



**SUSSEX
GOSPEL
PARTNERSHIP**

**June to November
2022**

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 31 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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BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP





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<div>1</div> <div>  </div>	<p>BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Ben Martin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the appointment of our new vicar. Pray for someone who has a deep love for Jesus and his people. Pray that whoever is appointed will settle well into life here in Hove and be able to get to know the church family, and that we will welcome them well. 2) for ongoing fruit from our various Easter outreach training and events and for the Lord to bring new life in him. Pray that as a church family we would be encouraged and equipped to make Christ known wherever the Lord has placed us. 3) that throughout the summer and autumn months the church family will be united, more assured of the love of our Saviour and more confident in the good news of Jesus. Pray that this would overflow into all we do and are as a church.
<div>  </div>	<p>HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Dave Howarth)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for home groups doing an <i>A Passion For Life</i> evangelism training session each month. Pray the result would be more evangelism and more disciples. 2) Give thanks for training sessions for all our small-group leaders, learning about discipleship. Pray that leaders would be sharpened in their understanding, and lead by example. 3) for the church to grow in love for the Lord, his people, and the lost, especially those who are somewhat cold in these areas.



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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 continued sustaining over two particularly difficult years for our church. I have now moved to part-time paid service. We also have a part-time paid gospel-worker. 2) for continued guidance on the matter of 'future ministry' and a possible candidate for future pastor/elder with whom we spent time in May. 3) for provision for the ever-increasing administrative/statutory tasks. Our administrative assistant has played an immensely valuable role, but is now moving back to her homeland. 4) that in the midst of change we won't forget the opportunities and ministry of evangelism to our needy city.
	<p>MIKE JOURDAIN (Associate Partner, Brighton & Hove City Mission)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our discussions with Brighton Council as we search for a new building to enable us to better support those in need in our city. 2) that our work in the food bank, care homes and schools will lead to people coming to faith in Jesus. 3) that we would continue to develop meaningful partnerships with churches.

<p>3</p> 	<p>GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Simon James-Morse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the monthly Signs of Grace services in British Sign Language (BSL) for the deaf community in Sussex. These are facilitated by Goldstone Church, meeting on the second Sunday afternoon each month, in Bishop Hannington Church's Lounge. Pray that the recent interest in BSL will open doors for the Gospel.
	<p>TIM GAGE (Individual Partner, St Peter's, West Blatchington, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for growing Biblical literacy through our <i>Journey through the Bible</i> course (Bible overview); for faithful believers who are committed to pray; for new people meeting Christians at our Tea & Tots group. 2) for our response to the needs of our 11-18 year olds through a new youth group. 3) for wisdom on starting an evangelistic outreach course in the new year. 4) for God to raise up more people willing to lead worship and teach from the Bible.

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<p>4</p> 	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as a church to keep the main thing the Gospel, and not to be distracted by perceived opportunities (and crises). 2) for wisdom as we implement aspects of a new Mission Action Plan. 3) for fruitfulness from the Marriage Course which we have started, and from a planned new monthly evening service.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for fruit from our evangelistic India Night event in April and our <i>A Passion for Life</i> Easter weekend meetings. 2) for our Christianity Explored course this summer. 3) for people's health in general. Lots of physical health problems, strokes, falls and viruses.

<p>5</p> 	<p>OLI BUTLER (Associate Partner, UCCF)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Christian Unions at the universities, that they finish this academic year well. Ask the Lord to keep those on the fringe and new believers connected to local churches and in friendship with CU members. Pray for me as I come alongside them in that. 2) for the two new committees as my Relay Worker and I support them in their new roles and team dynamics. They'll be planning their new student welcome for the autumn term and putting together a strategy for the year ahead. 3) for me as I move on from being the UCCF Staff Worker in this patch. Pray that the Lord will enable a smooth handover to my successor and provide all that's needed (finances, wisdom and grace) for the ministry position I hope to start in August.
	<p>GRACE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for people. We need workers to catch our vision and join us in our exciting mission to plant a Church Planting Church. Please pray that as well as praying for us, some would be really radical and join us. 2) for a venue. This has been a massive challenge - we need a real breakthrough. We really want to be meeting somewhere on the Lewes Road by September. Please ask the Lord to grant to us a highly visible, highly accessible, highly attractive and highly functional (fit for purpose) venue. I know - we don't want much! But we need every advantage we can gain. 3) for logistics. We are still working through setting up a charity, transferring assets and need to purchase a property and raise funds for a trainee. The Lord knows we need His help - please pray!

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<p>6</p> 	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for new Christians in the church and pray for them to grow as disciples of Jesus. 2) for our emphasis on Growing as Disciples and Growing Together over the coming year. 3) for me and our elders team with Rich, our senior pastor, on sabbatical from June to September.
	<p>ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our PCC as we continue to engage with the Church of England's <i>Living in Love and Faith</i> resources, addressing the issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. It's a subject which the church hasn't been used to thinking about. 2) for our re-ordering team as this year will be when the hard work of planning and applying for funding is done. 3) for a small group looking at youth and children's work in our church and how we can invest in our young people, potentially through staffing.
<p>7</p> 	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (Representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the preaching and teaching will sow seeds in good soil and that we will see many new believers, and deeply rooted existing believers, with a spiritual vitality that overflows day-by-day. 2) for our elders and deacons to know Christ more and more, and lead with the humility and love of Jesus as the church continues to rebuild after the Covid pandemic. 3) that our children and youth would be confident Christians, full of the life of Jesus. Pray that they would grow in service, godly attitude and as witnesses to him.
	<p>JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God for the publication of my book on preaching: <i>God is in the House</i>. Pray for it to be a useful source of stimulus and training for preaching. Pray too for the start of the Latvian translation in late summer. 2) for wisdom in choices about the opportunities to take for teaching and training this year. School of preachers is sponsoring a conference on preaching in Eastbourne (5-6 July); pray for its organisation, speakers and usefulness. http://www.deadpreachers.com/ 3) for students to sign-up for our two year School of Preachers programme in Latvia this autumn. Covid and uncertainty about the movements of its Eastern neighbours are a challenge. Pray also for the drafting in of some local teachers.



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<p>8</p> 	<p>LANCING TABERNACLE (representative, Barnaby Monteiro)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we have three new non-Christian families attending. Please pray for their salvation. 2) for the raising up of leaders for the future - elders, deacons, admin help, etc. 3) for a ministry of comfort (we've lost lots of members this year), and for faithfulness in prayer.
	<p>RICHARD BRUNTON (Associate Partner, Living Hope Ministries & member of Lancing Tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for Andrew in the Ukraine, Rasheed in Pakistan and Daniel in the Congo. Pray for God's protection and courage to proclaim Christ. 2) for me as I preach several times each week through media and at UK churches that support Living Hope Ministries. Pray for the right word to be delivered at the right time. 3) that my wife and I will be effective in serving our local church.



CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP





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<p>9</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Jim Braddock)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the encouraging numbers at our bible study and pray that they will continue to come along. 2) for wisdom and guidance as we seek to look for and appoint a new pastor. 3) for continued unity and fellowship that we enjoy in Christ Jesus as we try to reach out to the local people.
	<p>SWANFIELD CHAPEL (representative, Steve Davies)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for meaningful engagement with those who live around us on the Swanfield estate through the toddler group, after-school club and other outreach activities. 2) for success in building relationships, in particular with young families, students and a fairly transient population of new arrivals in the area. 3) for increased confidence among church members as we meet the opportunities and challenges of speaking the gospel in our daily lives.

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<p>10</p> 	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for guests to come and hear and believe the gospel as we run Hope Explored off the back of <i>A Passion for Life</i>. 2) for help to faithfully lead both churches for which we have responsibility. 3) with us as we pray and discuss how else we can reach people in our community who have never heard the gospel, and who don't seem to connect with our current outreach.
	<p>MARK RODGER (Associate Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God for people who have come to faith on our Alpha courses. Pray that they would be rooted and built up in Jesus and strengthened in the faith. 2) for others who have seemingly come to faith but have then drifted or seem to be almost there. Pray that God will complete the work He started in each of them. 3) for God to renew and reorder my love for Him, my wife, children, church and community and for the discipline to follow His lead and priorities.



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<p>11</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for good integration/fellowship between those who have come along regularly since we have been permitted to do so, those who are yet to return (or wondering whether to do so), and those who have recently joined us. 2) for fruit from the original Alpha 'Express' course in April/May. 3) for growth in Christian discipleship, as believers receive the Word of God as it is taught in services and meditate upon it at home. Pray too for a commitment to the public weekly prayer meeting and private prayer.
	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to continue with the post pandemic recovery - both within the church family and as we engage with the village community. 2) for the two new staff members who joined us in March to settle in and become fully effective. 3) for some events in the coming months: a village fun day on 18 June; a holiday club for primary school children from 25-29 July; a church weekend on 1-2 October.



CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>12</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the multi-congregational model to become established and especially for a growing momentum at the 6pm Sunday service. Pray too for the new Monday ministries for seniors and the online congregation plant on a Monday evening. 2) for our focus on growing a culture of reading the Bible one-to-one or in small groups, and for this to lead to people becoming Christians and growing in their faith in Jesus. 3) Give thanks for our new curate and his family and pray for them as they join us at St John's and settle in to life in East Grinstead.
	<p>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (representative, Roger Barden)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for growth - particularly as we seek to identify, equip and train future leaders for the church. 2) for mission - it has been wonderful to develop contact with lots of new local families through our toddler group. Pray that hearts would be opened to the gospel through this ministry. 3) for the ministry of the word - pray for fruit from our Sunday series in Exodus and Hebrews and small group studies in the Minor Prophets.

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<p>13</p> 	<p>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Charlie Sanders)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that, jointly with Kirdford Chapel, we have appointed James Clarke as our Community Pastor. James and his family will be joining us in late spring. Please pray that this appointment will help us to engage better with our community in reaching families for Christ. 2) Give thanks for the warm response we have received from two neighbouring housing developments that we recently visited with gift boxes. Pray for wisdom as to how to build on these contacts, perhaps with a coffee morning or toddler group. 3) for our plans to mark the Platinum Jubilee, jointly with Rudgwick parish church. We are considering a distribution of books about the Queen's faith. Please pray for wisdom as to how to do this and for a lasting impact on those who receive the books.
	<p>KIRDFORD CHAPEL (representative, Miriam Lindsay)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We are delighted that James Clarke will be joining us at the beginning of May, as Community Pastor, working with us and Rudgwick Chapel. Please pray for James as he settles into the role, which will have an emphasis on working with children, youth and families. In June he will be joined by his wife, Lori, and their two children. Please pray for them as they relocate from Albania, having to adapt to a new country and new schools for the children. Having James with us will be a big change for the fellowship. Please pray for the members as they adapt to the new circumstances. Pray for guidance and unity as we work together, and a real sense of the Lord's leading and presence in every aspect of the life of the fellowship. 2) for the many plans we have to make and decisions to be taken as we move forward, including the possibility of holding a Holiday Bible Club this year. 3) for our building project which has been on hold now for many months because of boundary issues with the company responsible for a development adjoining the chapel premises. Please pray that the situation will be resolved soon and that we will be able to proceed with plans for a much needed extension.

CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) for our daytime and evening Christianity Explored courses which began after Easter.
- 2) for new members of Ministry staff arriving to join the team this summer. Pray they would settle in well and be a great blessing to the church family.



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

- 1) for the translation project of good evangelical books into six Central Asian languages.
- 2) for young women from Afghanistan who love the Lord and have escaped to Pakistan but need to get out of that country to more freedom and safety.
- 3) for 300 families (many believers) from Ukraine who have been taken in by the University in Moldova. Pray for their safety and that the Lord will use the testimony of those at the Uni to make known His goodness.
- 4) for volunteers to help in the growing administration needs of the mission to handle enlarged opportunities.

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<p>15</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we will walk closely with the Lord and that we will be increasingly gripped by the gospel. 2) that recent outreach events will bear fruit and that we will share Christ more and more. 3) for godly and effective leaders 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 signs of fresh spiritual interest in the toddler group, Hope Explored and our morning service. Pray that this interest will be encouraged and grow. 2) for God's provision of suitable leaders and teachers in different aspects of youth and children's work. 3) for love ... for God, his word, each other, within families, and for those in the locality.
<p>16</p> 	<p>NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom in how to make people the priority and not programmes. 2) for wisdom in how to make the most of the new families we have gained over lockdown. 3) for wisdom in how to make the most of our Community Larder and the new opportunities we have in our community through this, while not sucking resources from other ministries.
	<p>ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (representative, Mike Warren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the appointment of a Youth and Children's Worker. 2) for wise use of a substantial sum of money from the sale of land. 3) that a rapidly enlarged 'fringe' would hear and respond to the gospel – husbands, wives and children.

JUNE 2022

Week 1 - Pray that the Partnership Training Day on Tuesday 7 June on '*Working through issues of conflict, change and control in the local church*' will help all those who attend to understand how godly character, biblical wisdom and a gospel mindset help us avoid unnecessary conflict and better navigate unavoidable conflicts.

Week 2 - Pray for the SGP Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on Wednesday 8 June. Pray for all those who attend the Southern Women's Convention on Saturday 11 June to truly *Thrive* in their walk with the Lord.

Week 3 - Sussex Youthworks: Pray for *Revive*, our day for those in full time youth and children's ministry. Pray that it would be encouraging and refreshing for those who come along.

Week 4 - Give thanks for the ministry both adults and children/young people received through Bible by the Beach in Eastbourne over the May bank holiday weekend - *Devoted to Jesus from the inside out* - and pray for much spiritual fruit.

JULY

Week 1 - Sussex Youthworks: pray for the right leaders to be found to run the children's and youth streams at the SGP Annual Conference on Saturday 5 November.

Week 2 - Pray for many people of all ages (16 to 80+) to apply for the *Sussex Ministry Training Course* and *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* which start again in September. See the adverts on pages 20/21 for more information and consider applying yourself if you have not already completed one of the courses!

Week 3 - Pray for the Steering Group as they have a day retreat on 20 July.

Week 4 - Pray for Grace Church, Brighton. David Skull (aka Skully) and Julian Rebera (formerly of New Life Church) are working together to plant a church that will plant churches and strengthen existing churches. Pray especially for godly, gifted and steadfast believers who will join them on this mission. Learn more at gracechurchbrighton.org.uk.

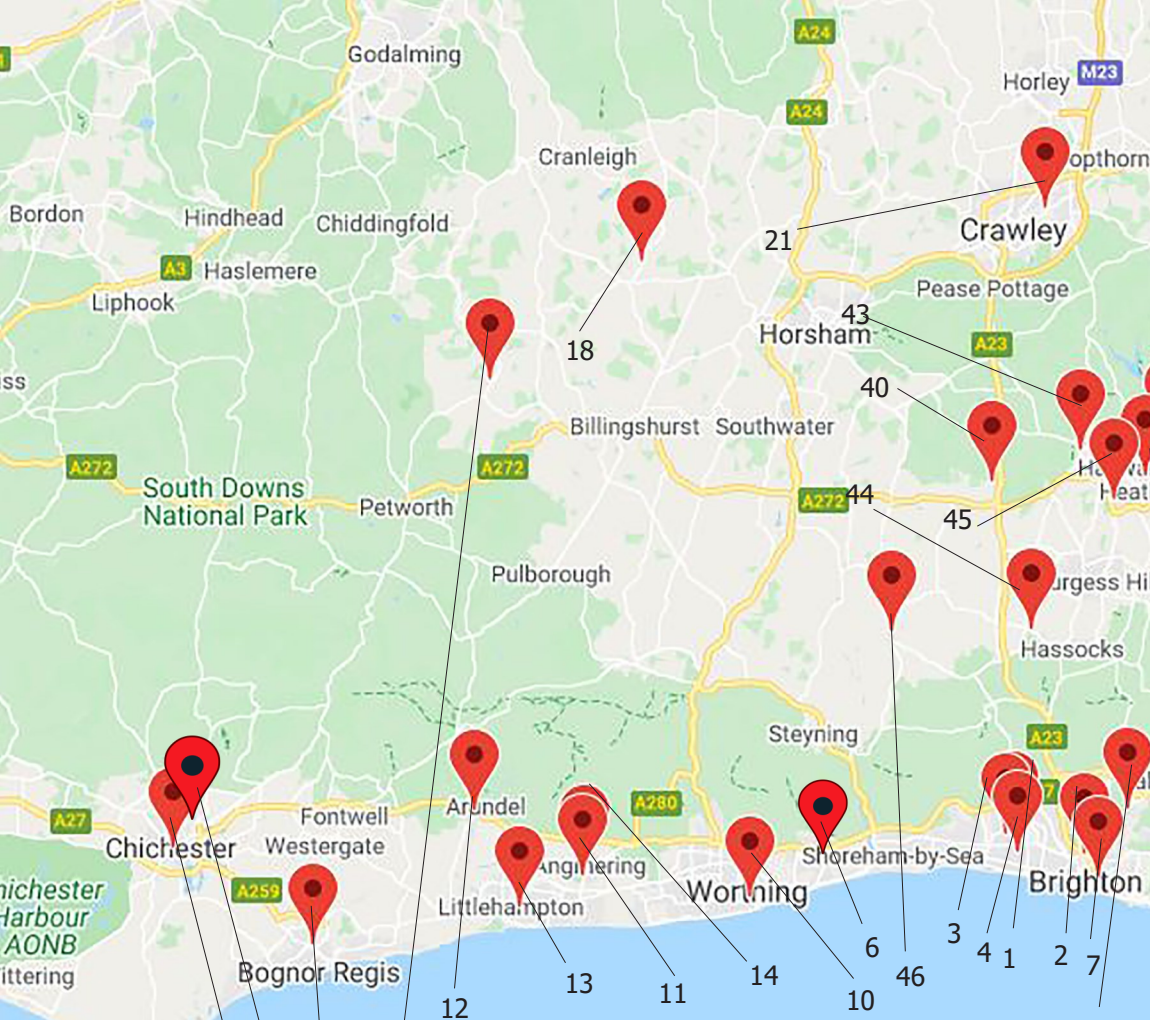
AUGUST

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

Week 2 - 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.

Week 3 - Pray that our Partnership Training Days (which are open to all) will be well-attended and effective in equipping many for Christian life and ministry.

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



SGP Partner Churches are shown here

We also have Church Leaders who are Individual Partners with us (where the church has not yet applied for Partnership) and Associate Partners

Brighton Cluster Group

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

Chichester Cluster Group

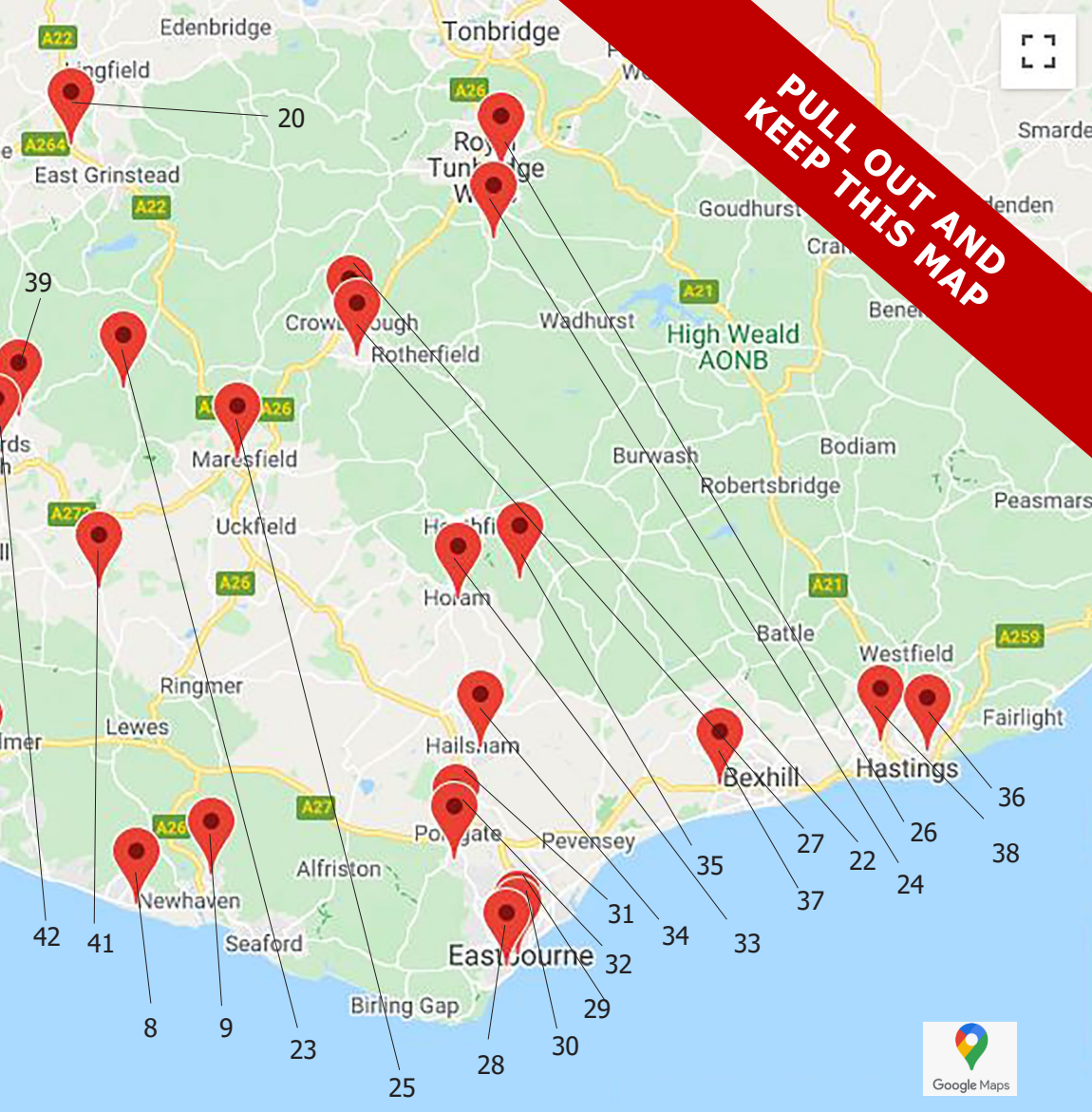
- 11 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 12 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 13 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 14 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 15 - St Mary Magdalene, S.Bersted
- 16 - St Pancras Church, Chichester
- 17 - Swanfield Chapel

Crawley Cluster Group

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

Crowborough Cluster Group

- 22 - All Saints', Crowborough
- 23 - All Saints', Danehill
- 24 - St Alban's, Frant & Holy Trinity, Eridge
- 25 - St Bartholomew's, Maresfield
- 26 - St Peter's, Tunbridge Wells
- 27 - St Richard's, Crowborough



Eastbourne Cluster Group

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

Hailsham Cluster Group

- 33 - Christ Church, Horam
- 34 - Hailsham Parish Church
- 35 - Warbleton Parish Church

Hastings Cluster Group

- 36 - Emmanuel, Hastings
- 37 - St Mark's, Little Common
- 38 - St Matthew's, St Leonards-on-Sea

Haywards Heath Cluster Group

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

SEPTEMBER

Week 1 - Pray that many will book for the SGP Annual Conference on Saturday 5 November, at All Saints Church, Crowborough. Pray too for the planning team as they continue to make preparations for the day.

Week 2 - Pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on Wednesday 14 September.

Week 3 - Pray for a good start to the autumn term for the training courses. Pray that the training given will serve as a good foundation for further training and for future ministry for all on the courses. 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 4 - Pray for the ongoing evangelism and events taking place across Partnership churches following *A Passion for Life* earlier this year.

OCTOBER

Week 1 - Pray for the Autumn Women's Retreat at Ashburnham Place for ministers' wives and female church staff members in pastoral and Bible-teaching ministries. Pray for a good time of refreshing fellowship and for the speaker, Claire Heath-Whyte, as she opens up God's word.

Week 2 - Pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Autumn Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 19 October, when Mark Redhouse (Chair of Steering Group) will be giving the opening exposition.

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

Week 4 - Pray for more churches to join the Partnership as they see the value of working together in gospel partnership across the region.

NOVEMBER

Week 1 - Pray for the Annual Conference on Saturday 5 November with the theme, '*God's better story for a world wrestling with identity, sex and gender.*' Pray that the day will encourage and equip us to live faithfully for Jesus in our contemporary context.

Week 2 - Pray for Partners as they continue to organise their outreach events in the lead up to Christmas and for prayerfulness and boldness in their witness.

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

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 person!
- 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 us as a family - with Naomi with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome missing another year at university; Jonathan at university; and for wisdom for Dawn and me in terms of 'work-life balance'.
- 2) for spiritual protection and blessing on our three churches, Evangelicals Now (which I edit - free trial here! www.e-n.org.uk/subscribe/free-trial) and a Facebook page for evangelicals I help run, which has been subject to trolling recently.
- 3) for ongoing prayer, repentance and revival in and through our three churches. Pray that the Lord would add to our number those whom He is calling and those being saved, and for maturity among those who have already come to Christ.

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<p>18</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the opportunity to appoint a part-time operations manager starting in July to alleviate me from the practical details of running a complex church site. 2) Give thanks for the heart-warming unity within the church in support of our ongoing <i>A Passion for Life</i> activities through 2022. 3) for the Lord to call forward some occasional Bible expositors; for wisdom and courage to start informal corporate worship on Sunday evenings to reduce the perceived obstacles for the 'unchurched' to hear the Gospel; for wisdom to know how we should support Ukrainian believers; for help in applying my preaching better.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that God would make all grace abound to us, so that we may abound in every good work. (2 Cor 9:8) 2) that we would see a harvest of blessings in our community and church; and especially souls saved and transformed. (Gal. 6:9) 3) that by the Holy Spirit we would know the depths of God's love in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 3:14-19)
<p>19</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, James Knowles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that as we look at the book of Titus we will be a church eager to grow in sound doctrine that produces the fruit of doing good to all. Pray for godly leadership amongst the clergy, staff and PCC. 2) that we will continue to welcome new people into the church family through our various community connection points, sharing the gospel and discipling everyone. 3) that the SGP's Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (starting here in September) would see a good number commit to learning and growing, in order to be equipped to serve in leading different word ministries.
	<p>TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that Chiddingfold market has re-opened, post Covid, where there has been tremendous success and opportunities. Please continue to pray. 2) Give thanks that we have been given opportunities to take school assemblies. 3) for an opportunity for a village housing scheme that will allow young people to be able to buy and therefore stay in the village.

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

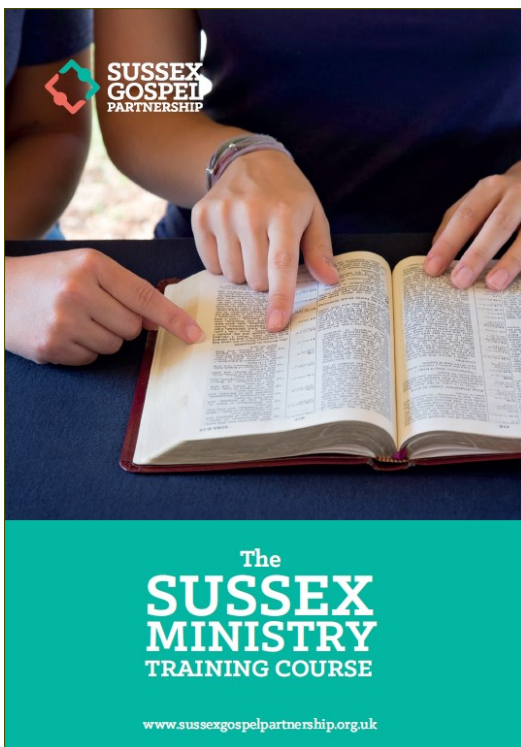
<p>20</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we will be able to restart some of our pre-pandemic children's work in the autumn (getting some of the families back on a regular basis has proved very challenging post pandemic). 2) Give thanks that new people are coming more frequently than before Covid struck. Please pray they will become Christians. 3) about our finances which have taken a battering over the last couple of years in certain ways. Please pray that we might find generosity in our hearts as a church family so that finances soon improve significantly.
	<p>DAVID BATCHELOR (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks to God that we have recently appointed an evangelist, David Knight. It's wonderful to see the people who are getting to hear the Gospel. Please pray for people to come to new birth in Christ.
<p>21</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the appointment of a new operations manager. Please pray that the Lord will enable the team to settle in well together. 2) as we look to recruit an associate minister for the autumn of 2022. Please pray that the Lord provides the right person for the post. 3) that we will continue to reconnect with schools and groups where relationships were put on hold during the last two years.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that I have finished writing a big book: <i>What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?</i> Pray for helpful feedback from the scholars who are now reviewing the manuscript, and then for the right academic publisher. 2) as it now feels as if I've just retired for a second time. Pray for Katherine and me to discern the 'good works that God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them'. 3) for much more investment in <i>people</i>, both not-yet-Christians and Christians.

BIBLE TRAINING COURSES

Every September we start a new Tuesday and Saturday course

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.

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Fees (2022/2023)

£225 per term (£675 for the year)

Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTC)

- Three terms of 11 weeks, from September to July
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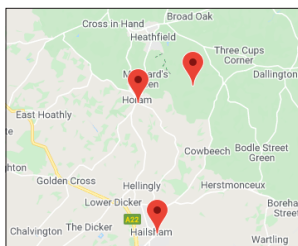
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WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for our ongoing evangelistic efforts, including children, young people and families.
- 2) that non-regulars would connect with our churches around the Platinum Jubilee and through our involvement at the village flower show on 30 July.
- 3) for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the service on 6 September



HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for the new west-end entrance and the many gospel opportunities that this has already given. Please pray for more opportunities, particularly as people use the churchyard during the summer.
- 2) for continued rebuilding post-Covid and for significant opportunities for the gospel during the town's Jubilee celebrations (2-5 June).
- 3) for the many new people who have met with us since Christmas to settle into HPC, and for those who remain Covid-anxious to return without fear.

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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) Give thanks for encouraging links with other local SGP churches in our cluster over Easter, especially openings for joining together in some youth activities. Please pray that this grows and develops a strong youth network between the churches that really encourages our young people.
- 2) Give thanks for committed PCC members who are working well together. Pray that each member grows in their relationship with Jesus and in their specific role.
- 3) for wisdom as we begin to implement our diocesan Mission Action Plan and encourage more of the church family to get involved in serving.



ANDY CALDWELL (Individual Partner, Welcome Baptist Church, Heathfield)

- 1) for wisdom in decisions that need to be made about a plot of land we own next to the church.
- 2) for fruit from our parent and toddler groups and Messy Church activities.
- 3) for new small group/house group leaders to be identified to enable every member to have an opportunity to be in a group.

HASTINGS CLUSTER GROUP



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EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for fruitfulness in evangelism.
- 2) for the re-launch of our men's and women's ministries.
- 3) for growing maturity and deepening relationships among members.



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

- 1) Give thanks for Nicky Adam's appointment to lead our ministry to youth and families. Pray for wisdom about how to make the most of the opportunities with our large church school.
- 2) for our plans to launch some new evening and daytime small groups in the autumn.
- 3) for wisdom for the church council as we seek to balance the need to both invest in people but also invest in the church site to make sure the buildings are suitable for ministry in the 2020s.

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

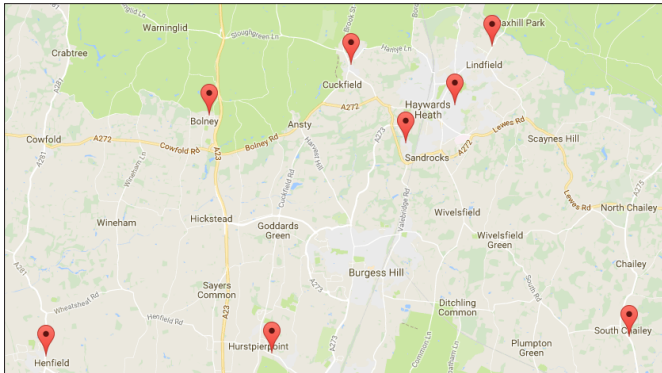
- 1) for us to grow in faith, now in our 180th year, building with care, with greater attendance at the monthly prayer meeting.
- 2) for us to grow in hope, particularly among the seniors who are the majority of the congregation, as they prize the promises of God.
- 3) for us to grow in love, as several members of the church face particular challenges, that we may develop our welcome and care.



JAMES CLARKE (Associate Partner, St Mark's, Little Common)

- 1) for evangelistic opportunities in our lane.
- 2) for opportunities to support SGP churches in Hastings/Bexhill.
- 3) for the writing and reviewing I'm involved in.

HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks for the unity and growth we are enjoying at the moment. Please pray that newer members would settle in quickly, and that those who don't yet know Christ would be soundly converted.
- 2) for ongoing wisdom as we prayerfully consider appointing another paid elder.
- 3) that the Lord will help us to be salt and light in our community post-lockdown.







GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (representative, David Lowries)

- 1) Praise God for keeping us and blessing us as a fellowship, particularly as we hope to have finished the CIO process by the time you read this.
- 2) that God might increase our love for one another as we seek to serve the One who loved us first.
- 3) that God would glorify himself by sustaining us financially and spiritually as we look ahead.




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<p>27</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a number of new members and for growth in the number of children attending our Friday evening Connect groups. 2) for our summer term Alpha course. 3) for a smooth transition to BVC becoming a CIO. 4) for rest and refreshment during the summer break.
	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for re-engagement with people who are less connected with the church after Covid lockdowns. 2) for our week of events in the Autumn as part of <i>A Passion for Life</i>. Pray for people to be saved. 3) for our ongoing discipleship and evangelism to bear fruit!
<p>28</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for growth and pray for wisdom over how to increase space. 2) for all to be committed to organising their time to prioritise Sunday and mid-week fellowship. 3) for real interest and gospel opportunities in Bolnore and our networks.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, Steve Nichols)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom to know which opportunities to take in the months ahead. 2) for new attenders to become active partners (and in the areas most needed). 3) for an increasing love for the Lord Jesus; desire to pray as a church; reaching out with the gospel.

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<p>29</p> 	<p>HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise the Lord for the fantastic beginning of our Mainly Music parents/carers and toddlers programme. Pray for the deepening of relationships with all those who attend and for opportunities to share our faith in conversation. Pray for continued energy, enthusiasm and encouragement for our team. Pray that the Gospel will continue to be at the centre of all our efforts. 2) for the health of our congregation. We are going through a particularly difficult season of struggles at present, with many in our fellowship, and need the Lord's strength and encouragement. Pray that the joy and hope of Christ will shine through our weaknesses. 3) that the Lord will grow our fellowship – spiritually and numerically. Pray that our witness in the village will draw people to know Jesus and surrender themselves to Him.
	<p>SAM CARTER (Individual Partner, St Mary's, Barcombe)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for plans to start a youth club in the summer. 2) for building fruitful links with the community. 3) for help in developing our work with school-age families.
<p>30</p> 	<p>CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Roger Nutley)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we would see an increase in numbers, as people return after the pandemic. 2) that the Lord will continue to add to the numbers of those returning to Messy Church, and deepen their understanding of the Gospel message. 3) that the Lord will continue to guide us as we prepare our submission for the Charity Commission to register the church as a CIO.
	<p>ANDREW ANGEL (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the church to fully re-gather. 2) for people to continue to walk into our meetings, join the family and become disciples of Jesus. 3) for God's blessing on the Hub team. Pray that young people will come to Christ through their ministry.

STAFF WORKERS

<p>31</p> 	<p>NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for continued joy in Christ, love for God's Word and zeal in gospel ministry. 2) for wisdom, faith and strength as I continue to serve in the region as Director of the Sussex Gospel Partnership, and nationally as Development Officer for the Regional Gospel Partnerships and co-chair of <i>A Passion For Life</i>. 3) for Chris' health to improve so that he is able to resume his University degree course in Southampton this Autumn. 4) for Sam to continue standing firm in the truth of the gospel and grow in his love for Christ as he completes his first year studying theology at Cambridge University. 5) for Sarah to experience the Lord's sustaining grace in her ministry with families at Christ Church, Haywards Heath.
	<p>JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for energy, clarity and time management in juggling the two jobs. 2) for the opportunity to use the training we give the SGP further afield. 3) for the Lord's continued provision of the resource at Grace Church, Haywards Heath, to make serving in the SGP possible.
	<p>WENDY SANDS (SGP Administrator, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the Lord's constant love, grace, mercy and many provisions. 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.

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