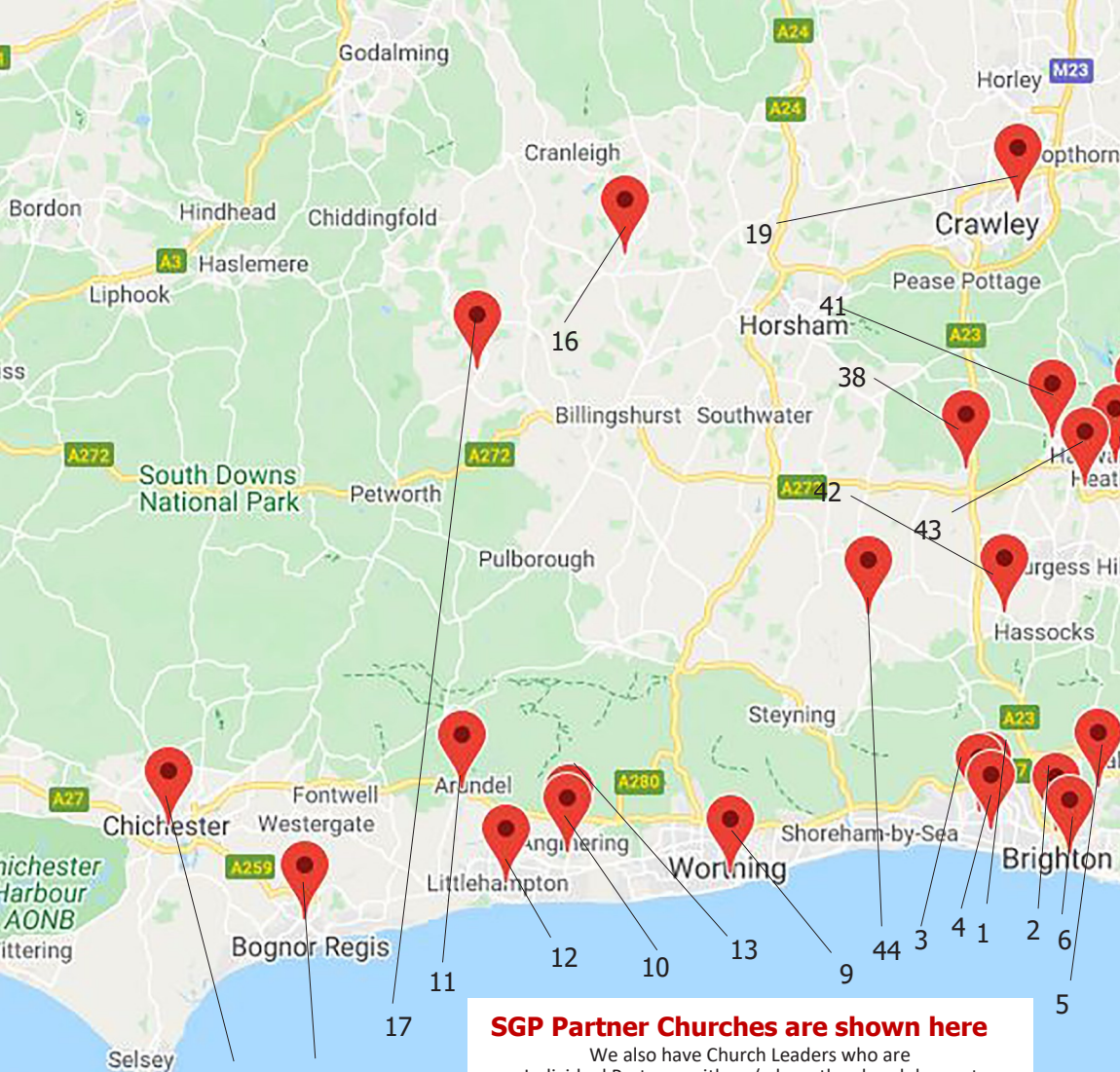
AUGUST

Week 1 - pray that church leaders will be able to benefit from a time of physical rest and spiritual refreshment over the summer.

Week 2 - pray for the planning of our 2021 Annual Conference on Saturday 13 November and for many people of all ages to book to join us! Our guest speaker will be Mark Greene from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) and the theme will be Fruitfulness on the Frontline, in the lead-up to A Passion for Life 2022.

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 they do for Him.

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



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

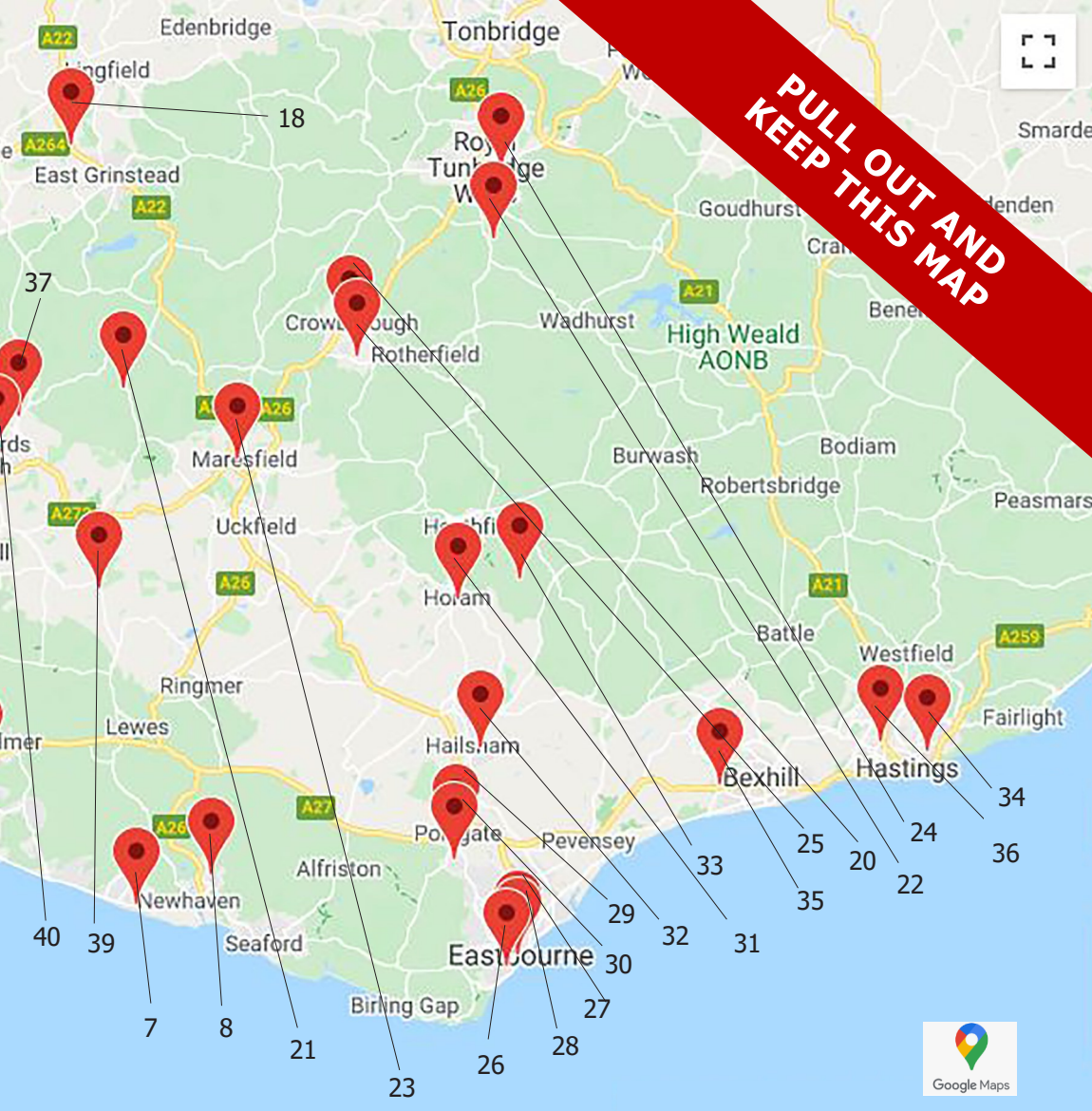
- 10 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 11 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 12 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 13 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 14 - St Mary Magdalene, S.Bersted
- 15 - St Pancras Church, Chichester

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', Danehill
- 22 - St Albans, Frant & Holy Trinity, Eridge
- 23 - St Bartholomew's, Maresfield
- 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, Eastbourne
- 30 - St Wilfrid's, Eastbourne

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

SEPTEMBER

Week 1 - pray for a good start/return to the training courses. Pray that new students will settle well and make good friendships. Pray for clarity in understanding, a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness.

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

Week 3 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea event on Friday 24 September. This will be the first time of meeting together since the pandemic for an evening of great fun centred on hearing God's word taught in an engaging and relevant way.

Week 4 - pray for the Sussex Women's Convention on Saturday 2 October, at All Saints Church, Crowborough, with guest speaker Karen Soole. The theme for the day is 'Bold'. Seminar speakers include Rachel Lane, Rachel Dowdie, Lizzie Lowrie and Christine Perkin.

OCTOBER

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 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Autumn Partnership Meeting on Thursday 14 October when Mark Greene from the LICC will be our guest speaker.

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.

NOVEMBER

Week 1 - pray for our Annual Conference on the theme of 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' at the King's Centre, Burgess Hill on Saturday 13 November.

Week 2 - pray for the planning of outreach events in the lead up to Christmas and for prayerfulness and boldness in our witness.

Week 3 - pray for the planning of our Partnership Training Days/half days for 2022 which are open to all.

Week 4 - give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

Sussex Youthworks

Saturday 12 June

9:45am to 12:30pm

at Cuckfield Baptist Church

'Come and See' training morning for all those who care for and teach little ones at home and in church-based groups

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Thursday 17 June

Revive!

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

Look out for further details in due course.



Friday 24 September

(18 June, cancelled, due Covid)

Sorted by the Sea for 14s-18s

7:30 to 9:15pm, £1 per teenager

at Bishop Hannington Youth & Community Centre, BN3 7LD

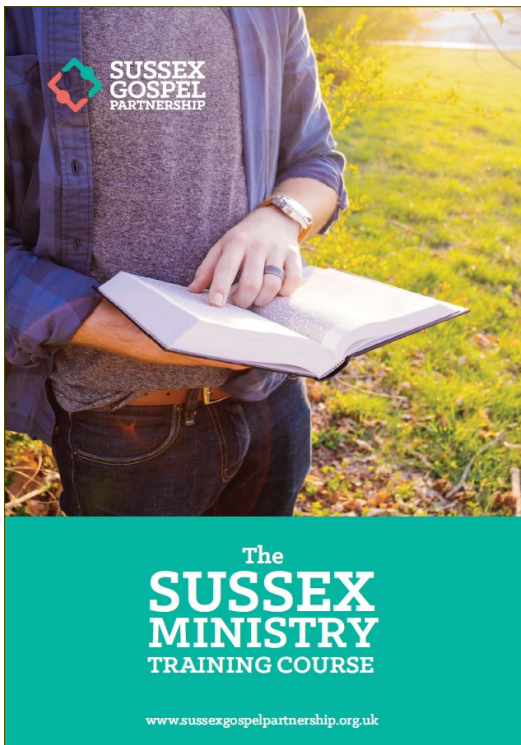


BIBLE TRAINING COURSES

Now taking bookings for September 2021!

On our training courses Christians from different churches across Sussex and beyond come together for biblical instruction, training, and warm fellowship. Through lectures, group work, class discussions and teaching workshops students gain a firm understanding of the Bible and its teaching; confidence and ability to share the Bible with others and a practical understanding of biblical ministry. The result is that students are equipped to be more effective in living for Christ and serving him in the church and the world.

We welcome men and women of all ages who hold evangelical convictions and desire to serve Christ in their particular context.




Fees

£210 per term (£630 for the year)

Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTC)

- Three terms of 11 weeks, from September to July
- Tuesdays at Cuckfield Baptist Church, near Haywards Heath, West Sussex

Students who complete Year 1 may apply for Year 2 which is particularly suitable for those regularly involved in leading Bible studies or giving talks or sermons.



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**Saturday Morning
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Hove, near Brighton
Equipping Christians for
Bible-Centred Ministry



Fees

£70 per term (£420 for the whole two-year course)

Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC)

- A two-year course (which includes the core elements of Year 1 of the SMTTC)
- One morning a month (except August) over two years
- From 2021 to 2023 we will be meeting at Bishop Hannington Church in Hove

To find out more about either course, or to request an application form, please contact:

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Usual office hours: Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays

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

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, mainly through video and Zoom.
- 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 me in my (extra, very part-time!) job as editor of Evangelicals Now, which requires much wisdom.
- 2) for rest, refreshment and real rejuvenation in body, mind and spirit for the four of us after a demanding few years.
- 3) for ongoing repentance and revival in and through the three churches here, and the raising up of the staff/workers we genuinely need.





DAVID JACKMAN (Associate Partner, East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches)

- 1) for the effectiveness of two new books I have written, due to be published in June, entitled 'Transforming Preaching' and 'From Text to Teaching'.
- 2) for a new free audio website to host my Bible expositions from the past, to provide teaching and encouragement for those who have no regular access to expository ministry.
- 3) for continuing wisdom for Heather and me to know where to concentrate our energies, while we still have some!

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

16	 <p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining gifts over the past 12 months, especially in expertise to maintain our online witness to friends and families. Give thanks for the conversion of a Rotary Club friend. Give thanks for Liz (Office Manager) and Josh (Head of Music & Media) for their devotion and hard work for many months. 2) for senior ministry assistance to myself and the appointment of the right person in a new post of 'Children's to Youth Team Leader'. Please also pray for us as we explore the possible redesign of the role of Church Warden, for a busy and growing church. 3) for the PCC as we navigate our response to 'Living in Love & Faith'.
	<p>TONY BAKER (Associate Partner, Holy Trinity, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for guidance in personal prayer in retirement years. 2) for our ongoing prayer for, and witness to, those who live in our Close. 3) for the right preaching opportunities when lockdown ends.
	<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.

17	 <p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thank God for the recent completion of our building project. May the glory go to God, and the developed facilities aid gospel ministry. 2) for wisdom as we reopen our building. Pray that we will know what to restart and when. 3) for us as we go through a period of transition with the staff team. Pray that the Lord will provide the resources we need to employ the right people for his ministry here at All Souls'.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for me to complete the writing of my book 'What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?' and for finding a willing publisher. 2) for evenings spent in phoning or Zooming family members, friends from long ago and far away (or near) and SGP pastors (a particular joy!). 3) for God to guide me to some not-yet-Christians in whom he is already working, so that I can share the good news of Christ with them.

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

- 1) for us to find loving and caring ways to encourage and enable the many older members of our church family who have retreated from face-to-face church life (because of the pandemic) to return.
- 2) that we will find interesting and creative ways to attract families and other Polegate residents to our church and, more importantly, to Jesus.
- 3) for wisdom and understanding as we decide what to restart, what to let go, what to do differently and what new things to begin, following the pandemic.



TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)

- 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.

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ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Jon Haines)

- 1) for our new Vicar as he settles into life at All Saints' (later summer/early autumn) and for the various practical needs.
- 2) that we would love one another and that we would all be made more like Jesus.
- 3) for wisdom as we plan for the autumn and that we would know what to restart and what to reshape.
- 4) for energy, effectiveness and fruit as we seek to reach out with the gospel to families and those in retirement.

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) for God to raise up new leaders within the church who are willing to serve.
- 2) for wisdom concerning the way forward for our services as restrictions are lifted.
- 3) for a committed team to restart our children's work on Sunday mornings.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for wisdom and unity as we seek to plan for the future.
- 2) that our efforts to share the gospel in person and online would be fruitful for eternity.
- 3) for a growing number of people who are ready and able to serve and lead, especially in midweek groups and youth and children's work.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for God's sustaining power and grace!
- 2) for the congregation to reconnect, especially through a range of outdoor activities over the summer.
- 3) for adults and young people considering the call to follow Jesus. Pray that they will put their trust in him and express their faith through baptism or confirmation, planned for October.
- 4) as we open up our new footpath onto the High Street, with new west end entrance and reception area. Please pray that we will take up the opportunities this will give with the wider community.

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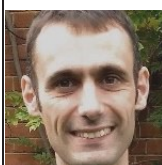
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EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for more one-to-one Bible reading in the church.
- 2) for boldness to speak about Jesus.
- 3) for unity in the gospel.



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

- 1) Give thanks for God's kindness to the church during the pandemic so far. Give thanks that we are emerging with a greater love and passion for Jesus.
- 2) for our new monthly afternoon service for families (launching summer/autumn 2021) and for a team of helpers. Pray that many of the local families we invite will come.
- 3) for wisdom as we review our midweek small groups and re-launch them in September 2021.

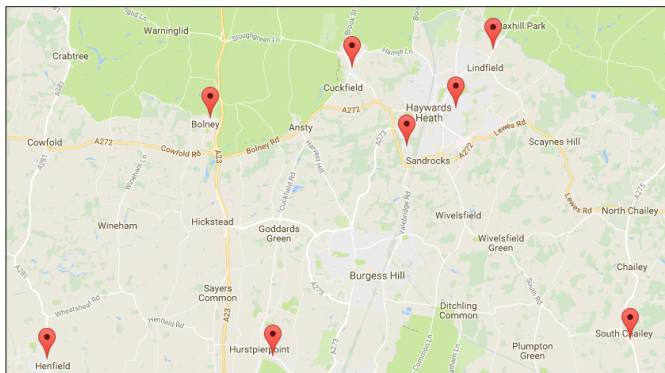
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ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)

- 1) for us to have a new seriousness with God, and to be hungry for his word, aware as we are of the frailty of life and the uncertainty as to what tomorrow brings.
- 2) for us to have a deep love for one another in our changed and varied situations, aware that some have had a year of frustration, anxiety, sickness and grief, while others have had a renewed home life and re-set priorities in the service of God.
- 3) for us to have a faith that knows no fear, aware that we hold out the knowledge of God through the risen Christ to a world freshly aware of death.

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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's help and protection over the past year.
- 2) that the Lord would give our leaders wisdom as we come out of the pandemic, such that we both recover but also make the most of every opportunity to reach the lost.
- 3) that we would increasingly be a church that trains and equips others for works of service.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (representative, David Lowries)

- 1) that we would know the Lord as our portion and would wait for him.
- 2) that we would continue to count gathering with the Lord's family as a great privilege, as it has felt in the last months.
- 3) that the Lord would help us to be outward looking as restrictions ease and pray for the Spirit to convict and bring life.

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BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)

- 1) for boldness and imagination as we seek God's face for the shape of our church in a post-Covid world, and for those who may still be feeling hesitant about returning to church meetings after a long time away.
- 2) for increased engagement with the community.
- 3) that God may add to our 'core team', especially someone gifted in leading in worship.
- 4) Thank God for a new vicar at the parish church who is very keen to work together with us in the village. Pray for wisdom and gospel unity as we seek to do this.



CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)

- 1) for us as we re-connect as a church over the coming months, for our unity and for our church weekend in September. Pray for these to be good times of real fellowship and enjoying and encouraging one another. Pray for those who feel on the fringe to be drawn in and included.
- 2) for our desire to reach out to the lost around us. Pray that, in God's grace, as we work towards Christmas 2021 and A Passion for Life 2022 we would see many conversions.
- 3) for us as elders as we continue to think through how we equip a growing church, and for our future building needs.

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GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)

- 1) Give much thanks for the Lord's sustaining through lockdown.
- 2) for wisdom and progress in recommitting to fellowship and evangelism with a view to building for A Passion for Life 2022.
- 3) for newcomers, and those who have been more sporadic in lockdown, to engage fully and wholeheartedly in church life.
- 4) for Tom (our new assistant minister) and his wife Gina, to find suitable accommodation and settle well with us in September.



ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, Stuart Silk)

- 1) for the Lord to provide a new vicar to lead the ministry in the coming years.
- 2) for spiritual refreshment of the church family.
- 3) for Janine, our new children's pastor, as she relaunches our midweek outreach groups to families.

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HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) for the health of our church in Henfield. Many in our congregation are elderly and recent months have seen an increase in significant health issues, all unrelated to Covid. Pray for healing, strength and confidence in the Lord's presence for those who are finding life increasingly difficult.
- 2) for our engagement with the village. After the Covid restrictions of the past year it will take some time for the life of our fellowship to regain its normal weekly function and re-establish relationships with contacts of the church. Pray that as we steadily open our doors our gospel influence will grow.
- 3) for wisdom, imagination and enthusiasm for the mission that the Lord has given us in Henfield. Pray that God will multiply our efforts for the gospel and draw people to a saving faith in Jesus through our witness.

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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Roger Nutley)

- 1) Give thanks for the ongoing links with our congregation and ask that we may follow our Lord's guiding as we open up our building again.
- 2) that we will be enabled to re-start our monthly Messy Church events and that they will be fruitful.
- 3) that the final aspects of converting the church to a CIO will be completed soon.



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

- 1) that the Hub schools team will engage well with the young people when our local secondary schools re-open to the team and that many young people will come to Christ.
- 2) that God will bring us the right new parish administrator.
- 3) that God will give us all a passion for Jesus and meeting together to worship him, as society opens up again.

STAFF WORKERS

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NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) Give thanks that the Lord has sustained me personally and the ministry of the SGP through all the challenges of the past year.
- 2) for wisdom, faith and strength as I combine serving the Sussex Gospel Partnership with my additional roles of Development Officer for the Regional Gospel Partnerships across the country, and co-chair of A Passion For Life, working towards a national mission in 2022.
- 3) that Chris would be able to resume his Computer Science degree at Southampton University this Autumn; and for Sam to stand firm in the truth of the gospel as he heads to Cambridge in the Autumn to study theology after completing his year as a ministry trainee in Enfield.
- 4) for Sarah to know the Lord's direction and enabling as she serves him in children's ministry and pastoral work in the local church and the SGP as well as running the home and being a mum.

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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 wisdom on how best to pitch lectures and engage the students on the various Bible training courses.
- 3) for wisdom and time to encourage church planting and revitalisation in Sussex.



WENDY SANDS (SGP Administrator, part-time)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's protection and many provisions over the last year.
- 2) for growth in faith and discipline, and joy in the Lord.
- 3) 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.
- 4) for the Lord to continue to guide me in how best to use my time.

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