



**SUSSEX
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Dec 2024 to May 2025

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

We thank the Lord for his provision of our new Director of the SGP, Spencer Shaw. Please give thanks for the Lord's wisdom and guidance given to the SGP Trustees throughout the vacancy and for how the Partnership served one another in so many ways, strengthening our gospel partnership across Sussex. We look forward to what the Lord would have us do together for the gospel. Please keep Spencer and Ruth in your prayers as they move and join us in Sussex.

James Knowles

Chair of Steering Group

Dear Friends, as I join the partnership I'm thrilled that we can partner together in prayer, 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. It's a privilege to be in partnership with you in the gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Spencer Shaw

Director (from January)

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Day of
Month

Please pray:

BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Daniel Chapallaz)



- 1) Give thanks to God for blessing us this year with new people, new members, two baptisms and another person wanting to be baptised. We give glory to God that he is building his church.
- 2) for outreach opportunities for us in Brighton. Pray particularly that we would connect well with people at our annual Musical Evening, Christmas events and follow-up 321 courses.
- 3) for the Lord to provide a good long-term accommodation solution for my wife and me, so that we can continue serving the Lord here.



GRACE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Julian Rebera)

- 1) for us as, each Thursday, we go into the streets of our city and evangelise through open air preaching, street work, surveys etc. Please pray that we effectively sow the seed far, wide and deep, and that the Lord will save many.
- 2) Give thanks to God for the young adults we have reached. Please pray that we also begin to see families saved.
- 3) we are effective in forming mutual partnerships with churches and individuals. As our start-up funding reduces we must broaden our support base for the work to continue at all. At the same time there are churches in Brighton that need help, encouragement and support. Our aim is to establish a gospel centred church that can effectively reach the lost people of Brighton, and support and plant other churches. Please pray for the Lord's favour to be upon us.

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<p>2</p> 	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that people have taken well to our vision to grow as Disciples of Jesus who love God and love people. Pray for the outworking of that in every church member and every part of church life. 2) for our Christmas outreach events, including our Carol Service and our Family Craft and Carols. Pray for everyone to be actively praying about who they can invite. 3) that we might be a church which is welcoming and accessible for all kinds of people, especially those we serve from the community with our mercy ministries. Pray they might come to know Jesus.
	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (Representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks to the Lord for the many new faces we are seeing at the moment. Pray that they would stick with us and grow in their faith. 2) for wisdom and more volunteers, following the growth we've seen in our Sunday school ministry. We're at the point now where we need to think about how to manage the numbers and the age ranges of the children, potentially by creating two groups. 3) for our cafe/bookshop project, which is moving forward very well. We give thanks for the amazing contributions of so many church members in getting the project to where it is now, liaising with all the partners such as the council, builders, contractors, architects, etc. Please pray that we can recruit God's choice of person to be the manager, and that we'd appoint the best builder to do the work.



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<p>3</p> 	<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 Associate Vicar. 2) Praise God for new staff members. Pray that they settle in well and that through their ministry the work amongst families, young people and small groups grows and flourishes. 3) for our evangelism as a church, that the Lord grows an evangelistic heart and desire within us. 4) for our big church weekend away to Ashburnham in March 2025. Pray that the Lord uses it to grow our faith in Christ, unity as a Church, and joy in the Gospel together.
	<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 every church member to engage in the church's mission to our patch in West Hove. 3) for God to provide us with another elder.
<p>4</p> 	<p>DAN HENDERSON (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Hove)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks to God for refreshment over my sabbatical leave, for important time with family, for a renewed vision of ministry at St Andrew's and for some great books I learnt from! 2) for a small group of five people from the church who are starting to meet together and may go on to be trained as leaders. 3) for our re-ordering team as they press on towards the goal of making our building work for the ministry in Hove rather than against it! Please pray particularly for faculty permission to be granted in the new year and for funding to come in as a response.
	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for small groups restarting, with the biggest sign-up to date. 2) for our youth group - a fairly new ministry—with about 10 precious teens. 3) for preparations for our India mission trip in February 2025.

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<p>5</p> 	<p>JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Work in the UK - for wisdom in taking on the most fruitful opportunities in preaching, training and coming alongside SGP pastors. This year I have also become one of the Crosslands Training Tutors, which is a great opportunity for me to learn more about learning. 2) Latvia and beyond - for trips to Latvia in the first two weeks of December 2024 and March and May 2025. Pray for the process of appointing and preparing a new Director for the Latvian Biblical Centre; we have identified a candidate and look forward to him taking over next summer. Pray also for our extension work in the School of Preachers programme among Ukrainian preachers scattered at different points around Europe. 3) Writing - for the ongoing usefulness of 'God is in the House' in English and in the new Latvian version. Pray too for the editorial process for my Fatherlessness book and the plans to set up some events to promote the book in 2025. Pray too for wisdom about the writing itches I am thinking about scratching.
<p>6</p> 	<p>JEZ LOWRIES (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Peacehaven)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'</i> (Matt 9:37-38) There are about 24,000 people in Peacehaven, and many are harassed and helpless. Please ask the Lord to send more workers to Peacehaven, to raise up workers from within the church family and equip them to serve him in the harvest field.
	<p>RICHARD BRUNTON (Associate Partner, Living Hope Ministries & member of Lancing Tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for my wife, Elaine, who is in hospital with a severe lung infection. Please pray for complete healing. 2) Give thanks to God for the work of Living Hope Ministries. We celebrate 30 years on 30 November. www.livinghopeministries.uk

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<p>7</p> 	<p>GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (Representative, Simon James-Morse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the church will continue to grow together spiritually. Give thanks for a successful Awayday. 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 the surrounding community. 3) that the monthly services of the deaf community across Sussex will continue to thrive.
	<p>LANSING TABERNACLE (Representative, Barnaby Monteiro)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a servant-hearted eldership (which is a huge blessing) and pray for God's strength and joy for each of them. 2) for a spiritual hunger for the Bible in line with our verse for the year (1 Peter 2 verse 2). 3) for an administrator and families' worker, to help with our growing numbers.

CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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SWANFIELD CHAPEL (Representative, Steve Davies)

- 1) for more leaders to emerge from within the congregation and take ownership of some of the church's activities, including administration and outreach.
- 2) for effective ways of building relationships in our immediate local area, which is one of the city's more deprived areas.
- 3) Give thanks for our new monthly youth group, Crossroads, which began in October and meets on the first Friday of the month.



ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Polly Lander)

- 1) for us as we search for a new Pastor, now that David Barnes has retired.
- 2) for growth within the fellowship.
- 3) for us all to have a deep desire to reach our neighbours with the good news of Jesus.

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CHRIS FRY (Individual Partner, Chichester)

I'm a new Individual Partner with SGP and the lead pastor for a new church plant in Chichester, which is due to be launched in summer 2025. Please pray:

- 1) that the Lord would provide the right people for this new church plant. We aim to have a team of around 25-30 adults and already have around a dozen (currently living in Chichester or looking to move to the area to be involved) who are interested and committed.
- 2) that the Lord would provide the finance for this church plant. I am currently writing to different churches and trusts to raise the finance so we can plant and then establish ourselves over the next few years.
- 3) that we would form quick and good relationships with folk in Chichester as we settle as a family and look to minister the gospel in this area.

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<p>10</p> 	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (Representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the new members of staff we have welcomed during the year, namely Ben Martin as Associate Vicar and Nat Gillett as Curate. Please pray for our new team to work well to God's glory. Pray that we will continue to invest in the spiritual growth of each member of our church family. 2) for a development of our ministry amongst families, supporting parents in their challenging but vital roles. 3) for the appointment of a new head teacher for our church school, to succeed the current one who is retiring in April. This is a key appointment. 4) for us as we seek to reach the many new estates in the village – population has trebled in the last 25 years, with more housing on the way!
	<p>ROBERT LOVATT (Associate Partner, St Margaret's, Angmering)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for my wife, Marian, and me as we are likely to be moving to Peacehaven in early 2025. Our Son-in-Law, Jez Lowries, is Vicar of Ascension Church, Peacehaven, which is a huge parish (circa 24,000). The needs are great and so we have, after prayer and reflection, decided to move. Currently we are in the early stages of waiting for our house sale to go through. We are so grateful to St Margaret's Church, where we have been for the last four years, for their warmth and hospitality. St Margaret's is comparatively well resourced and this has contributed to our sense of calling to Peacehaven, where the need is great. We would be grateful for your prayers surrounding this move.
<p>11</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Jim Braddock)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that a young family with three children has been coming regularly and please pray that more young families might also join with us. 2) that the Lord would help us as a fellowship to continue to grow in knowledge, understanding and love for our Saviour. 3) for opportunities to reach out in the community, especially to those who will be moving into a new housing development over the coming year.
	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, St John the Evangelist, Southbourne w West Thorney)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for fruit from our outreach courses that have run this year, with a small group of people making, or close to making, a commitment to Christ. 2) for opportunities over the whole Christmas period, leading into <i>Hope Explored</i> in the New Year. 3) for unity and a growing sense of Church family across our two main congregations.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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

- 1) Associate Pastor - for the Lord to direct our paths to the right man to join and strengthen our eldership.
- 2) Youth - give thanks for a growing children's and youth ministry. Pray for opportunities to reach more families who aren't currently connected to the church.
- 3) Christmas - for open doors and hearts for the gospel and for the Carol Service being planned in Worth Park in mid-December.



RUDGWICK CHAPEL (Representative, Charlie Sanders)

- 1) Give thanks for all our bicentenary celebrations in 2024 - for contacts made and events that have helped to raise the chapel's profile in the village.
- 2) Give thanks for a few new people who have started coming to our Sunday service and/or our weekly Bible study. Please pray for continued growth - both numerically and spiritually.
- 3) about our funding for James Clarke, our Community Pastor shared with Kirdford Chapel, which will run out in May 2025. Please pray that further funding might be found as we would love to keep James on for longer.



KIRDFORD CHAPEL (Representative, James Clarke)

- 1) Give thanks that we've been able to visit the folk who are moving into the houses in the new estate, built next to the chapel. We've been delighted to discover that many houses are occupied by families with young children. We took a welcome pack which included an invite to our meetings and other activities. One family has already begun to send their daughter to our kids' club. Pray that others will respond too.
- 2) Give thanks that we've found a builder for our new youth hub and work is about to commence. If the weather is good, this may be completed by Christmas! Please pray that the work goes well and that the extra space equips our various ministries and helps to revitalise the church.
- 3) that the Lord would richly bless the preaching and teaching of his word to all ages, both within and without the church walls.



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) Give thanks for the wonderful opportunities that we have to share Christ with many people. Please pray that our regular outreach courses at the local pub will help many people *Discover Jesus and Discover Life*.
- 2) for wisdom as we seek to contend for the authority of God's word over all of life in the face of the tragic drift in the national church. Pray that we would contend graciously and helpfully. Pray for repentance amongst our senior leaders in the Church of England.



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

- 1) Give thanks for our seminar in October at All Saints', Crowborough, to help train people in reaching out to immigrants. This was the first of a programme being rolled out to churches that want to host a local training day in South East England.
- 2) Give thanks for the offer of books which people will be able to download from our website (from November) for deeper training in a variety of subjects. Translations into central Asian languages are ongoing and making an impact.
- 3) for volunteers to spend time in DGU Christian University in Moldova to teach English and skills to Central Asian students from all over Central Asia. Accommodation is supplied.

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14		ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Mark Rapley) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that we may embody our purpose to live for the glory of Jesus, and the benefit of others, as we seek to KNOW Jesus through His word and prayer; SHOW Jesus through our lives and being engaged in our communities; SHARE Jesus through evangelism and using His gifts. 2) Give thanks that people are beginning to move into the new homes built in our vicinity. Please pray that we would have the compassion of Christ Jesus so that we are at the heart of the new communities being created. 3) Give thanks for recent spiritual fruit and pray that, in the business of our facility projects, we don't get distracted from Kingdom priorities.
		NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for new people prepared to help with occasional leading and preaching. 2) for the provision of a new heating system - ideally so we are not very cold in the winter months! 3) for the possibility of a Christianity Explored course at some point after Christmas.
		ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Representative, Mike Warren) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for leaders – Bible teachers (youth, children, adults) and elders/deacons. 2) for wisdom in dealings (or not!) with the Church of England and Bishop of Rochester. 3) for growth to mature faith for new believers and fringe attenders.

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ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (Representative, Paddy McBain)

- 1) for increasing godliness and confidence in the Scriptures among our church leaders and members.
- 2) for a prayerful 'plus one' culture where we are introducing people to Jesus and seeing them come to a living faith in Him.
- 3) that we will be growing in numbers and in commitment to Christ; radiating God's love to all in what we say and do; and transforming our villages as we share God's compassion.



JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) for God's provision for leaders and helpers in our youth and children's work.
- 2) for God's Spirit to stir people of Crowborough to spiritual interest.
- 3) for God to use the distribution of Gospels through much of the town, planned for early next year.

DECEMBER 2024

Week 1 - Give thanks for our Annual Conference on 16 November and pray that the teaching received will help us live lives fully engaged in this world but with the certain knowledge that our citizenship is in heaven.

Week 2 - Pray for the end of term on the SMTC course on Tuesday 10th. Pray for our Christmas Lunch together as we celebrate and give thanks for the learning so far and the friendships formed.

Week 3 - 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. Pray for the last Wednesday Morning Prayer meeting of this term on Wednesday 18th. The SGP staff team is so thankful for the support from the Partnership in this year without a Director. Pray that as Spencer starts in January, this weekly prayer time will be such a blessing to him and his role within the SGP.

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

JANUARY 2025

Week 1 - 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.

Week 2 - 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 11 January (Crawley, Year 1), Tuesday 14 Jan (SMTC), and Saturday 18 January (Angmering, Year 2).

Week 3 - Pray for the SGP Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on 22 January.

Week 4 - Continue to pray for Spencer as he meets with Partners across the SGP. Pray for good and fruitful conversations as he looks to grow the Partnership and encourage existing relationships.

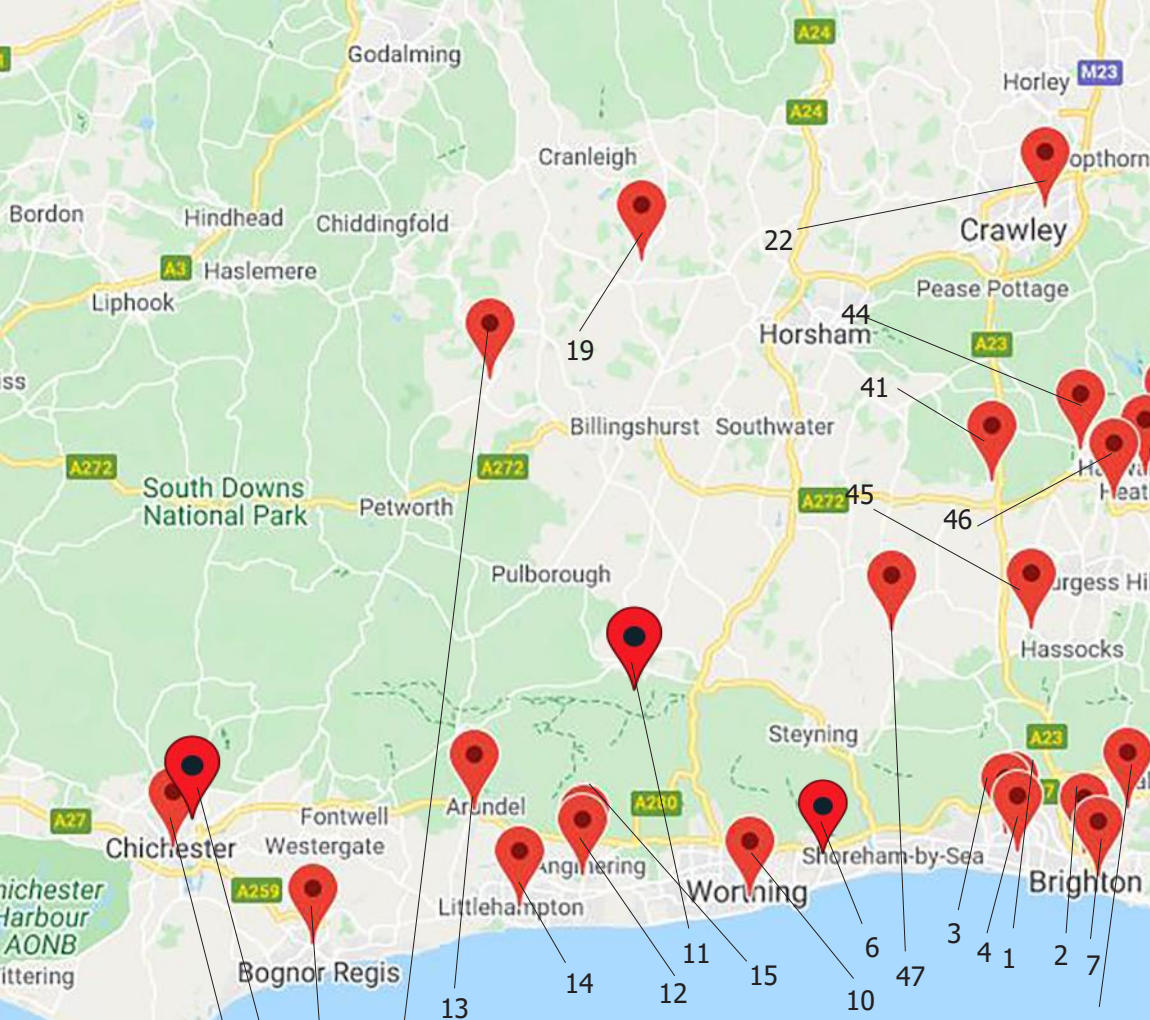
FEBRUARY

Week 1 - Pray that church leaders who are struggling or facing difficulties will seek help.

Week 2 - Pray for our *Spring Partnership Meeting* on Wednesday 12th at Bishop Hannington. Pray for Adam Thrift as he leads the conversation on Sussex Youthworks. Give thanks for the team at Bishop Hannington who offer such great hospitality to the Partnership and pray for strengthening of relationships across all partner churches.

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 Sussex Youthworks *Come and See* training event on Saturday 1 March at All Saints', Lindfield. Pray for good discussions and learning around the topic 'Making Youth and Kids Work accessible to all'.



SGP Partner Churches are shown here

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

Brighton Cluster Group

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

Chichester Cluster Group

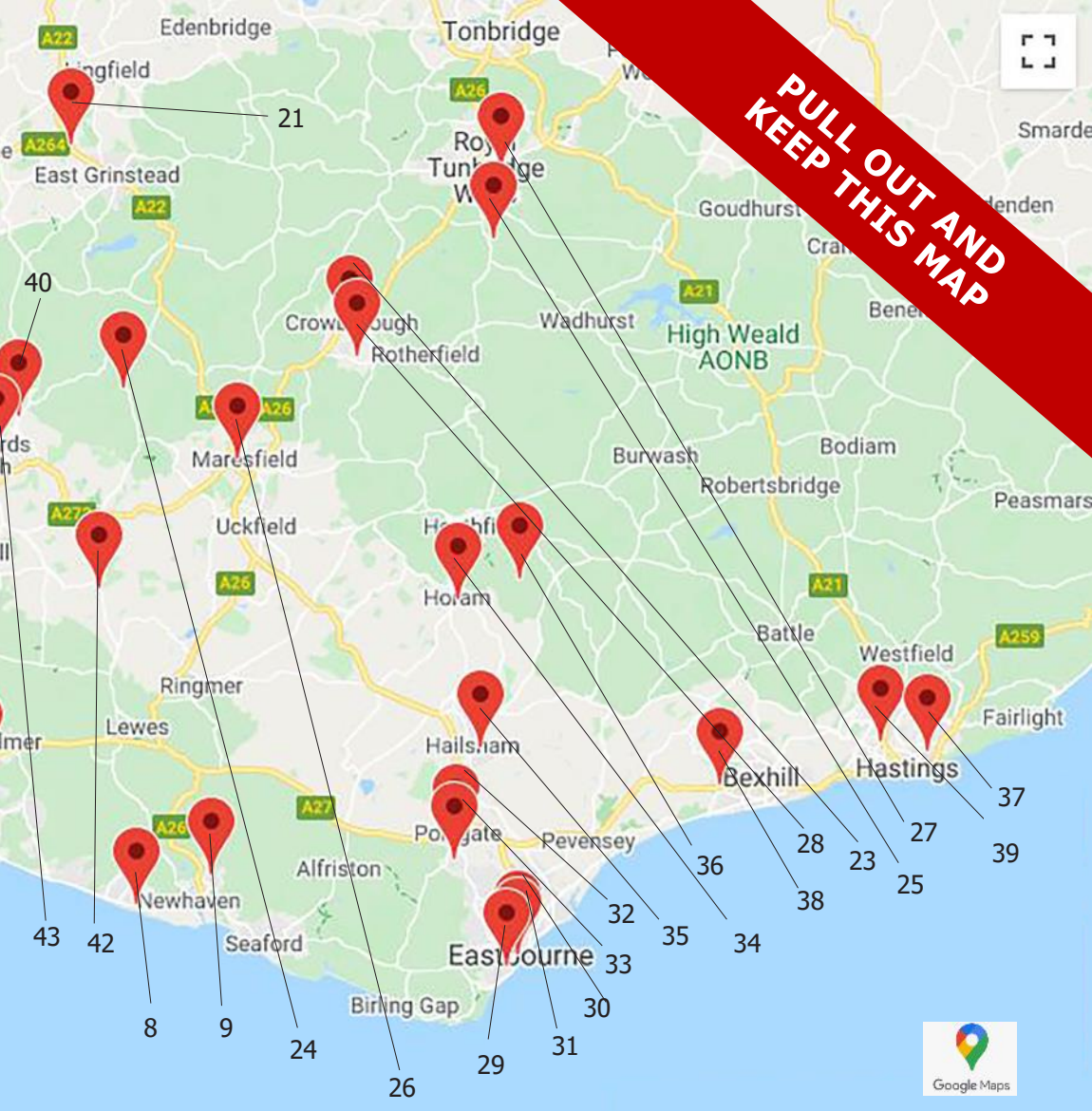
- 12 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 13 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 14 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 15 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 16 - St Mary Magdalene, S. Bersted
- 17 - St Pancras Church, Chichester
- 18 - Swanfield Chapel

Crawley Cluster Group

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

Crowborough Cluster Group

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



Eastbourne Cluster Group

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

Hailsham Cluster Group

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

Hastings Cluster Group

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

Haywards Heath Cluster Group

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

MARCH 2025

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 more churches to join the Partnership as they see the value of working together in gospel partnership across the region.

Week 3 - Pray for our *Spring Partnership Training Day* on Tuesday 18th at Cuckfield Baptist Church. Pray for Mike Milmine as he speaks on the topic of 'Puritan Spirituality'. Pray for more people to book to join us and for a great day of fellowship from across the county.

Week 4 - 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.

APRIL

Week 1 - Ask the Lord to help us all be praying about the additional opportunities that Easter 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 death and resurrection of our Saviour. Pray for the Spirit to convict and bring many to saving faith in Jesus.

Week 2 - Pray for the planning of the Annual Conference in the Autumn - for the preparation and staffing of all areas of the day, including children's and youth streams, and stewards.

Week 3 - Pray for SGP Wives, as the committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. Give thanks for increased numbers of support; for a wonderful annual retreat last year and for encouragement to new SGP wives as they get involved.

Week 4 - Pray for the SGP Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision.

MAY

Week 1 - Pray for the new *Saturday Morning Bible Training Course* and the *Sussex Ministry Training Course*, starting in September. Pray for good numbers to sign up and that the courses will be a blessing to all.

Week 2 - Pray for all those who attend the *Southern Women's Convention*, at All Saints' Crowborough on Saturday 7 June, to be encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

Week 3 - Pray for the summer *Men's Retreat* at Ashburnham Place on 11/12 June for ministers in pastoral and Bible-teaching ministries. Pray for a good time of refreshing fellowship and teaching.

Week 4 - Pray that many will book to join us for our *Summer Partnership Training Day* on Tuesday 17 June, which is open to all.

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) In the benefice: for perseverance, encouragement, fresh vision and growth (especially among children and families) and that as the churches of EDFJ (East Dean, Friston and Jevington) we really will be EDFJ (Every Day Following Jesus).
- 2) for editing Evangelicals Now: wisdom, energy, rigour and more wisdom!
- 3) for Dawn and our children Jonathan (now working) and Naomi (with her long-term health needs - Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, Crohn's and high-functioning autism - as she seeks to complete her degree now in its seventh year due to recurrent health challenges).

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<p>17</p> 	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that Faith Explored (Word One-to-One) continues to see young adults exploring the Lord Jesus through the eyes of John's Gospel every week. Please pray for personal conviction of sin as we see Christ in Scripture and that more people will turn to Jesus for rescue. 2) for a colleague with whom to share the leadership of the church. 3) for faithfulness and fruitfulness throughout Holy Trinity.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the growth of our Sunday@4 service and people to help us practically. 2) for our new youth club as we get going and increase from monthly to weekly meetings. 3) for a systematic plan of evangelism as we consider how we can reach our district.
<p>18</p> 	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (Representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that at least some of those who join us over the Christmas period will continue coming in the months that follow and come to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. 2) Praise God for the slow but increasing contact with the local state primary school. Please pray that this will continue and grow. 3) Ask God to graciously provide us with some younger folk who can learn, develop, mature and be ready to lead groups as needed. Most of our current group leaders are older folk.
	<p>DAVID BOURNE (Associate Partner, All Souls' Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for continued opportunities to serve in retirement. 2) for our witness to neighbours along our street and give thanks to God for some good conversations already. 3) As Chair of <i>Bible by the Beach</i>, please pray for Matt Wan who has just started as our new Operations Director. Pray that many people will book for 2025 (see advert on page 11 for more information) and for plans taking shape for 2026. Pray for wisdom in managing the increasing costs and for recruiting some new trustees.

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

19	 <p>DAVID BATCHELOR (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, and for people who are not regenerate to be brought to new birth. Give thanks to God for someone recently born again, we believe. 2) Give thanks for the Lord's provision of our current elders and deacons, and please ask for more people to serve in various key roles such as these. 3) for the Lord to restore some 'bruised reeds' in the congregation.
	 <p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that I would find a publisher for my long book entitled <i>What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?</i> or that I would have the courage to rewrite it radically as a shorter book. 2) that I would have great wisdom for my part in choosing Church of England Diocesan Bishops, including the next Archbishop of Canterbury. 3) that I would have an excellent relationship with the new Vicar of All Souls Eastbourne and work out, with him, how I can best serve him and the evangelistic outreach of All Souls.
	 <p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, Steve Finch)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for All Souls in interregnum while the appointment process continues. 2) for our regular evangelism courses, especially off the back of our November mission week and regular Christmas services. 3) for our youth weekend away, in January, where we will look at Romans 8.

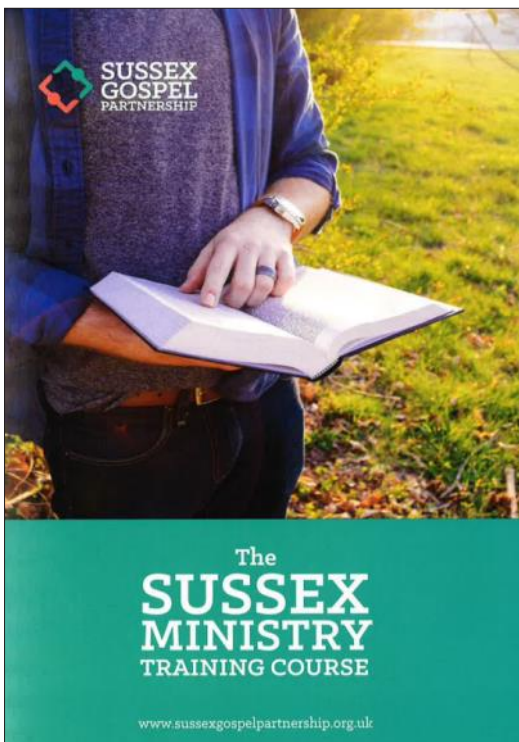
20	 <p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, James Knowles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the provision of a new children's and families' worker. 2) for the preaching team to work hard in the Word and to preach full of grace and truth as we study Malachi and John's gospel. 3) Give thanks for a new ministry - All Saints' Chaplaincy - which is meeting people around the parish, sharing Jesus with those they meet and connecting them with the church.
	 <p>DAVID JACKMAN (Associate Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that <i>Proclaiming the Word - Principles and Practices for Expository Preaching</i> was published by Crossway in September. Please pray that it will be used in helping to raise up many younger preachers as expositors, since the need is so great. 2) Thank God for the SGP Thursday morning Study Group sessions in 2 Corinthians, and for the publication of my <i>Bible Guide</i> on the material, by Matthias Media, at the end of this year. 3) for effective future plans in developing more in-depth studies for leaders and workers in 2025, based here at All Saints, beginning with Romans.

BIBLE TRAINING COURSES

Every September we start new Tuesday and Saturday courses

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- Three terms of 11 weeks, from September to July
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Usual office hours: Monday AM, Tuesday, Wednesday AM

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Rory Graham)

- 1) Praise God for all the opportunities we will have over this time to share the gospel with people who don't yet know Jesus. Pray that we'd be prayerful, faithful and winsome.
- 2) for God to provide a gospel worker to lead our work amongst families and under 18s.
- 3) that many in our town in the 15-45 age group would be saved.



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



- 1) with us as we are currently asking the council to consider a change of use on a bungalow we own, next door to the church building. We are currently having to pay two lots of council tax on it, as it is empty and uninhabitable. We would like to develop it into church meeting rooms as we have outgrown our main building. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for wisdom, finance and a positive decision from the council.



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.

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP

<p>22</p> 	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (Representative, PJ Guy)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the four people who recently completed Christianity Explored. Three of these want to be followed-up and learn more. Pray they will come to faith in Christ. 2) for wisdom about how to approach the extensive work needed on our buildings. 3) that as a congregation we will grow and deepen in our walk with the Lord and bear fruit in our lives and ministries.
	<p>WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Marc Lloyd)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to make the most of special events such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter. Pray that many will hear the gospel and be saved. 2) Give thanks for encouraging numbers at our children's Sunday club and toddler group. Please pray for further growth with children and families and especially for changed hearts.

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

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's financial provision in the last year, which has been far greater than we expected.
- 2) for our outreach to local families, especially through our Sunday afternoon evangelistic event, *Families Together*, which takes place once a half term. Please pray that whole families would want to learn more about the Christian faith.
- 3) for wisdom as we seek to increase the number of midweek discipleship groups and that the Lord would provide the leaders we need.



EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (Representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for our PCC as we plan for the five years ahead.
- 2) Give thanks for new people joining us and pray for wisdom in welcoming and including them.
- 3) for continuing faithfulness to God's word and for new leaders to be raised up to take our ministry forward.

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

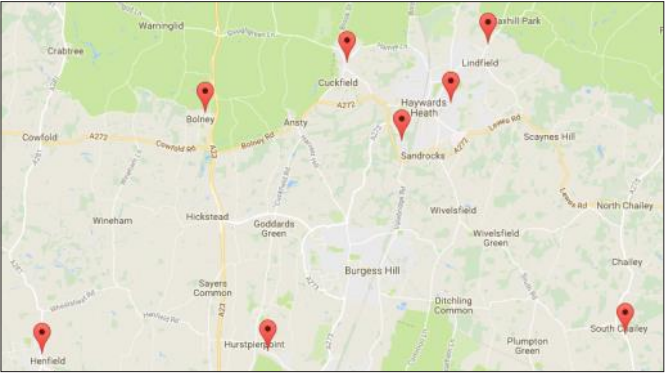
- 1) that every Sunday service would declare the meaning of life in Christ and enable people to make sense of the post-Eden world where our frustrating existence is "meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 1:14).
- 2) that every midweek group would encourage faith, hope and love in Jesus, knowing that to "find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God" (Ecc 3:13).
- 3) that every meeting of Churchwardens and PCC would remember the standards of the kingdom of heaven: "Fear God and keep his commandments" (Ecc 12:13).



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

- 1) for me as I seek to support local SGP churches in the Hastings/Bexhill/ St Leonards area.
- 2) for me as I visit local SGP Pastors/Partners as we seek, as a Partnership, to *Pastor the Pastors*.

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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks that the newer folk here are integrating well into the life of the church, and for three recent baptisms.
- 2) that we would be able to appoint both an Associate Pastor and some more 'lay' elders in 2025. We are currently making significant progress on both fronts.
- 3) that my health (which continues to be unstable due to post-viral fatigue) improves, but that in all things I would trust that the Lord is sovereign, good, and wise.





GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (Representative, David Lowries)



- 1) Praise God for his kindness in answering many of our prayers over the last year.
- 2) for the Lord to raise up elders to give us a plurality.
- 3) for the Lord to give us wisdom as we seek to be faithful in the world.

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<p>26</p> 	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for wisdom to encourage fervent and mature personal and corporate prayer as we seek to make and teach disciples. 2) that we would be a church that looks outwards not inwards. 3) Give thanks for a great number of young people. Pray that all would come to faith and we would disciple them well. 4) for us to be a church that equips saints for ministry and disciples each other to greater maturity in Christ.
	<p>NICK MCQUAKER (Associate Partner, A Passion for Life)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for an encouraging first year in my new role as Ministry Director of A Passion for Life (APFL). 2) Pray for lasting fruit from the recent Evangelism Conference that was attended by 600 people at locations across the country from Truro to Aberdeen (central events in London and Edinburgh were live-streamed to regional hubs). 3) Pray for the Lord's help (including the funding required) as we set about refreshing APFL's personal evangelism resources and begin to prepare new resources for the next nationwide mission planned for March 2026.
<p>27</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (Representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for a new monthly men's Bible study group being launched this term. 2) for fruitfulness from our Alpha course and a couple being baptised on 1st December. 3) for our church weekend 'at home' with John and Anne Coles (14 to 16 Feb). 4) for my next mission trip to Pakistan (22 Feb to 10 March), training and equipping pastors as well as many preaching and teaching opportunities. 5) for Two <i>Turn the Page</i> book projects. A book for the homeless: <i>The Word on the Street</i>, and an apologetic: <i>Where will I go when I die?</i>
	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Lord's protection, energy and sustaining grace for us as four elders, juggling family, work and church. 2) for wisdom, location, people and funding for our planned church plant in Burgess Hill. 3) for deep conviction, faith and eager service throughout the church, and especially those in our youth group.

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28	 <p>HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Andrew Lawton)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the Christmas Tree Festival at the church building on 6/7 December, followed by a Christmas Service on Sunday 8 December. Pray for this outreach opportunity - that the contacts we make will respond to God's call. 2) Praise God for His work in our fellowship over the past year - baptisms, new members and attenders, growth in faith and commitment to the Gospel mission. 3) Pray that the Lord will continue to increase His witness in Henfield and draw us closer to Jesus.
	 <p>SAM CARTER (Individual Partner, St Mary's, Barcombe)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the implementation of our vision to grow in faith and make Jesus known. 2) for our Autumn and Christmas outreach events, that people would come to faith. 3) Give thanks for our youth work and pray for its ongoing development.

29	 <p>CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (Representative, Roger Nutley)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that those attending our Messy Church events will be led to find out more about our Lord Jesus Christ. 2) that the church youth group will continue to grow in numbers and commitment. 3) that those attending our new Craft and Chat events will grow in numbers and be drawn to our Saviour.
	 <p>ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (Representative, Steve Nichols)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for us to have: hunger for Christ; confidence in the gospel; commitment to prayer; love for one another. 2) for clear vision and generous giving so that the repaired Tiger building can reach the local area with the gospel. 3) for the Lord to raise up the next generation of faithful pray-ers, servers and givers as a number of saints have been called Home recently.

STAFF WORKERS

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SPENCER SHAW (Director)

- 1) for the Lord's help, grace, wisdom and energy as I take on the role of Director of the Partnership and start to build relationships.
- 2) for the Lord to richly bless our partnership as we work together for the Kingdom of God.
- 3) for both my wife, Ruth, and me to settle quickly into lovely Sussex as we relocate after 23 years in the South West.

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JON HOBBS (Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) for an increased prayerfulness in everything.
- 2) for efficiency and clarity in revamping lectures, and engagement in teaching them.
- 3) for organisation, preparation and delivery of lectures on biblical theology to pastors in Brazil in early April.
- 4) for a great working relationship and friendship with our new Director, and wisdom on how we divide things up.



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

- 1) for my new working relationship with Spencer, from January. Pray that we will make a good team.
- 2) for the work required on the website and database systems. Pray that any changes required will be easy to implement.
- 3) for my family as we navigate the teenage years - for the trials and joys that come within this season.

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