



**SUSSEX
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PARTNERSHIP**

June to November 2024

Prayer Diary



And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Dear Friends

It's great to be able to partner together in prayer and pray for one another and for the progress of the gospel in our region by using our bi-annual prayer diary.

This diary consists of prayer requests from Churches, 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,

James Knowles

Chair of Steering Group



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Day of Month	Please pray:
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BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP







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<div>1</div> 	<p>BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (Representative, Nick Tucker)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the person of God’s choosing to apply to be our new women’s and families’ worker. 2) that we see more families who come to groups during the week come to join us on Sundays and trust in Jesus as their Saviour. 3) for us to be a prayerful church and that we would know Christ and make Him known to everyone we come across.
	<p>HOLY CROSS, HOVE (Representative, Dave Howarth)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our pastors to determine what will enable as many church members as possible to grow in Christ. 2) for God to provide us with another elder. 3) for a summer Alpha course to be well used by church members and lead to conversions.

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<p>2</p> 	<p>CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Daniel Chapallaz)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God for a great weekend in March working in partnership with Grace Church, Brighton. We hosted <i>Meal with a Meaning</i>, an evangelistic meal with John Benton speaking on <i>God for Sceptics - the evidence</i>. John was then speaking on <i>Evil is a problem and Is Jesus real?</i> at our church services the next day. Pray that God would continue to work in those who heard John's talks and be drawing people to know Jesus as their Saviour. 2) for us as we need to provide future long-term accommodation for church workers. Brighton is an expensive place to live. Please join us in asking God to provide for what feels humanly impossible! 3) for wisdom to appoint the right person for our part-time administrator role - someone who would be a blessing to the church. We feel very stretched in the admin department.
	<p>PARK HILL EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Margaret Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks with us for good, helpful and inspiring teaching by visiting preachers while we are in the process of seeking suitable eldership for the future. 2) Give thanks that several new people now join regularly with us - some believers, some seekers. Ask the Lord to guide us in 'harnessing' gifts he has given for building up the church and sharing the gospel effectively. 3) for us as we have had to spend a considerable amount of money to address damp issues that inevitably afflict older buildings like ours. Funds are low, membership is small and more remedial work is necessary.
<p>3</p> 	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we are beginning to see some who benefit from our community support projects (including our food bank) growing in relationship with us and attending on Sundays. Please pray that they might trust in Jesus and grow as his followers. 2) for God's help and wisdom as we experience the challenges of trying to be a welcoming and inclusive church to children with special needs, adults with profound disabilities, as well as people from chaotic and broken backgrounds.
	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (Representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks with us for the five people baptised on Easter Sunday and for the growing number of weekly visitors to the Tab over the Easter season. Please pray that more people would be saved and added to the church. 2) for us as we seek to remodel our current book/gift shop into a contemporary café run by Christians, with books and Bibles on sale. Please pray that this project will make an impact on our community and that we'll have the team in place to run it. 3) that the church would continue to grow in depth of relationship and knowledge of Jesus. Pray that He would continue to shape and give meaning to everything in the lives of the members.

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<p>4</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for God-given boldness and fruitfulness in evangelism, for every member. 2) for the newer converts in the church to grow deep roots in faith. 3) for our Summer outreach with our American and other partners.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as our youth leader had to step back and I need to jump in there for now. Please pray that the influx of teenagers into the church keep coming and that we can minister to them. Give thanks that we now have seven groups, which is the most we have ever had.
<p>5</p> 	<p>TIM GAGE (Individual Partner, St Peter's, West Blatchington, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a joyful Easter time with many people joining us for our Easter 'special' from our outreach toddler group. 2) for the provision of a children's and families' worker. "The harvest is great but the workers are few". 3) for good integration of new believers into the life of the church, that they may grow in faith, service and love.
	<p>DAN HENDERSON (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we are moving forward with our church building project to facilitate ministry in the community. Please pray for the grant applications that are being sent off and for those fundraising, that God would bless the work and that the funds he wants us to spend on the building would come in. 2) as I have been granted sabbatical leave from June to August this year. Please pray for the Lord to help the team at St Andrew's as they cover things while I'm away and that he would use it as an opportunity for them to grow and feel equipped for the ministry here. Please pray that it would be a useful time of reflection and rest for me and that my wife, Jo, and the family will benefit from the time. Please pray that our marriage would be enriched and our family prepared for the next ten years of ministry!

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JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)

- 1) for my continued involvement at Cuckfield Baptist Church during 2024, assisting the elders, doing some preaching and helping to plan for the development of new leaders.
- 2) for my regular trips to Latvia: June for the graduation, September and late November for School of Preachers sessions. I would value prayer for a good new intake of students for the course in September. We are also seeing some exciting opportunities to offer preaching training to groups of Russian speaking preachers throughout Europe.
- 3) for the continued usefulness of my book on preaching, *God is in the House*. The Latvian translation should be ready for the Latvian Biblical Centre graduation in June, and for an official launch event in September. Please also pray for the Ukrainian version that is in process.
- 4) Give thanks that my book on fatherlessness is due to be published at some point in the autumn. Praise God for his help in getting it written, and pray for smooth progress through publication and for its widespread usefulness.



JEZ LOWRIES (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Peacehaven)

- 1) Give thanks for some new believers, a number of people growing significantly in their faith and a good number of people and families coming to church and staying.
- 2) for us as we have little money and few people able to take responsibility and lead areas of church life. Please ask God to provide for us financially, and by sending mature, committed workers for the harvest field.
- 3) that God would grow us more and more to maturity in Christ, loving one another and following Christ wholeheartedly, in every part of our lives.

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ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, DENTON (Representative, Mike Milmine)

- 1) for us as we move towards the creation of a United Benefice with St Michael's, Newhaven. Pray that the primary driver for this partnership will be the glory and honour of Jesus and that we will see the local area won for Christ.
- 2) Give thanks to God for the arrival of Marcus Mak, our new Associate Vicar, who will be joining me to minister across the Benefice. Pray that he and his family settle well in Newhaven and that he and I develop a strong friendship and fruitful working relationship.
- 3) Give thanks for the many enquirers and new faces that we are seeing at both churches. Pray that they will come to know Jesus and be discipled in him.



RICHARD BRUNTON (Associate Partner, Living Hope Ministries & member of Lancing Tab)

- 1) for good health for my family, especially my wife, Elaine.
- 2) Give thanks that Living Hope Ministries celebrates 30 years this year. All welcome to join us at Lancing Tab on 30 November, 10:30am to 2:30pm.
- 3) for the Lord to provide Lancing Tab with a youth and families worker.

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GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (Representative, Simon James-Morse)

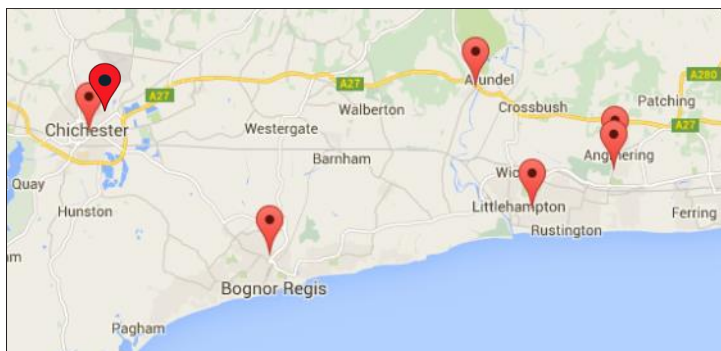
- 1) that the church will continue to grow together spiritually. Give thanks for a half-day of prayer.
- 2) that we will have opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the residents and staff of a local residential care home, and with the surrounding community.
- 3) that plans to launch a new Deaf Hub in the community will be realised and successful.



LANCING TABERNACLE (Representative, Barnaby Monteiro)

- 1) for me to have more peace in leading, conscious of the sovereign hand of God.
- 2) for church members to grow in a sense of "here I am, send me" rather than tending to think someone else will step up to various ministries.
- 3) for a second worker as the church is growing and I feel a little at capacity.

CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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SWANFIELD CHAPEL (Representative, Steve Davies)

- 1) Give thanks for signs of new growth, in particular the enquirers the Lord has brought through our doors and for new relationships being forged.
- 2) for spiritual fruit to come from the Christianity Explored course that we are running.
- 3) for courage to follow the Lord's leading, even when our comfort zones are left behind.

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ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, David Barnes)

- 1) for my wife, Elizabeth, and me as we look to move to Yeovil, Somerset (God willing) as I will be retiring in September of this year. We are looking to support our eldest daughter and her family there, establish ourselves in a local church and find rented accommodation for the next four years. I am also retiring for health reasons, and am awaiting an operation.
- 2) for Angmering Baptist Church (ABC). The deacons are looking for my successor. Pray this man will be solidly evangelical with a desire to expound the scriptures, have a pastoral heart and evangelistic zeal.
- 3) The numbers attending are the same as they have always been during my nine and a half years at ABC. A number have gone to be with the Lord, to be replaced by new people coming in who want the Bible teaching and the caring family fellowship that is ABC. Please pray good relationships will be forged in the coming months as members use the gifts God has given them to build each other up during the interregnum.





ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (Representative, Mark Standen)

- 1) for fruit to come from the ministry of two new staff members this year, namely Ben Martin (Associate Vicar in charge of developing our evangelism and ministry to young families) and Nat Gillett (our new Curate). We are grateful to God for his provision of these godly men, and would value prayers for them, their families and what the Lord will bring to us through them.
- 2) for us to encourage each church member to grow in their relationship with Christ, and to become willing to give themselves fully to the work of the Lord, because they realise that their labour in the Lord is not in vain.
- 3) for us to be able to engage more fully with more of our growing community in the village. Pray that we will share our lives and the gospel with them, trusting that God will open many eyes to the glories of the Lord Jesus Christ.



CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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<p>11</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (Representative, Phil Tadman)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as we give thanks for former vicars, and await God's provision for the future. Please pray that we continue to <i>gather, grow and go</i> as disciples of Jesus. May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 2) that we may be faithful in outreach to our parish, local community and networks. 3) that we would make the most of the opportunities we have through our work with children, youth and seniors.
	<p>THREE BRIDGES FREE CHURCH, CRAWLEY (Representative, Roger Barden)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Leadership - pray for the Lord to guide us to the right man to join us as an Assistant Pastor. It has been great to grow our deacon team over the last year. Pray that the Lord would grow men from within to join our eldership. 2) Evangelism - it's been great to see some spiritual openings in our Toddler's group. Pray for further opportunities amongst young families and fruitful community outreach through our monthly Hope Café on Wednesday mornings. 3) Discipleship - pray for growing understanding, delight and application of the gospel to daily lives amongst the church family as we hear from the gospel of Mark on Sunday mornings and Revelation on Sunday evenings.

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<p>12</p> 	<p>RUDGWICK CHAPEL (Representative, Charlie Sanders)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the Lord would bless 'An evening with Graham Kendrick' on 14 June, as we continue to celebrate our bicentenary this year. Also, as we create a display of the chapel's history - right up to our current activities - please pray that our village community would be interested to come and see the display and chat with us over a cuppa. 2) for us as we are now into the third and final year for which we have funding to support our Community Pastor, whom we share with Kirdford Chapel. We would dearly love to have James for longer, so please pray that further funding might become available. 3). Give thanks for those who have recently completed a Christianity Explored course. Please pray that this will result in clear commitments to Christ and a desire to continue to study God's word and grow in faith.
	<p>KIRDFORD CHAPEL (Representative, James Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us as houses in the new estate right next to the chapel are now up for sale, so we are moving ahead with our plans to welcome new neighbours and reach out to them with the gospel. 2) as we are very limited on space but recently got planning permission to build a cabin next to the chapel that will serve as a youth hub for our expanding children's and youth work. Please pray that we find the right people to build this and that work will commence ASAP. 3) that the Lord would richly bless the preaching and teaching of his word to all ages.

CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Steve Rees)



- 1) for our Mayfest events week as we invite friends and neighbours to join us for events and a guest service. Please pray for the follow-on course and for conversions.
- 2) for us and other SGP Anglicans as we seek to be faithful to the Bible's teaching on human sexuality.
- 3) Give thanks for new people joining the church family. Pray that they would find their place and be blessed in serving the Lord with us.





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

- 1) Praise God for a major shift in contextual church life in the conference in Moldova. Delegates from Uzbekistan, Karakalpakstan, Tajikistan and other Central Asian states discussed together how to be biblical in Muslim communities. Many books, tracts and memory sticks with hundreds of articles were distributed.
- 2) for an ingathering of Muslim communities in the years to come.

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<p>14</p> 	<p>ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Mark Rapley)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we may embody our mission purpose to live for the glory of Jesus and the benefit of others, as we seek to <i>Know Jesus, Show Jesus and Share Jesus</i>. 2) as 650 new homes are being built in the vicinity - that we would have the compassion of Christ Jesus so that his people are at the heart of the new communities being created. 3) Give thanks for recent spiritual fruit and pray that in the busyness of our facility projects we don't get distracted from Kingdom priorities.
<p>15</p> 	<p>NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a new monthly 8:45am communion service that we are trialling over the summer. 2) that we make the most of opportunities with new families - helping them to grow deeper in faith. 3) for an increase in the number of people wanting to join home groups.
	<p>ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Representative, Mike Warren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a restful and rejuvenating sabbatical from May to July, and for Phil Peddar and the rest of the team to enjoy much blessing in my absence! 2) for godly and gifted small-group leaders, PCC members, youth and children's leaders - either to grow up quickly from within the church or to move to St Peter's. 3) for us as we plan to relaunch midweek groups in September. Pray for new members and deeply supportive and enriching meetings.

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<p>16</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (Representative, Paddy McBain)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for conversions as we share the gospel. 2) for godly, wise leadership. 3) that we will <i>Grow, Glow and Go</i>. In obedience to the Scriptures, may we <i>Grow</i> so that we overflow with people and with commitment to Christ; <i>Glow</i> as we radiate God's love to all, in everything we say and do; <i>Go</i> out to serve others, so that they are transformed by His compassion.
	<p>JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for God to graciously work again this year through our summer youth camp and holiday. 2) for the sabbatical that the church has given me from mid April to the end of June to be a time of blessing to the church - both during and in its 'after effects'. 3) for God to give growth through new Christians and maturing Christians.

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!
- 2) that my relationship with our Father in heaven thrives, with me listening to his word, and believing and living out what he says!
- 3) that as a family we speak boldly, truthfully, passionately, and winsomely about Jesus in our local community.



DAVID BAKER (Individual Partner, East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches)

- 1) for wisdom going forward, especially in relation to thinking about how best to prioritise and reorganise competing demands on time.
- 2) for our three churches that the Lord will guide, provide, protect and revive.
- 3) for Dawn and our children, Naomi and Jonathan.

JUNE 2024

Week 1 - Pray that our Men's Retreat at Ashburnham on 4 and 5 June would be a good time of refreshment and fellowship, and that as ministers join with David Jackman to explore the theme of *Godly Leadership*, they will be inspired and enriched by God's word.

Week 2 - Pray for all those attending the Southern Women's Convention on Saturday 8 June. Pray that the day of teaching from Hebrews, fellowship, worship and seminars will encourage everyone to see how God's story is fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ and that, even in the midst of life's storms, God's story is perfectly written for us!

Week 3 - Pray for our Summer Partnership Training Day on Tuesday 18 June when Nigel Styles will be looking at Ecclesiastes and how we can live outside the Garden. Pray for many to join with us for this day of teaching and growing our relationships across the Partnership.

Week 4 - Sussex Youthworks: pray for Revive, our summer away-day for those in full-time youth and children's ministry.

JULY

Week 1 - Pray for the planning of the Annual Conference on Saturday 16 November. Pray for the preparation and staffing of all areas of the day, including children's and youth streams, stewards and the group work session.

Week 2 - Pray for the Steering Committee as they spend a day away together on 3 July. Pray for Adam, James, Jon, Roger, Rory and Sam as they spend time thinking and praying about the season ahead for the Partnership.

Week 3 - Pray for the end of term and especially for those students who will come to the end of their two years of study with us. We rejoice in all they have learned and pray that the Lord will encourage them in their future plans.

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 the summer months.

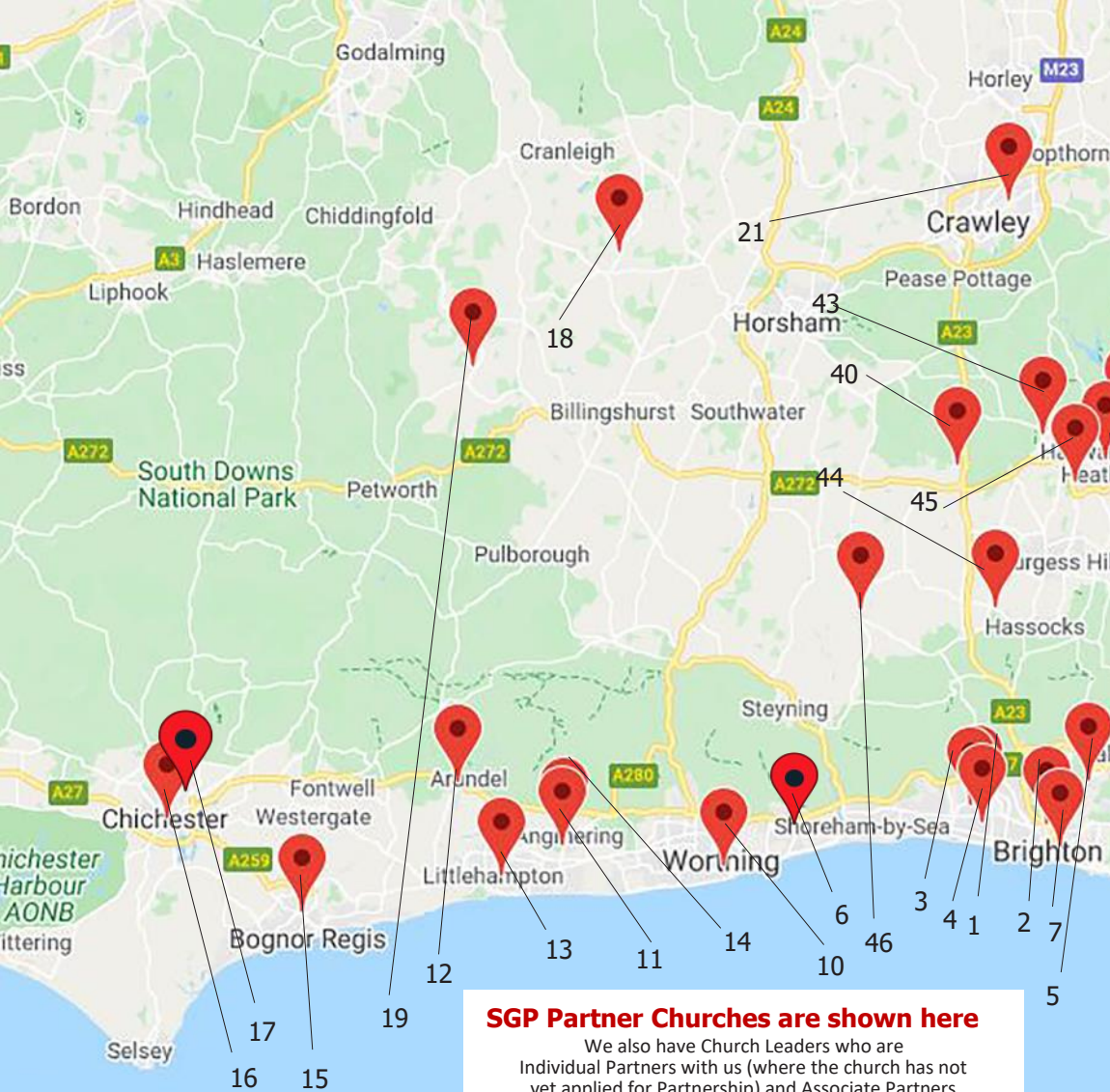
AUGUST

Week 1 - Pray for Vic as she looks to install a new accounting system at SGP over the summer period. Pray for organisational skills in making sure everything crosses over and for patience in learning a new tool.

Week 2 - Pray for the new Saturday Morning Bible Training Course starting in Crawley in September. Pray for good numbers to sign up and that the course will be a blessing to all.

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 - Pray for the planning team as they make preparations for our Autumn Women's Retreat for ministers' wives and women serving on church staff teams in Bible-teaching ministries.



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

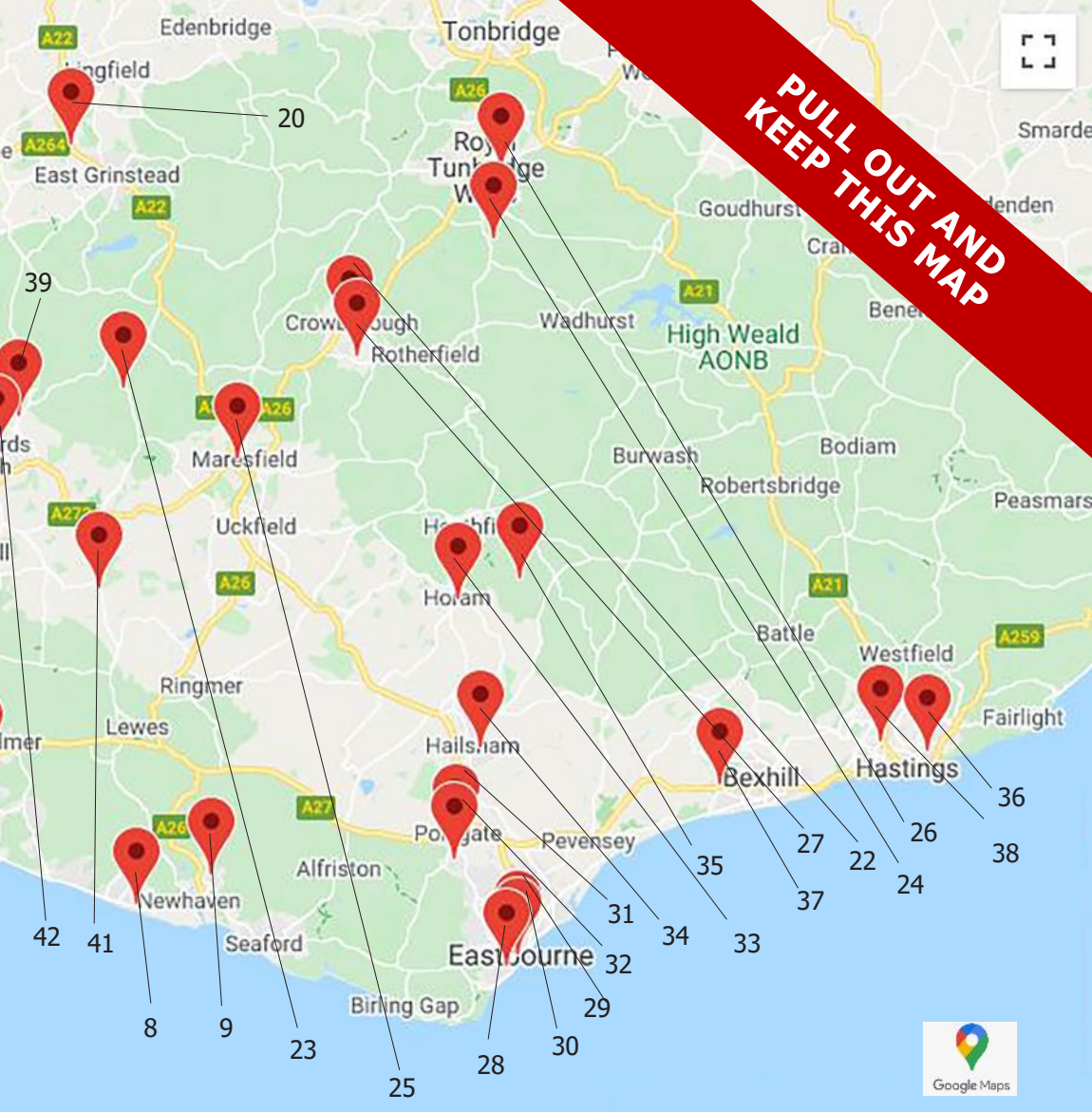
- 11 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 12 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 13 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 14 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 15 - St Mary Magdalene, S. Bersted
- 16 - St Pancras Church, Chichester
- 17 - Swanfield Chapel

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 2024

Week 1 - Pray for us as we prepare for the start of term, that set-up would go smoothly and that students will quickly settle into their courses and make good friendships. Pray for our venues – Cuckfield Baptist Church, St Margaret's Angmering and St Andrew's Crawley - that our presence would be a blessing to them too.

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 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 Saturday 21 Sep (Angmering), Tuesday 24 Sep (SMTC), Thursday 26 Sep (Study Group) and Saturday 28 Sep (Crawley).

Week 4 - 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.

OCTOBER

Week 1 - Give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

Week 2 - Pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Autumn Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 16 October.

Week 3 - Pray for the final planning stages of the Annual Conference, that the venue - All Saints' Crowborough - will be blessed by our presence and that everyone who has booked is able to attend. Pray that the day will be a great time of learning and growing together as a Partnership family.

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

NOVEMBER

Week 1 - Pray for the Sussex Ministry Training Course students going to London for a day. Pray for safe travel and a good day out of the classroom to continue learning and enjoying fellowship with one another.

Week 2 - Pray for the SGP Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision.

Week 3 - Pray for the Annual Conference on 16 November. Paul Mallard will be speaking on *Glimpsing Heaven: how the hope of heaven transforms how we live in the present*. Pray that the day will strengthen our gospel partnership and encourage and equip us in our evangelism. See page 19 of this diary!

Week 4 - Ask the Lord to help us all be praying about the additional opportunities that Christmas brings. Ask him to give us courage, boldness and a greater love for the lost, so that we are eager to invite those around us to come and hear about the birth of our Saviour.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 16 November 2024

***Glimpsing Heaven:
how the hope of heaven transforms
how we live in the present***



We are delighted that **Paul Mallard** will be the main speaker at our **Annual Conference** this year.

Paul is the FIEC's Director for the West Midlands and the chair of the FIEC's Theology Team. He retired from full-time ministry at Widcombe Baptist Church, Bath, in 2022.

As usual there will be a children's and youth programme running throughout the day.

Please pray for the day, plan to join us, and look out for booking details soon!

Venue: All Saints' Church, Crowborough, TN6 1ED

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

<p>18</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the demonstrations of God's grace to the church family in the face of some challenging issues in the early spring; for the increasing number of people in their 20s attending our informal weekly Bible reading called <i>Faith Explored</i>; for the new members to the Leadership Council (PCC) that bring maturity and ministry experience; for the new preachers exploring their preaching gifts and wisdom for me to train them well. 2) for clarity of thought, wisdom and courage for the church leadership as they prepare and present <i>Our Vision to Magnify the Lord</i> over the next five years.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that our 4pm service which started in January will, in particular, see families being saved and nurtured. 2) that musicians and people with technical know-how would be added to us. 3) that we can build a team to do evangelistic outreach in this area and for it to be fruitful.
<p>19</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (Representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God with us for the number of visitors that joined us at our various Easter events. Please pray that we would see some of them become long term members of our church family, by the grace of God. 2) for Adrian as he continues his formal training to become a Reader in the Church of England. 3) and ask God to help us all to become more mature in Christ, whether we are physically fit or physically frail, young or old, long-term Christians or new to following Jesus.
	<p>DAVID BOURNE (Associate Partner, All Souls Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for our new home and life in retirement in Eastbourne. 2) for wise choices in responding to requests for help and opportunities to serve, while remembering it is retirement! 3) for me as I continue as chair of trustees for Bible by the Beach. We are seeking to recruit a new Operations Director and some new trustees, while planning for the future and managing the inevitable cost increases at the venue and for accommodation in Eastbourne.

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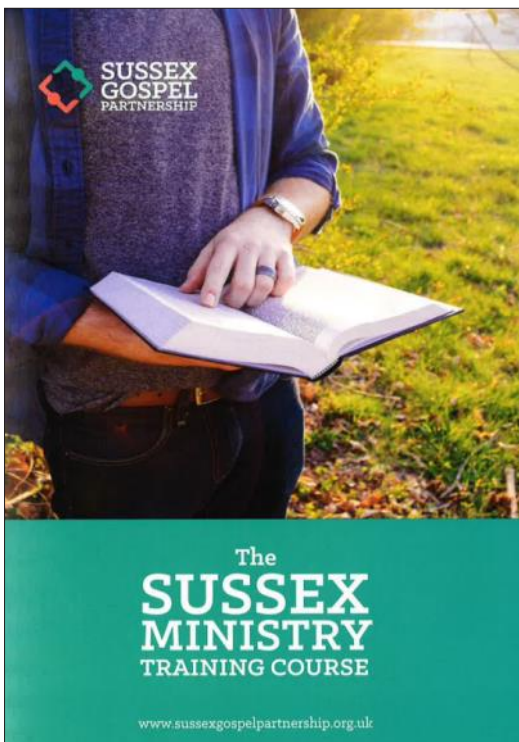
<p>20</p> 	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, Mark Redhouse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the wardens, PCC and staff team of All Souls as they begin an interregnum in early May. Pray that the Lord will continue to uphold them and give them wisdom for the months ahead. 2) that in due course the right appointment will be made for the next Vicar of All Souls. 3) that as summer draws close, plans for the church family camp and young people's summer camps go well. Please pray that the Lord uses these times to grow fellowship and maturity in Christ.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a reputable, preferably non-evangelical, publisher with good marketing skills to accept my overlong book manuscript <i>Gay Love and Christian Faith: What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?</i> So far four university publishers have turned it down. 2) for the team of SGP 'Pastors to the Pastors', of whom I am one, to be used by God to listen to, encourage and pray with SGP ministers/clergy and their teams. 3) for my ministry in the Church of England: speaking/voting at General Synod and as one of a team of 14 who choose Diocesan Bishops (in this period: Ely and Coventry).
<p>21</p> 	<p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, James Knowles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) As the new Chair of Trustees of the SGP - it would be great for everyone to pray for the Gospel Partnership to continue to flourish and impact the county for God's glory. Pray for the appointment of a new Director, and pray for new churches to join the partnership as we share many training resources together. 2) that all our ministry area leaders will grow in their love and knowledge of Christ and serve faithfully. 3) Thank the Lord that he keeps sending new people who are wanting to find out more about Jesus. Pray that the Lord will save many and that we will be faithful in discipling new believers.
	<p>DAVID JACKMAN (Associate Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the publication of my book <i>Proclaiming the Word</i> by Crossway, scheduled for September, that it may be used to stimulate and encourage expository preaching both here and further afield. 2) Give thanks for the completion of my <i>Bible Guide to 2 Corinthians</i> for Matthias Media in Australia and pray for its production in the coming months. 3) for clarity and effectiveness in ongoing preaching and pastoral opportunities both at All Saints and elsewhere.

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 (2024/2025)

£245 per term (£735 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.



Fees (2024-2026)

£85 per term (£510 for the whole two-year course, over six terms)

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

Next course runs from September 2024 to July 2026 and will be based at St Andrew's Church, Crawley.

More information for both courses is available at:

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

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Usual office hours: Monday AM, Tuesday, Wednesday AM

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Rory Graham)

- 1) for the appointment of God's man as our new Associate Vicar.
- 2) that we might have the resources we need to continue to hold out Christ to our town.
- 3) for God to strengthen the faith of those young people who will be moving away to further education. Pray they will get stuck in to a good local church.



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


- 1) for us as we embark on a project to increase the size of our building and create a new community hub next door. We would value prayers for wisdom, financial provision and planning approval.
- 2) as our current youth team is stepping down. Some of them have served for 30 years in the church. Please pray for God to call and equip a new generation of youth workers.
- 3) Give thanks for God's presence and faithfulness and for the growth we have seen over the last year. A number of new families have joined the church and are becoming members.



TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel)

- 1) for the monthly market which we continue to hold. Pray that it will maintain its popularity. It is held on the first Saturday of each month, except January.

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<p>23</p> 	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (Representative, PJ Guy)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for two people wanting to be baptised and pray for their growth in discipleship. 1) for wisdom about how to approach the extensive work needed on our buildings. 3) for fruitfulness to come from the diocesan church growth initiative that we've been asked to be part of this year.
	<p>WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Marc Lloyd)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) as we have our church stand at the flower show on Saturday 27 July and our joint church service in the marquee on the Green the next day. Please pray for the Lord to bring spiritual fruit. 2) for our morning together on Saturday 19 October, when we shall be considering evangelism. 3) for all who attend weddings or other special events or services in the benefice this summer.

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

- 1) Give thanks for stronger links with our church school and the opportunities for assemblies, a lunchtime club, RE visits and inviting families to church events. Please do pray for the Lord to open a door for the message with these families.
- 2) for an increasing number of people being willing to commit to being part of a midweek small group and for the Lord to provide the right people to lead these groups.
- 3) Give thanks for our link with the Hastings CAP Debt Centre and pray for opportunities for our befrienders to be able to share Christ with their clients.

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

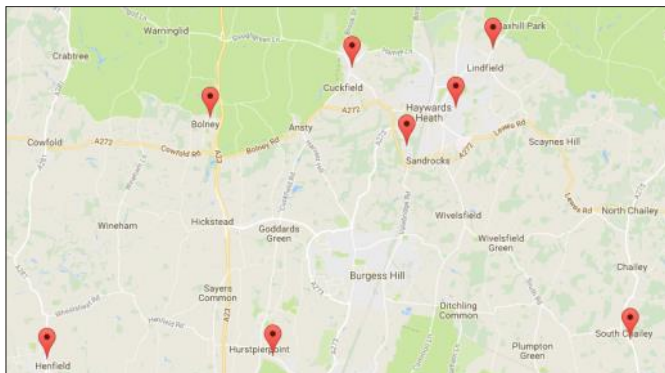
- 1) for our ministry in music to develop in resources and styles to the glory of God.
- 2) for our ministry to children to grow in breadth and depth as it rejoices in the height and length of the love of God.
- 3) for our ministry as a fellowship to build men and women of conviction, character and competence as we minister to one another.



EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (Representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for our 150th anniversary celebrations to exalt Christ and make him known.
- 2) for the equipping of more people to serve in Word ministries.
- 3) for the continuing development of our men's and women's ministries.

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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks for continued integration after a period of steady growth, and for continued unity.
- 2) Give thanks that my health continues to improve, having been off Nov-Jan with post-viral fatigue.
- 3) that the Lord would provide for us as we seek to appoint an associate pastor later this year.
- 4) that the Lord would raise up elders from within, particularly out of the leadership training group we are about to start.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (Representative, David Lowries)

- 1) Give thanks with us for a church family that loves God's word and loves one another well.
- 2) Praise God for a vicar at the Anglican church in the village with whom we can partner.
- 3) Praise God that our buildings don't need anything urgently. Please pray for help and wisdom as we seek to look after our buildings.

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<p>27</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (Representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for our new daytime Breakout Group launching with Hope Explored on 27 June, 4 and 11 July. Please also pray for those attending our existing Breakout Groups to come to faith. 2) for our gala dinner on 28 September, with guest speaker Mark Greenwood, when we will be launching an autumn Alpha course. 3) that my new book <i>Let's Start from Here</i>, which is being distributed to every prison in the country this summer, will bear fruit for the gospel.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (Representative, Steve Nichols)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we would grow in confidence in sharing the gospel day-to-day and that we would see more people come to know the Lord. 2) that those new to church would pray, serve, give and grow, being drawn more into the life of the church family.
<p>28</p> 	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to grow in maturity in our prayer life as a church family - especially in our times when we gather all together to pray. 2) for wisdom as elders in how best we can teach disciples at all different stages - seeking to all grow up together in Christ. 3) for us all to grow in courage, boldness and zeal in reaching out to make disciples - particularly in areas of the local population where we have seen no fruit.
	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for true conversion and wholehearted discipleship in those considering the faith - adults and young people. 2) for wisdom for the elders and especially our trainee minister, Ben Read, in practical steps towards Ben planting a church in Burgess Hill in two to three years' time. 3) for Mid-Sussex District Council to be willing and able to increase the space of the building we meet in.

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HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) Praise the Lord that our fellowship continues to grow in faith. We are encouraged by the number that have taken up a Bible reading plan recently. Please pray that the word of God will have a powerful, transformational impact on their lives. Praise God also for the new attenders/members who have joined our congregation in recent years. Pray that they will be encouraged and built up in their faith and know God's abundant blessings as they grow in our fellowship.
- 2) for the outreach/engagement events that we host throughout the coming months - Ladies' breakfasts, Men's curry nights, various fellowship meals, cake stalls, etc. Pray that the Lord will use our efforts to draw people to Jesus. Pray that our conversations with non-Christians are seasoned with grace, hope and joy and that we faithfully share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.



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

- 1) for the development and implementation of our vision.
- 2) for the development of a new Bible study group as part of our outreach to young people.
- 3) for the Lord to raise up new leaders for the work in Barcombe.

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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (Representative, Roger Nutley)

- 1) that the numbers at our Messy Church will continue to grow.
- 2) that the transition to membership of the church CIO will go ahead smoothly.
- 3) that the church youth club will grow in numbers and commitment.

STAFF WORKERS

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JON HOBBS (Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) Give much thanks to the Lord for his sustaining of me while there is no SGP Director, and keeping things manageable with church.
- 2) for energy and wisdom in balancing the two jobs and time with family.
- 3) for freshness and sharpening of my teaching material that has been taught before.



VIC DONOUGHER (Administrator and Communications Manager, part-time)

- 1) for peace and grace as I continue to settle into the new Administrator role at SGP, especially during this time that we are without a Director.
- 2) for wisdom on the best approach to new systems and processes within the role.
- 3) Give thanks that this new part-time SGP role allows me to spend more time at home with my family and in Sussex serving our community.

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