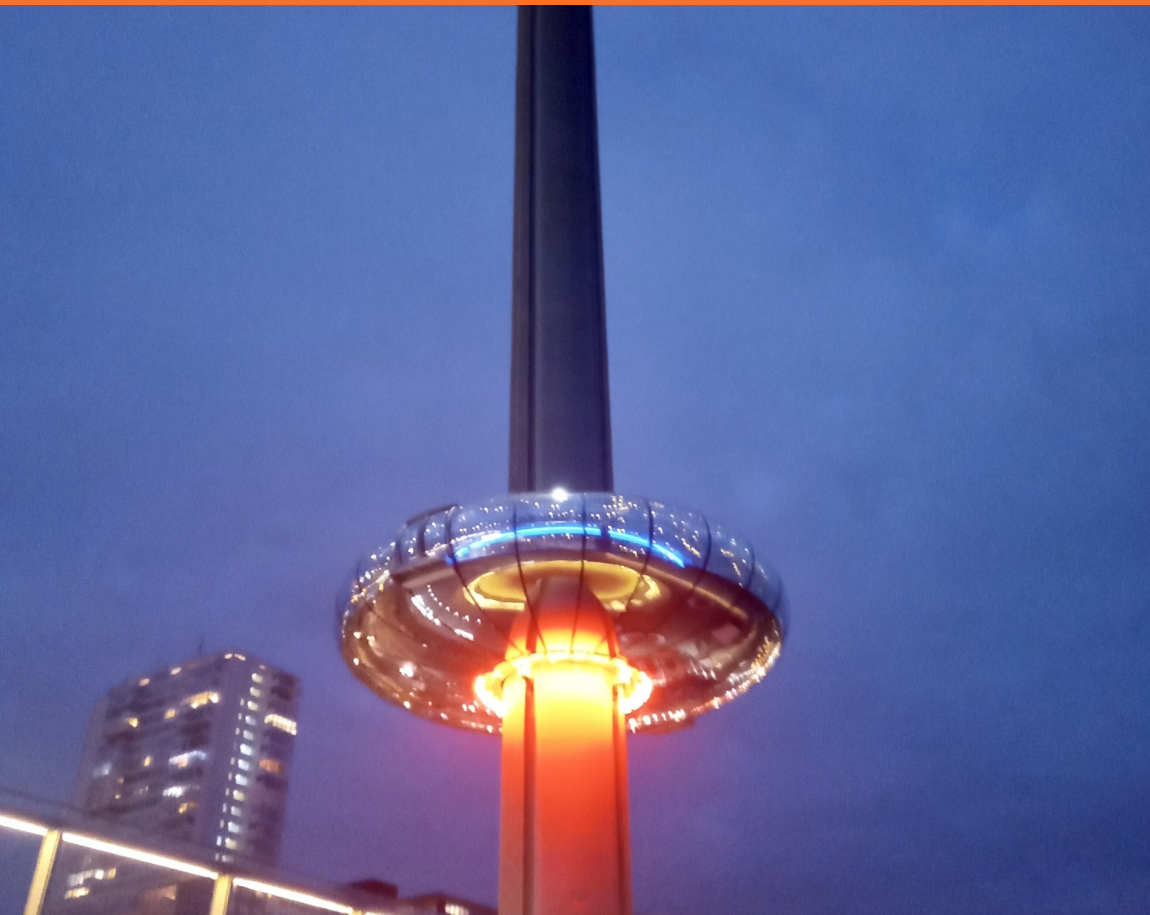




**SUSSEX  
GOSPEL  
PARTNERSHIP**

**December 2022 to  
May 2023**

# 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 this edition, 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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1	 <p><b>BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE</b> (representative, Nick Tucker)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for the arrival of Nick Tucker and his family. Please pray for him as he begins his ministry here. Pray that the whole family will settle well into life here over the coming months and begin to discern where the Lord may be leading us as a church.</li> <li>2) for plans in the lead-up to Christmas and our follow-up afterwards. Pray that this familiar season would be an opportunity to reach out to the community with the good news of the Lord Jesus.</li> <li>3) for our small groups. Give thanks for those who are already leading groups and pray for more leaders so that we can get more of the church family connected together. Pray that as people meet they will be built up in the Lord.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>HOLY CROSS, HOVE</b> (representative, Dave Howarth)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for our hearts to be increasingly gripped by the character of God and the gospel, such that we love God and live for him.</li> <li>2) for a new Tuesday morning initiative where local people can enjoy time together and hear something about Jesus from the Bible.</li> <li>3) for us as we are facing a large hole in our finances. Pray that we would trust God in peace, that he would mature us through this challenge, and that he would provide for whatever work he wants us to do.</li> </ol>





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<p>2</p> 	<p><b>CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON</b> (representative, Philip Wells)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for newly appointed Trainee Minister, Daniel Chapallaz. Pray for his growth in understanding and capacity, with the prospect of his moving to pastoral leadership in future. Pray for wisdom as to his training and mentoring.</li> <li>2) for re-motivation and re-equipping of the whole church family after taxing and testing years. We pray that all gifts would be developed and used to their full potential. Our deacons are conscious of the real need for help in carrying the burden of administration and finance matters.</li> <li>3) for fresh impetus in effectively making the gospel known in Brighton, which is a very needy and challenging place for the bible-based gospel of Christ.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>MIKE JOURDAIN</b> (Associate Partner, Brighton &amp; Hove City Mission)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for ongoing discussions with Brighton and Hove City Council regarding the Lloyds bank building in Preston Circus, which would be used to host key support services, a café, food bank and our care home and schools ministries.</li> <li>2) for people in our city, especially those in need, to come to know Jesus.</li> <li>3) for our relationships with churches to continue to grow and develop so that, together, we can reach more people with the gospel.</li> <li>4) Give thanks for how the Lord has provided for us and continues to open up new opportunities for his work.</li> </ol>
<p>3</p> 	<p><b>TIM GAGE</b> (Individual Partner, St Peter's, West Blatchington, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks and pray for the four young people who were baptised at the beginning of the summer and the eight individuals being confirmed in November.</li> <li>2) Give thanks and pray for the new people attending our Tea and Tots toddler group, and our new men's group which started in September.</li> <li>3) for us to be more committed to prioritising Jesus above everything else.</li> <li>4) for God's guidance in launching Alpha in the new year and for new leaders to be raised up.</li> </ol>

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<p>4</p> 	<p><b>GRACE CHURCH, BRIGHTON</b> (representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the purchase of a property - we are in the market to buy a Ministry Property. Please pray we get the right property, at the right time, for the right price.</li> <li>2) for people to join the church and mission. Being a start-up church, we need more labourers. Please pray that gospel hearted servants would take the step of faith to join us in our mission.</li> <li>3) for overseas workers. We have one young lady, Hayley, coming to join us from the US for a couple of months with a view to coming back long-term. Please pray this works out. We have two others interested. Please pray for the development of this ministry.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH</b> (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for several unbelievers and seekers who finished Christianity Explored at the end of October.</li> <li>2) for six/seven small groups which started in November, in Peacehaven and neighbouring towns. Pray that many will join these groups.</li> <li>3) for plans to upgrade our chairs, refit the café, etc. It seems challenging to get going.</li> </ol>
<p>5</p> 	<p><b>AL PICKERING</b> (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for the growth of our youth group and a fruitful time away on a summer camp.</li> <li>2) for wisdom and compassion from God as we respond to many pastoral needs around the church.</li> <li>3) for our growing elders' team to work well together and lead the church effectively in reaching out with the good news of Jesus.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>WORTHING TABERNACLE</b> (representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for our new Ministry Apprentice from the US, Joey, as she settles in for two years of study with Union School of Theology and serving us in the areas of youth, children and music.</li> <li>2) Give thanks for so many newcomers to the church. Pray that we will help them to settle and that they would quickly feel at home in a place where they can grow and serve.</li> <li>3) that our many contacts via our toddler group, CAMEO, would attend our 321 courses and join us on Sundays. Pray for conversions, particularly among the dads who attend.</li> </ol>



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<p>6</p> 	<p><b>JOHN WOODS</b> (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Praise God for a good start to our School of Preachers programme. Pray for weekend sessions in December, March and May and cluster groups that meet between these seminars.</li> <li>2) for the usefulness of my book <i>God is in the House</i> in English. Prayer for Anda who is translating the book into Latvian, and Liva who is managing the editorial and publication stage, with an anticipated release date early in 2023.</li> <li>3) for wisdom to respond to the requests for preaching training and preaching, and strength to fit everything else in.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>JEZ LOWRIES</b> (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Peacehaven)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks to God for a number of new people coming to services and that people are bringing family and friends along. Please pray that we will welcome them warmly, that children will be happy in groups, and that the Holy Spirit will bring life to them, through the gospel.</li> <li>2) that God will raise up more people from among the church family to take on positions of responsibility and leadership. Pray also, that God will bring new, mature Christians to join us in Peacehaven and equip them to serve with us.</li> <li>3) for us as we go through <i>Discipleship Explored</i> in groups and Philippians on Sundays. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be changing each one of us and growing us together to be a family of mature disciples who want to reach out with the gospel.</li> </ol>
<p>7</p> 	<p><b>LANCING TABERNACLE</b> (representative, Barnaby Monteiro)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for non-Christians attending on Sundays. Please pray for new life!</li> <li>2) for the future. Pray for God to raise up leaders and grow the congregation's confidence.</li> <li>3) for me, feeling stretched, that I will sit at Jesus' feet and know him as my portion and peace.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>RICHARD BRUNTON</b> (Associate Partner, Living Hope Ministries &amp; member of Lancing Tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for our daughter-in-law, Charlene, who has an unusual arthritic condition since the birth of her second child.</li> <li>2) Give thanks for a number of new faces at Lancing Tab. Pray for wisdom in how to integrate them into our church life.</li> </ol>

# CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP





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<p>8</p> 	<p><b>SWANFIELD CHAPEL</b> (representative, Steve Davies)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that our contact with schools and university will bear fruit for the gospel.</li> <li>2) for our young people to grow in knowledge and love of Christ and be enabled to stand firm against the deceptions of this age.</li> <li>3) for the Spirit's direction as we set a course for the coming year.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>MARK RODGER</b> (Associate Partner, All Saints', Wick &amp; St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that God would continue to develop my character, the gifts he's given me and skills I need as I look towards my first post as a vicar.</li> <li>2) for wisdom to know the next steps for the family services at All Saints' Wick and Lyminster churches, particularly for families to become Christians and growing new leaders.</li> </ol>



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<p>9</p> 	<p><b>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH</b> (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) We thank the Lord that he has built up his church here when, in early lockdown, we wondered if there would be any church to return to. A number of our older folk have gone to be with the Lord (old age, not covid), but others have been added to us.</li> <li>2) that together we will learn to 'love one another' as he has loved us; for this is our principle evangelism: 'By this will all men know that you are my disciples...'</li> <li>3) for a series of Christian films/documentaries to be shown here on Saturday mornings (from 22/10- 17/12, 10am). These will major on origins, biblical and scientific evidences in support of special creation and why these are important theologically and for understanding the culture. Other subjects include Christian biography.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING</b> (representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for fruit from a recent church weekend on the 'Breath-taking glory of God'. May it increasingly become our desire to bring glory to God.</li> <li>2) for people who are currently online to re-join the in-person worshipping community.</li> <li>3) for us to be more able to volunteer, so that we can do more for God.</li> <li>4) for evangelism to remain a priority, and for more to be willing to be witnesses to the Lord Jesus Christ.</li> <li>5) for us to better reach the hundreds of new homes that have been built/are to be built in the coming years.</li> </ol>





# CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>10</p> 	<p><b>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE</b> (representative, Mark Francis)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Thank God for his provision of our new curate, Rob, and our new administrator, Lindsey. Please pray for them in their new roles and for the resultant reorganisation of our staff team.</li> <li>2) for the growth of our ministry among families and for the expansion of existing links with local schools, as well as new ones to open up.</li> <li>3) for the outcomes of the work of our vision team as we implement their proposals to help us to be increasingly 'disciple-making disciples.'</li> </ol>
	<p><b>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY</b> (representative, Roger Barden)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the growing of future leaders. We have recently started a small group to encourage, equip and grow leading and preaching gifts in the church. Please pray for the Lord to grow his people and raise up future leaders.</li> <li>2) for our Christmas outreach. Last year we held an outdoor carol service in a local park for the first time. We are currently exploring whether the council will allow us to do something similar again. Pray for the Lord to lead and open doors and hearts to the gospel.</li> <li>3) for our toddler group. We have seen lots of families attend our Friday morning toddler group but so far there have been few spiritual openings. Pray for a good response as we encourage families to join us on Sundays and over Christmas.</li> <li>4) for the Lord's guidance as we need to do some fairly substantial repairs to the church building, which has led us to develop a longer term vision to improve our facilities. Pray too for the finance we need to make this a reality.</li> </ol>

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<p>11</p> 	<p><b>RUDGWICK CHAPEL</b> (representative, Charlie Sanders)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Give thanks that we have restarted our monthly family services, which are being led by James Clarke, our recently-appointed Community Pastor. Give thanks for new contacts made and pray that these services will be fruitful in reaching families for Christ.</li><li>2) for us as we consider starting a weekly toddler group to build relationships with our neighbouring community. Manpower may be an issue, so please pray for wisdom as we consider this possibility.</li><li>3) that the Lord of the Harvest would send other workers into this part of his harvest field. We have a big vision, but the workers are few.</li></ol>
	<p><b>KIRDFORD CHAPEL</b> (representative, James Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) for our monthly all age family services that we started in the summer. We have been getting visitors to these, which is encouraging.</li><li>2) for the Good News clubs in Kirdford village. Most children that come to these are from families that don't go to church. Pray that these groups will grow.</li><li>3) for wisdom in starting some new outreach including toddlers' group, outings and meals.</li></ol>

# CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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





- 1) Give thanks for God's provision of three new staff team members.
- 2) for our Christmas outreach, that the Lord will draw people to himself and that many will want to join our 'Honest Questions' course in the new year.
- 3) for our Easter Holiday club, that many will come, and come to know Jesus!



**ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH** (representative, Mark Rapley)

- 1) With our verse of the year being Acts 2:42, pray that we would be devoted to teaching, prayer, the breaking of bread and fellowship, in a genuine expression of love for one another.
- 2) at the start of our 'Going for Growth' building project, that as a church we remain focussed on our purpose of knowing Christ, showing Christ and sharing Christ, rather than being distracted by the project. And as the public consultation begins, pray for wisdom in effectively using this opportunity for the gospel.
- 3) Give thanks for those who have come along to our 'Hope and Christianity Explored' courses. Pray that they continue in their journey to Christ and growth in Christ. Pray that we are effective in our evangelistic endeavours that the passing of our Queen, the Christmas season and the projected winter struggle will afford us.

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<p>13</p> 	<p><b>NIGEL MASON</b> (Individual Partner, St Deny's Rotherfield, St Mark's Mark Cross)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) as we plan to start a Breakfast Club for families.</li> <li>2) for an Alpha Course we are running.</li> <li>3) for us as we face the challenge of maintaining a listed building and paying utility bills.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>RON GEORGE</b> (Associate Partner, Eurasia Education Foundation &amp; member of All Saints', Crowborough)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Pakistan police are seeking out all refugees in the country as a prelude to expelling them back to Afghanistan. Many are believers who fled for their lives and are fearful of what lies ahead for them. This baby church is growing fast but facing unbelievable pressure of poverty, oppression, and homelessness. Pray for a miracle.</li> <li>2) for Eurasia Education Foundation as we partner with Asia Link to serve Central Asia and work with the university in Moldova to expand its impact. John Wood's book on preaching will be translated into Russian and some 30 other titles are going into eight languages to equip pastors with good books to study.</li> <li>3) for the Lord to provide us with a volunteer bookkeeper to manage the many currencies and details that are the result of growth.</li> </ol>
<p>14</p> 	<p><b>NICK CORNELL</b> (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for us as we hope to get a reordering project to the point of approval over the coming months. Please pray for wisdom and an easy process of agreeing the works with the necessary authorities.</li> <li>2) for good relationships with children and parents as we try lots of new things with our church school.</li> <li>3) for us as we work through how to prioritise people rather than programmes. Please pray that we will all grow a deeper relationship with God, and each other, through this process.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS</b> (representative, Mike Warren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for wise and gifted youth and children's leaders; singers and musicians (home grown or moving in!).</li> <li>2) for newer believers to grow in Christ and become gifted leaders.</li> <li>3) Give thanks for the sale of some land; wisdom as we look to purchase a house and plan improvements to an old and tired church building.</li> </ol>

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

- 1) that we will delight in the Lord and that the gospel will affect our daily lives.
- 2) for outreach events which are fruitful and that we will share Christ boldly and winsomely.
- 3) for God's provision and for godly and wise leadership in all areas of church life.



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

- 1) Give thanks for the appointment of Mark Philpott as Assistant Pastor from September, and pray for him as he adjusts to his new and expanded role.
- 2) Give thanks for quite a number doing Christianity Explored and pray for them to become growing disciples of Jesus.
- 3) for God's provision of further help in our youth and children's work.

# 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 revival in and through our three churches at [edfj.co.uk](http://edfj.co.uk). Why pray small when we can pray big?
- 2) for my sabbatical - January to Easter 2023. It is fine for (1 - above) to happen while (2) is in progress!
- 3) for our family - Naomi with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) and the huge challenges this brings for her and all of us; she is currently doing her third year at Brighton Uni over 24 months due to these health issues. Jonathan, our son, is studying in Grenoble for a year. Pray for my wife, Dawn - for guidance/direction/wisdom re work, use of time etc.
- 4) for Evangelicals Now ([www.e-n.org.uk](http://www.e-n.org.uk)), the website and newspaper I edit in my 'spare' time. Pray that it will genuinely serve the gospel and for wisdom in covering the trickier stories.

## DECEMBER 2022

**Week 1** - Give thanks for our Annual Conference that took place on 5 November and pray that the teaching received will help us all to live out *God's Better Story*, and enable us to help and encourage others to do the same.

**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.

**Week 3** - Give thanks for Helen Byrom who joined the staff team in October in the role of *Administration, Ministry and Communications Manager*, when Wendy stepped down as Administrator. Pray for Nick and Helen in this time of transition and for Helen to know the Lord's help as she grows into the role.

**Week 4** - Pray that the SGP staff team and church leaders will be able to benefit from a time of physical rest and spiritual refreshment at some point over Christmas/New Year.

## JANUARY 2023

**Week 1** - Pray for all the students on the training courses to continue gaining clarity in their understanding of the Bible; a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness. The new term starts on Sat 7 Jan (Hove), Tuesday 10 Jan (SMTC), 12 Jan (Study Group) and 14 Jan (Eastbourne).

**Week 2** - Pray for increasing practical partnership between SGP churches in training, evangelism and church planting, through the Cluster Groups. Pray for the ongoing evangelism of Partnership churches following *A Passion for Life* last year.

**Week 3** - 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 4** - Continue to pray for Grace Church, Brighton, a new church plant led by David Skull (aka Skully) and Julian Rebera. Pray especially for godly, gifted and steadfast believers who will join them on this mission. Learn more at [gracechurchbrighton.org.uk](http://gracechurchbrighton.org.uk)

## FEBRUARY

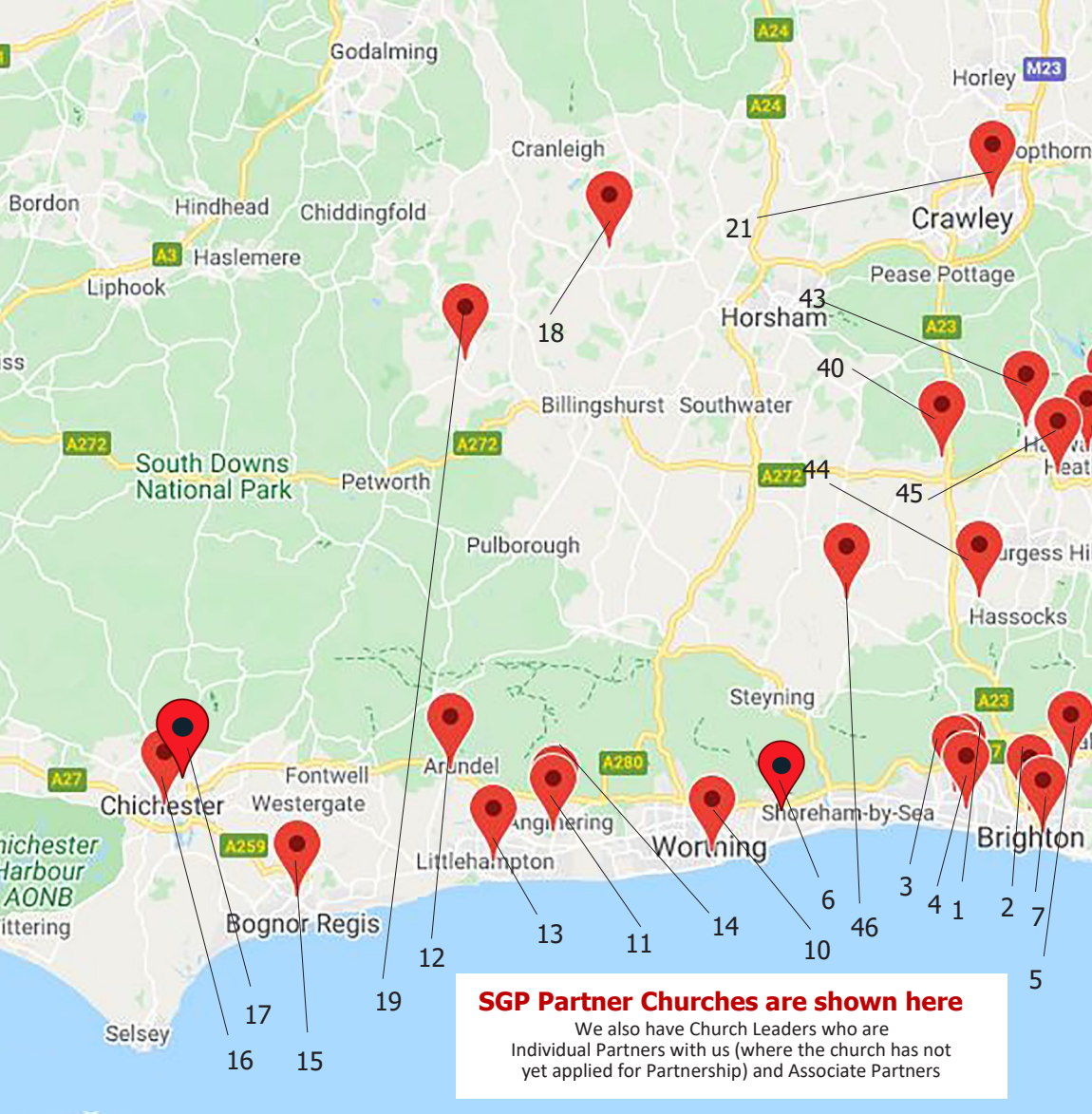
**Week 1** - Pray for the SGP Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision.

**Week 2** - Pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Spring Partnership Meeting.

**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.





**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**

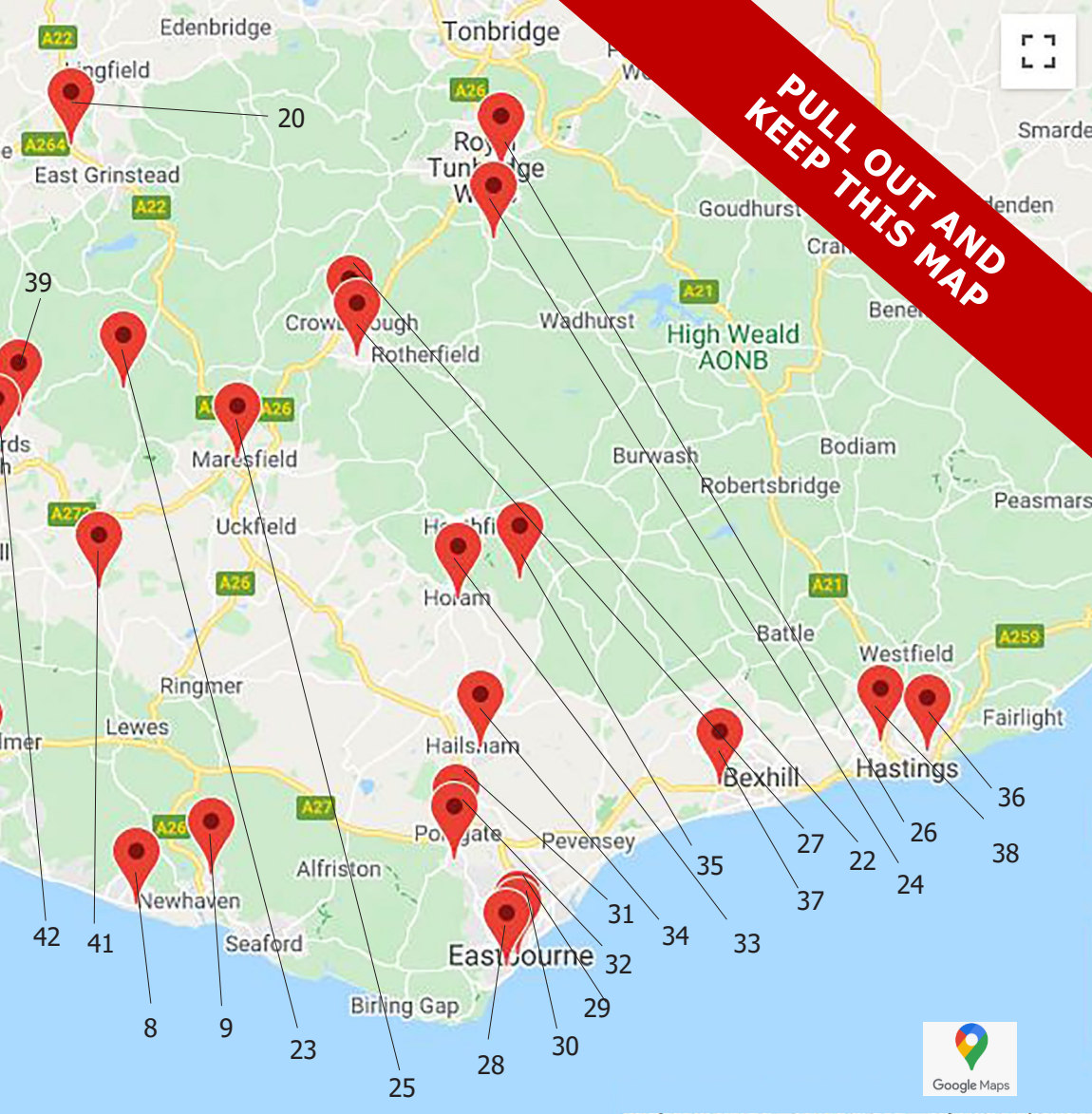
- 11 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 12 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 13 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 14 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 15 - St Mary Magdalene, S.Bersted
- 16 - St Pancras Church, Chichester
- 17 - Swanfield Chapel

**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

## MARCH 2023

**Week 1** - Pray for the planning team as they make preparations for our Annual Conference this coming Autumn. Pray for the right leaders to be found to run the children's and youth streams. Date and venue to be confirmed.

**Week 2** - Pray for more churches to join the Partnership as they see the value of working together in gospel partnership across the region.

**Week 3** - Pray for the planning team as they make preparations for our Autumn Women's Retreat for ministers' wives and female church staff members serving in pastoral and Bible-teaching ministries. Pray for a good time of refreshing fellowship and teaching.

**Week 4** - Pray for many people to book for Bible by the Beach from 28 April to 1 May 2023 in Eastbourne. The focus this year is '*Un-Daunted - steadfast by faith when the world gets tough*'. [biblebythebeach.org](http://biblebythebeach.org) [info@biblebythebeach.org](mailto:info@biblebythebeach.org) 07958 047 140

## APRIL

**Week 1** - Pray for the Spirit to be at work as the gospel is proclaimed throughout the Partnership this Easter time, that many may come to faith.

**Week 2** - Pray for a good start to the summer 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 3** - Pray for many people of all ages (16 to 80+) to apply for the *Sussex Ministry Training Course* (in Cuckfield) and *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* (in Angmering) which start in September. See the adverts on pages 22/23 for more information.

**Week 4** - Pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet.

## MAY

**Week 1** - Pray for all those who attend the Southern Women's Convention (at All Saints' Crowborough on Saturday 10 June) to be encouraged in their walk with the Lord. Charlotte Cornes will be speaking from the book of Esther on 'For such a time as this'.

**Week 2** - Pray for the summer Men's Retreat at Ashburnham Place on 17/18 May for ministers in pastoral and Bible-teaching ministries. Pray for a good time of refreshing fellowship and teaching.

**Week 3** - Pray for the staff team (Nick McQuaker, Jon Hobbs and Helen Byrom) 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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**ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE** (representative, James Knowles)

- 1) for the men and women on the SGP Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC) from All Saints' to grow in love and knowledge of Jesus and to be equipped to serve in small groups and other ministries.
- 2) for me as I preach through Isaiah 1-11 over the autumn. Pray that I will let God's word shape me and pray that, as a church, God's spirit will help us see the transformational intent of Isaiah.
- 3) for our Wednesday evangelistic courses. Pray that the Lord will keep sending people for us to share the gospel with. Pray for the Lord to provide the right leaders for a duplicate daytime course, to start in January, for those who can't get out at night.







**DAVID JACKMAN** (Associate Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)

- 1) for wisdom and energy over these next six months in a writing project, converting the contents of my training videos 'Equipped to Preach the Word' into a more permanent book form. Pray that it will be a useful tool for developing Biblical expository preaching here and abroad.
- 2) for our contribution to the life of All Saints' in preaching, training and fellowship, as we settle into our new context and get to know the church family better.



# EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

<p>18</p> 	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE</b> (representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for Mike McCabe, full time team leader for HT Advocacy, which exists to help people in crisis in Eastbourne. Pray for more volunteer advocates and gospel fruit among their many clients.</li> <li>2) for our search to appoint a replacement Director of Music.</li> <li>3) for our new Sunday evening multimedia evangelistic venture called <i>The 7 o'clock</i>, that prayerfully provides an easy setting for seekers to hear the gospel, and for two new evangelistic Bible studies for men and women.</li> <li>4) for someone like a retired clergyman to come and join the HT ministry team.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE</b> (representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the future of St Wilfrid's as a 'Conventional District'.</li> <li>2) that we would have a passion for souls.</li> <li>3) for a waking up to the seriousness of the hour.</li> <li>4) for a realising of who the true enemy is.</li> <li>5) for new people to join us.</li> </ol>
<p>19</p> 	<p><b>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE</b> (representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for half a dozen new people who have joined us in recent months at varying points along the Christian path. We praise God for them and ask you to pray that they integrate well into the church family.</li> <li>2) for our new men's group which is feeling its way. Please pray that it would become firmly established and be a real encouragement to Christian maturity amongst these men.</li> <li>3) for our Christmas services that always bring new contacts. Pray for us to have real wisdom in following people up, and for spiritual fruit.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>DAVID BATCHELOR</b> (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks to the Lord for our new elder, and the evangelism work he is leading.</li> <li>2) we would see people being born again and built up in Christ.</li> <li>3) for the Lord to provide a treasurer for the church, which is desperately needed.</li> </ol>

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

- 1) for the appointment of an associate vicar. Please pray that the Lord graciously provides just the right person.
- 2) for the planning of our 2023 diary. Pray that as things return to something more like normal, we have the right balance of community, discipleship and evangelistic events.
- 3) that as we study the book of Titus in the new year we will allow our church family life to be increasingly shaped by God's word.



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

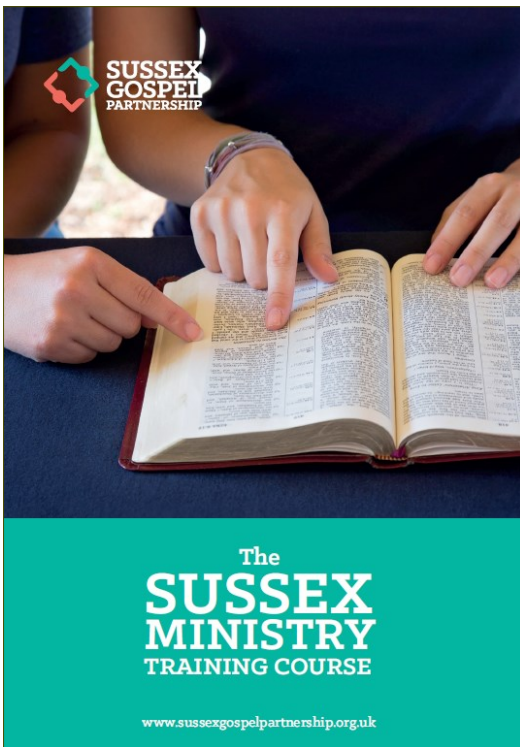
- 1) for the humility to accept where scholarly readers have made suggested improvements to my book *What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?*, to make the necessary corrections and shortening, and then to find the right academic publisher.
- 2) for my getting back to playing a fuller role in the life of All Souls', in preaching, and in pastoral and evangelistic ministry.
- 3) for humility and good listening in pastoring pastors within the SGP and sometimes beyond.

## 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.

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



#### Fees (2022/2023)

£225 per term (£675 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

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- A two-year course (which includes the core elements of Year 1 of the SMTTC)
- One morning a month (except August) over two years

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# HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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**HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH** (representative, Rory Graham)

- 1) for faithfulness and fruit as the church family works together to hold out the Word of life.
- 2) for the appointment of God's man (following David Bourne's retirement) to lead the church family into a deeper love and trust of Jesus. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to David and Margery, our parish representatives, in the appointments process.
- 3) that we might know how to respond graciously and wisely to the Church of England's proposals around Living in Love and Faith.

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

- 1) for fruitfulness as a church family following our recent *Fruitfulness on the Frontline* course.
- 2) for the church family to grow closer together in love as we serve together in different ministries.
- 3) for new connections to be made with those in the community.



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

- 1) for gospel fruit from our Remembrance and Christmas services, follow up conversations, and especially for our witness to children and families.
- 2) for our schools' ministries.
- 3) for a potential evangelistic event in the spring. Pray that many who are not yet believers will hear and believe the gospel.

# HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP

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**TOM PELHAM** (Individual Partner, St Bartholomew's, Burwash)

- 1) for faithful witness from the leadership in the Church of England as we enter into a time of debate around sexuality.
- 2) for families work in Burwash, Burwash Weald and Etchingham.
- 3) for the launching of our 'Christianity Explored' group.





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

- 1) Give thanks that Chiddingly market has re-opened, post Covid, where there has been tremendous success and opportunities.
- 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.
- 4) as we have been aware of more occult activity in the area.

# HASTINGS CLUSTER GROUP

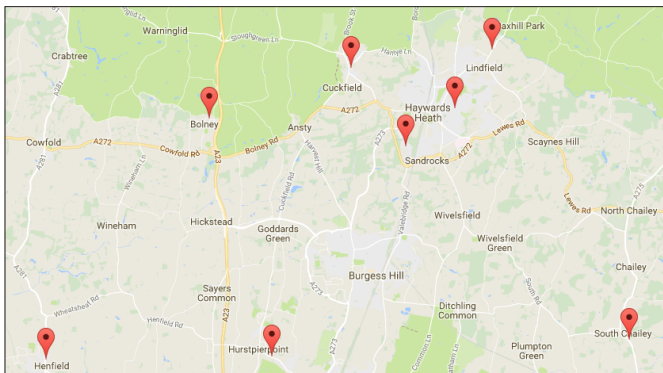


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<p>24</p> 	<p><b>ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARDS ON SEA</b> (representative, Matthew Foy)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for those who have recently joined us on Sundays and want to find out more about the Christian faith. Pray they would turn in repentance and faith.</li> <li>2) for our relationship with St Paul's CE Academy (our church school). Pray that we would find ways to deepen our relationship with the children and their families.</li> <li>3) for our new youth group for children in school years 6-9. Pray that all the young people would grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>EMMANUEL, HASTINGS</b> (representative, Martin Lane)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for plans for a church weekend, next June, to take shape.</li> <li>2) for the church to keep evangelism as a priority.</li> <li>3) for faithfulness to God's word across all our ministries.</li> </ol>

<p>25</p> 	<p><b>ST MARK'S, LITTLE COMMON</b> (representative, Jonathan Fraiss)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for the senior saints to endure in faith knowing that God's 'throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away'. (The Day Thou Gavest, Queen's Funeral)</li> <li>2) for believers in their middle years to take heart knowing that 'though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; for Thou art with me'. (The Lord's My Shepherd, Queen's funeral)</li> <li>3) for younger souls to welcome Christ, praying 'visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart'. (Love Divine, Queen's Funeral)</li> </ol>
	<p><b>JAMES CLARKE</b> (Associate Partner, St Mark's, Little Common)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for wisdom in how best to support and encourage the SGP's local Cluster Group (Hastings, Bexhill, St Leonards).</li> <li>2) for local outreach at Christmas - opportunities for preaching and witnessing.</li> </ol>

# HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



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

- 1) Give thanks for continued growth, as well as a lovely spirit of unity in the church family.
- 2) for boldness and godly imagination as we seek to make disciples in our area, particularly working age men.
- 3) that we would play our part in raising up leaders and gospel workers for the harvest field here and elsewhere.
- 4) for me and the church as I plan to take a sabbatical next summer (7 years in).



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

- 1) for us as we work through Ecclesiastes and seek to live well, knowing we will die.
- 2) Praise God for encouragements in our young people coming to faith. Please pray for all our children to know the Lord.
- 3) for wise, kind and clear relationships with other churches in the village.

# HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP

<p>27</p> 	<p><b>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL</b> (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks that in September we had a surge in the numbers of children attending our Friday night Connect groups. Please pray for our team of dedicated leaders.</li> <li>2) that God will open the hearts and minds of a number of people on the fringe of the church to his truth. They are showing interest in the gospel.</li> <li>3) for our termly ladies' dinner and men's curry night. Please pray for our after dinner speakers and for those who attend who do not yet know Christ.</li> <li>4) for us as we explore the possibility of hiring an intern. Pray for wisdom and for the finances to push ahead with this if it is right to do so.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD</b> (representative, Steve Nichols)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that we would increasingly be reaching out to unbelievers - both corporately and individually.</li> <li>2) Give thanks for new people appearing each week. Pray that the whole church will welcome them and that they will find a spiritual home here, to know and grow in Christ.</li> <li>3) for the Lord to raise up workers both within the church and to be sent from the church.</li> </ol>
<p>28</p> 	<p><b>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH</b> (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for three more elders joining us. Pray that we will gel quickly as an eldership team.</li> <li>2) for us as we seek to address how we care better for a growing church and what specifically that will look like. We have a number with significant struggles.</li> <li>3) for our mission week in November, for Christmas outreach and our ongoing evangelism through the year.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH</b> (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for wisdom and provision for future staffing of Grace Church, especially regarding a possible plant.</li> <li>2) for the establishment of a ministry to help and share Christ with those in need as the economic crisis worsens.</li> <li>3) for a deeper commitment to corporate prayer throughout the church.</li> </ol>

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

- 1) for our various Christmas services, programmes and activities. Our small, ageing congregation is increasingly challenged in the work required to organise for the season, so please pray for wisdom, energy and enthusiasm as we set ourselves to the tasks ahead. Pray that hearts will be challenged to encounter Jesus, not just the hype of the season. Pray that we are bold in proclaiming the Saviour to our village.
- 2) Praise the Lord for our Mainly Music parents/carers and toddlers programme. Pray that the relationships we have begun with young families of our village will produce gospel fruit in the Lord's time. Praise God for the many spiritual conversations, prayer requests and faith questions we have already been blessed with. Pray particularly that the Holy Spirit will stir up hearts to want to know Christ.
- 3) for the health of our congregation. We continue to persevere through a particularly difficult season of struggles for many in our fellowship and we need the Lord's strength and encouragement. Pray that the joy and hope of Christ will shine through our weaknesses. Pray that through the frailties of our flesh we will be drawn closer to Jesus and testify to the Lord's grace, mercy and love that is constantly poured out upon us.



**SAM CARTER** (Individual Partner, St Mary's, Barcombe)

- 1) Give thanks for a number of clear answers to prayer.
- 2) for us as we develop a vision for the church.
- 3) for the development of youth, children's and families' work.

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

- 1) that families will be added to the church, to enable us to re-start the Sunday School.
- 2) that there will be a good response in the community, as we seek to expand our youth outreach in the village, through the Lord's guiding and provision.
- 3) that the Lord will continue to guide as we reach the last stages of submitting our application to the Charity Commission to register the church as a CIO.






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

- 1) that the youth evangelism in the secondary schools in Burgess Hill, and the regular cycle of events to invite young people to, now results in young people coming to faith in Christ and becoming committed disciples.
- 2) that the churches involved in this project welcome every young person who comes to faith and enable them to grow in faith and commitment to Christ.
- 3) for the rebuilding of our young families' and children's work after COVID and especially for our new young families' and children's pastor, Lucy.



# STAFF WORKERS

<p>31</p> 	<p><b>NICK MCQUAKER</b> (Director)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining through the pressures of ministry and challenges in family life.</li> <li>2) for wisdom, faith and strength as I continue to serve in the region as Director of the SGP, and nationally as Development Officer for the Regional Gospel Partnerships (RGP) and co-chair of <i>A Passion For Life</i>.</li> <li>3) for Chris, our son's health to continue to improve so that he is able to sustain his university studies in Southampton.</li> <li>4) for Sam to continue standing firm in the truth of the gospel and grow in Christian character as he continues studying theology at Cambridge University.</li> <li>5) for Sarah to know how best to serve the Lord in her ministry with families at Christ Church, Haywards Heath.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>JON HOBBS</b> (Associate Trainer, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) for energy, clarity and time management in juggling two jobs and family life.</li> <li>2) for wisdom in how best to use my SGP time.</li> <li>3) for the Lord's continued provision of the resource at Grace Church, Haywards Heath, to make serving in the SGP possible.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>HELEN BYROM</b> (Administration, Ministry and Communications Manager, part-time)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that I would give thanks for each day the Lord gives, for his love that endures forever!</li> <li>2) that I would be servant-hearted in this new role as Administrator, and that I may be used for the growth of the SGP and the glory of God.</li> <li>3) for my family; husband, Peter, and our two children, Mabel and Percy. Pray that we will bring them up in the knowledge and love of God and be faithful in teaching them gospel truths that would go into their hearts.</li> </ol>

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