

**SUSSEX
GOSPEL**
PARTNERSHIP

June to December 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

Dear Friends,

It's a great privilege for me to be writing the introduction to this new SGP Prayer Diary. The New Testament pattern of gospel partnership certainly involved the sharing of resources and people, but it started with prayer: A brief scan across the epistles shows that the apostles both practiced and urged prayer for and between churches.

As we work in partnership for the cause of Christ in Sussex and beyond, let's follow the apostles teaching to uphold one another before the throne of the universe, which for us in Christ is a throne of grace!

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.

Yours in Christ,
Spencer Shaw
Director



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Day of Month	Please pray:
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BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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	<p>CALVARY CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Daniel Chapallaz)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God for provision for somewhere for my wife and I to live for the time being which is amazing timing for the baby we're expecting to arrive in May. Do pray for us as we adjust to life with this exciting change. 2) Give thanks for growing numbers of people at church. We're rejoicing in the baptism that took place on Easter Sunday and some new church members. 3) With growth comes some challenges, particularly with our youth and children's groups. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to minister to children and families we feel our many weaknesses but thankful we can look to our mighty God.
	<p>GRACE CHURCH, BRIGHTON (Representative, Julian Rebera)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That we be effective in reaching lost people, especially families 2) That our support base would grow so that we can continue our mission. If you are interested in supporting us in prayer, financially or in mission, please contact Julian 07534987583. 3) That the Lord would provide a venue along with required resources somewhere down the Lewes Road and for our weekly cold contact outreach, street preaching, door to door and surveys - that seeds would be sewn and a harvest gathered in.

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	<p>AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thanks for our growing youth group and our teenagers who are about to be baptised. Pray for all our youth to have genuine faith in Jesus and be growing to be more like him. Pray for God to provide more youth leaders. 2) Pray for our elders team as we struggle without our senior pastor who is on long-term sick leave. Pray God's strength, wisdom for the months ahead, and that the church would continue to flourish despite the challenges.
	<p>ST PETER'S CHURCH, WEST BLATCHINGTON (Representative, Tim Gage)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks and pray for our series in Ephesians as we consider how we should be a Gospel shaped church. 2) Pray for those attending our Alpha course, for understanding and faith. 3) Pray for new people starting in different roles. That they would delight in serving and being used by God to grow his kingdom in West Blatchington.
	<p>WORTHING TABERNACLE (Representative, Rich Owen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lord willing, our new Cafe "The book and bean" which will also sell bibles and a small number of Christian books and cards will be opening in time for the school summer holidays. This is a project which has been prayed for, and poured into for about 4 years - from first discussions to launch. Praise the Lord for his provisions along the way - a helpful Christian architect, a strong volunteer project team, the finances, a good building contractor and the appointment of a shop manager. Our vision is that this new venture will give us a real presence on our highstreet, a place to meet community members and share the gospel, to point them to Jesus, get bibles and books into peoples hands and see souls saved! Pray it will have a great kingdom impact! 2) Please pray for our Assistant Pastor, Steve Mason and family as he looks to move into a new role as the pastor of his own church. Pray that through this time of searching that the Lord would open doors, and that Steve, and the right church would come together at just the right time. Pray for the Tab church family as we will really miss Steve and the family, and pray that we would be able to know the Lord's will for the future for us. 3) We give thanks for the growth that we've seen - so many new people, baptisms and visitors. Pray that we'd steward this growth well - as groups like our Sunday School are now at capacity - that we'd be able to grow teams and ministries and discipleship at the same rate as the Lord!

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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (Representative, Nick Tucker)

- 1) Praise God for the appointment of an assistant minister! Please pray for them and their family as they come down to BH over the Summer and start serving in the new term, pray that the move would be a great blessing to us, to them and for the gospel.
- 2) Please pray for us as a church. We're looking at 2 Corinthians in our services, and in chapter 1 Paul calls God the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. That is something that we need right now as a church family. There are a lot of pastoral needs and hurting people amongst our family, pray that we would know our God as the Father of mercies through this testing and heavy time.
- 3) Give thanks for our young people here and pray for a group of them heading out to serve on a short term mission trip in June/July with some of our Mission Partners, pray that it grows their faith and shows them just how big our great God is.



HOLY CROSS, HOVE (Representative, Dave Howarth)

- 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.



DAN HENDERSON (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Hove)




- 1) Please thank God that we have started the first (small) stage of our building project and please pray for the fundraising and giving campaigns over the coming months for the full funds to come in as we begin in faith.
- 2) Please pray for three of our young people who are leading Alpha groups at school and / or are beginning to discern the possibility of leadership/calling. Please pray that God would guide them, and that their faith in Christ would grow.
- 3) Please pray for myself and Jo and the family as we come to what probably are the later years of our time at St. Andrew's. As we start to think and pray about what the next 3 - 5 years will hold and whether God is calling us elsewhere please pray that we would listen to him!



PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Graham King)

- 1) Younger families and singles to come into the church
- 2) Prep and attendance for summer Bible classes and then discipleship course
- 3) Baptism service coming up for about 6-7 people
- 4) Wisdom and guidance for leaders as the church is growing

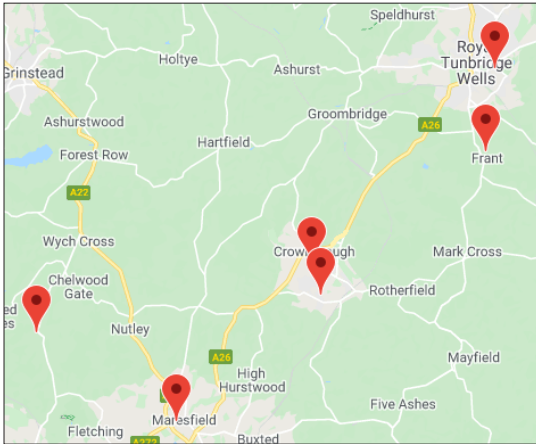
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	<p>JOHN WOODS (Associate Partner, School of Preachers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Academic: pray for teaching opportunities for School of Preachers (September, December, March and May in Latvia) and regular visits to Germany to train Ukrainian preachers. Pray for good intake of students this autumn. 2) Books: Praise God for the publication of “Good Bad No Dad?” in April. Pray for it to be well-received and useful, and for opportunities to speak about the subject. Translations of God is in the House (my book on preaching) into Latvian, Russian and Ukrainian are complete. Pray for progress and funding for publication of Ukrainian edition. 3) Church and church leaders. Pray for wisdom as I come alongside those who need a helping hand.
	<p>JEZ LOWRIES (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Peacehaven) <i>Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For a number of people who have been baptised or are on the way to following Christ: that their faith in Christ would be proved genuine and they would grow to maturity in him. 2) For the church family generally: that God would provide for us by giving gifts to his people, filling us all with a servant-hearted love, and granting us resources to fund the mission and ministry here.
	<p>RICHARD BRUNTON (Associate Partner, Living Hope Ministries & member of Lancing Tab)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) My wife Elaine is now physically well but needs to overcome anxiety and depression. Please pray. 2) The ministry of Living Hope keeps growing. More countries looking for Bible teaching. Please pray for more workers. 3) Pray for the work of Lancing Tabernacle. We are seeing growth in new faces attending and need wisdom to see people discipled and fully integrated into church life
	<p>GOLDSTONE CHURCH, HOVE (Representative, Simon James-Morse)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That we will have further opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the residents and staff of a local residential care home, and the surrounding community. 2) That the monthly services led by the deaf community for the deaf community across Sussex will grow and develop further. 3) That as a church we will continue to grow spiritually, and be prompted to share our faith with our friends and families.

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	<p>LANCING TABERNACLE (Representative, Barnaby Monteiro)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks we've been able to employ a children's worker from Easter and also have a church intern starting in September. 2) With a huge diversity of people coming please pray for our Sunday preaching to be clear and to pastor each person according to what Jesus knows people need. 3) Pray we'd grow together as a church family in confidence in prayer.
	<p>PARKHILL EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Margaret Clarke)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pray for a clear indication of the Lord's will as we consider whether one of our regular visiting preachers may be in the Lord's plan to lead the church in the days ahead. His faithful handling of the word has been appreciated and he feels a particular burden for the church since he began to help us. 2) Pray for established Christians to join us who are capable of helping with administration and various practical matters. Even though we are a small church numerically there is still a great amount of work to be done. We have seen some answered prayer in this area but still have need for more gifted people. 3) Pray for the visitors we do have in that they will be blessed by the preaching and the friendship and fellowship, and may be converted/built up in their faith and help us build up the church.
	<p>STORRINGTON CHAPEL (Representative, Lyndon Johnson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We are thankful that our community cafe has become increasingly popular and that a few of the mum's are coming to church with their children. We would like to restart a crèche, Sunday school and possibly a kids club but have very few people in our church who are able to help. We are also thankful for some non-Christian newcomers to the church. 2) Please pray for more people to join our church who can help with the increased demand especially with the children's work and cafe. Please pray for wisdom as to how to meet the needs of the children who are coming to church and for wisdom as to how to develop future kids work. 3) Please pray for the spiritual growth of those within the fellowship, for unity and for each individual to be willing to submit to what the Holy Spirit wants to do in their lives. 4) Please pray for more musicians who can support and encourage Lyndon who is currently leading worship every week on his own.

CROWBOROUGH CLUSTER GROUP



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ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) We will be having our annual church camping weekend at the beginning of July. Do pray for good weather, a growing sense of being a church family and for our teaching programme.
- 2) Give thanks for seeing new people converted and baptised this year.
- 3) Please pray for more through our termly outreach courses.



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

- 1) Translating books for Central Asian new believers to help develop their strategies in outreach. The book based upon a national hero is now in Dari.
- 2) Our new website to be completed as a showroom and shop for free books on church growth and missions.
- 3) Blessings on churches that have unreached people in their localities and preparation to be sensitive to cultural and religious divergences. We can offer seminars to be better prepared.



JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) Thank God for the reformatting Young Adults Group which is proving a real encouragement.
- 2) That God may guide & provide in the need for extra resource in helping with our youth work.
- 3) Pray for our summer youth events. That as God has blessed them in previous years he may do so this year.

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ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (Representative, Mark Rapley)

- 1) Give thanks for a steady stream of visitors this year, especially over Easter. Pray that they would find a spiritual home in a church in Crowborough to grow and serve the Lord, and if that's with us, that they settle in and get stuck in.
- 2) We have a project to install a couple of cabins next to our site, one of which is an office for our pastor. Pray that the planning process will be completed soon, so we can arrange the next stages of groundworks and installation, and that the facilities will be helpful in our mission to Southern Crowborough.
- 3) Give thanks for the growth in our women's and men's work, that seeks to disciple and be a means of connecting to our community around us. Give thanks for the growing connections we have with the smaller churches in town as we seek to encourage them too in partnerships



NICK CORNELL (Individual Partner, Christ Church, Southborough)

Nick has left Christ Church and become Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

- 1) Please pray for me in my new role as Archdeacon of Tonbridge - especially as I feel called to providing pastoral care for the clergy in my Archdeaconry.
- 2) Please pray for Christ Church Southborough in their search for their next incumbent and particularly in the speedy sale of the old Rectory and finding a suitable replacement.



ST PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Representative, Mike Warren)

- 1) Thanks for 150 yrs of St Peter's still united and faithfully preaching the gospel!
- 2) Recruitment of a Ministry Trainee (could you be part of the answer to this prayer?!)
- 3) Mike's work with others to develop a biblical model of pastoral supervision for pastors.



ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (Individual Partner, Paddy McBain)

- 1) Pray for increasing godliness, unity and confidence in the Scriptures among our church leaders and members.
- 2) Pray for a prayerful 'plus one' culture where people come to events and to know the Lord.
- 3) Please pray for growth in commitment to Christ and in willingness to serve him in our daily lives.



MARESFIELD & NUTLEY (Representative, Ben Sear)

- 1) Please give thanks and pray for those recently baptised and confirmed across Maresfield and Nutley Churches. Please pray for their encouragement and that the service would be an important step forward, as they grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- 2) Please pray as we seek to implement ideas from a recent vision day for St Bartholomew's Church. This includes developing and deepening our life of prayer, our sense of community and equipping people to serve and lead.
- 3) Please give thanks for the various groups and teams that exist in the life of the church, particularly with young people. Please pray that we would have believing and humble hearts that trust Jesus to provide for what should continue, & trust him when we feel called to change or wind something down.

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

- 1) Appointment of our Assistant Pastor - we are thankful for the appointment of Peter Oram and the provision in the town of a home for his family. Peter will be joining us in September and would value prayer as he gets to know the church family and begins serving amongst us.
- 2) Church Anniversary - this year is our 150th anniversary as a church. We have various events arranged to mark the occasion in late June and early September. Please pray for opportunities to witness in the community as we invite others to join us in thanksgiving and we put on a display in the church.
- 3) Leadership - it's been a blessing to see our team of Deacons grow in recent years but we need to strengthen the eldership of the church. Please pray for the Lord to gift and show us the men He is calling to help shepherd his people at Three Bridges.



RUDGWICK CHAPEL (Representative, Charlie Sanders)

- 1) Our initial 3-year contract to employ James Clarke as a part-time Community Pastor ended in April. Please give thanks for an increase in income, which will enable us to continue this arrangement for at least another year.
- 2) As James hours may need to reduce, please pray for wisdom as to how best to use his time. Please pray that we may discern the Lord's priorities.
- 3) Over the past 3 years we have made lots of new contacts and seen some encouraging signs of growth. Please pray that we may nurture these seedlings and know how to bring new contacts more fully within the sphere of the church.



KIRDFORD CHAPEL (Representative, James Clarke)

- 1) For God to raise up more leaders and volunteers – especially for our work with young people.
- 2) For long term plans to launch a new service in the village.
- 3) For the discipleship of new Christians and for those who have shown an interest in the gospel.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FELBRIDGE (Representative, Nick Wooldridge)

- 1) Please pray for us as we seek to appoint a new youth minister that God would provide the right person to take this important ministry forward.
- 2) Please give thanks for a number of ministries which invite people from the community into the church building. Pray that we would be increasingly committed to holding out the truth of the gospel to those around us who do not yet know Jesus.
- 3) Pray for wisdom in our relationship with the wider Church of England.

CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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SWANFIELD CHAPEL (Representative, Steve Davies)

- 1) Chichester is a relatively wealthy city with much temptation to be complacent - pray that the Holy Spirit would shake and challenge people to see their need of the Gospel.
- 2) For the more transient and younger population too, including university students and international migrants, many of whom live close to our church.
- 3) Give thanks for the good relations that exist among many local churches and the joint projects that are under way in the city.



ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Polly Lander)





- 1) We have much to praise Father God for at Angmering Baptist Church. Four people decided to become members after worshipping with us for a while, and that was such a blessing to us as a fellowship.
- 2) We have called a new Pastor and he has accepted our call. His name is Gary and he will begin his ministry on Sunday May 11th. His wife and teenage children will join him in June. Please pray particularly for his 14 year old son, and 17 year old daughter, that they will settle quickly, and soon feel 'at home' with us.
- 3) We were also blessed to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at 7am with members from St Margaret's Church and Immanuel fellowship.



CHRIS FRY (Individual Partner, Chichester)

- 1) Pray for unity as a launch team as we build up to launching Hope Church Chichester at the end of June. That we would be dependant on the Lord to be at work among us and through us.
- 2) Pray that practical things would be put in place as we launch (different teams ranging from sound/tech to Children's work to welcome team).
- 3) Pray that the church will be a blessing to the area of Chichester as we hold out the gospel message found in scripture.

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	<p>ST MARGARET'S, ANGMERING (Representative, Mark Standen)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We give thanks for the way the staff members who joined us in 2024 [Ben Martin (Associate Vicar) and Nat Gillett (Curate)] are making such a strong contribution to the Church's ministry and mission. 2) We also give thanks for the recent appointment of a committed Christian, George Lumley, as head of our Church Primary School – a key mission partner for us, locally. 3) We would value prayers for us as we try to engage people who are moving into the considerable amount of new housing in our village. 4) We would value prayers for our Rector, Mark Standen, as he undergoes heart surgery later on this year, and for Ben Martin as he leads the staff team during
	<p>ROBERT LOVATT (Associate Partner, St Margaret's, Angmering)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Marian and I have moved from St. Margaret's Angmering (where we were very happy) to Ascension Church Peacehaven. Our Son-in-Law, Jez Lowries, is vicar in Peacehaven and he serves in a huge parish (24,000). St. Margaret's is a well resourced church whereas Peacehaven is much in need of support. Consequently, we felt it right to sell up and move where our help is more needed. Could you pray for all the right priorities to be put in place with regard to ministry. 2) In Angmering, on behalf of GNFE (formerly Gideons) I went around a number of primary schools taking materials into them and giving assemblies. Little by little, before God, we want to develop something similar in the Peacehaven area. Please could you pray for a receptiveness from the schools. 3) As a retired vicar I'm delighted to receive invitations from other churches, but there have been times when I'm hardly at my own church. Now that I've moved, please pray for wisdom to accept the right invitations.
	<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 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. And 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) Plans for running 'The Bereavement Journey' that it would be a blessing pastorally and also a mission opportunity. 2) The launch of phase 1 of a building development project to improve the use of our Church centre. 3) Further discipleship opportunities particularly with newer members of the Church.

BIBLE TRAINING COURSES

Every September we start new Tuesday and Saturday courses

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

£264 per term (£792 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.

JUNE 2025

Week 1 – Pray for all those who attend the Southern Women's Convention on Saturday 7 June as they study the book of Micah, with Carolyn Lacey. That as they delve into its pages, they find wonderful truths about the work of God in each live today and that they would leave encouraged to embrace the opportunities that God gives each of them to live for Him.

Week 2 – Pray that our Men's Retreat at Ashburnham on Tuesday 11th June would be a good time of refreshment and fellowship. That as ministers join with Marcus Honeysett to think about being vibrantly healthy shepherds, who enjoy a close walk with our heavenly father.

Week 3 – Pray for our Summer Partnership Training Day on Tuesday 17 June with Rupert Bentley-Taylor, who will be looking at Judges and shows us just how relevant this book is for us today! For good numbers to attend this day at Cuckfield Baptist Church and help us grow 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 Steering Committee as they spend time together on 2nd July.

Week 2 – Pray for the planning of the Annual Conference that all areas of the event can be properly prepared for and staffed, including children's and youth streams, marshalls and the group work session.

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. That we may celebrate all that they have learnt and 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 quieter summer months.

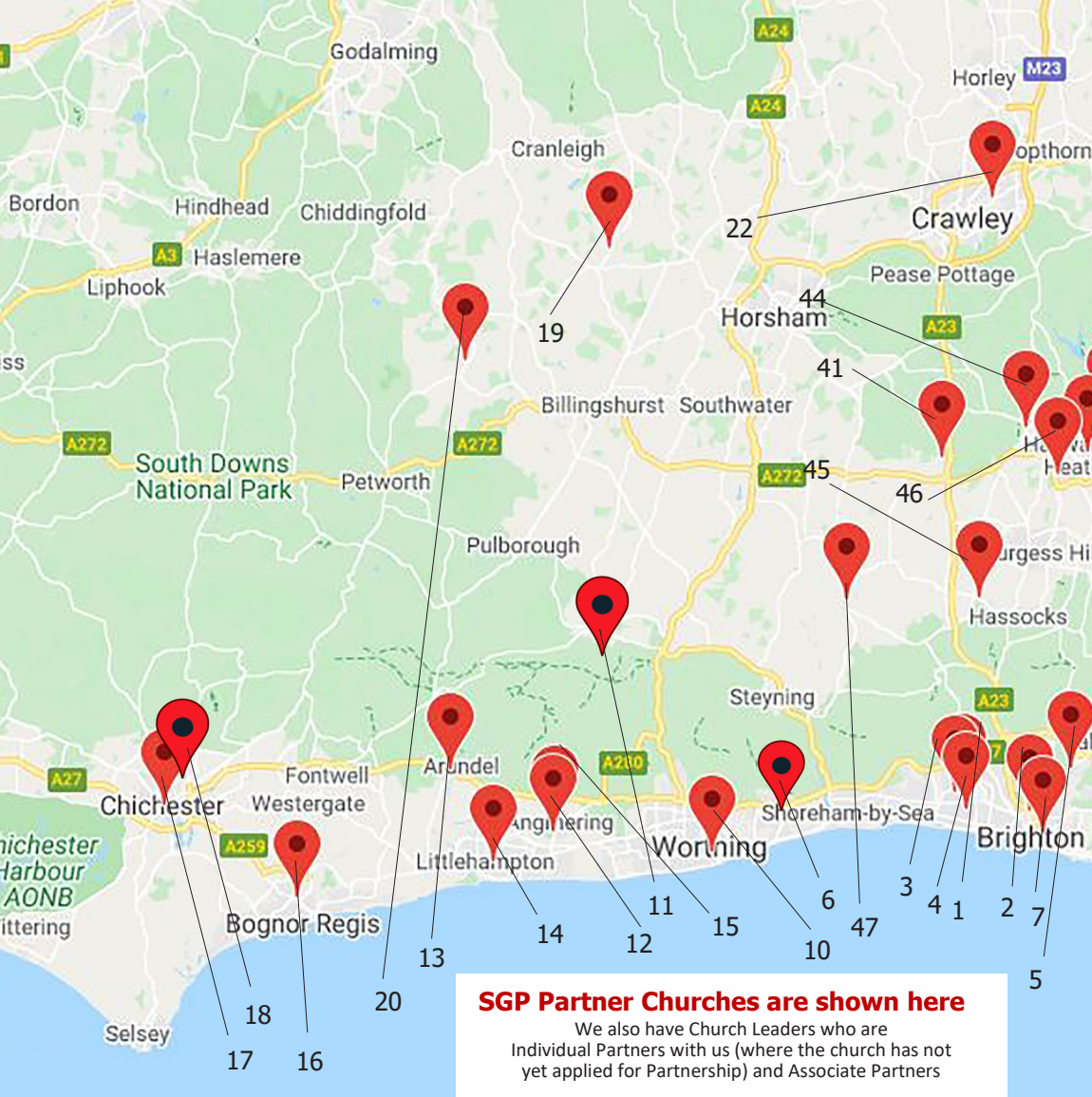
AUGUST

Week 1 – Pray for the work on the new website, that there will be smooth transitions and no problems in transferring information across.

Week 2 – Pray for the new Saturday SMBTC course starting in Hove in September. For good numbers to sign up to the course and that the course will be a blessing to the Brighton Cluster group of 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 planning team as they make preparations for our Autumn Women's Retreat for ministers' wives.



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

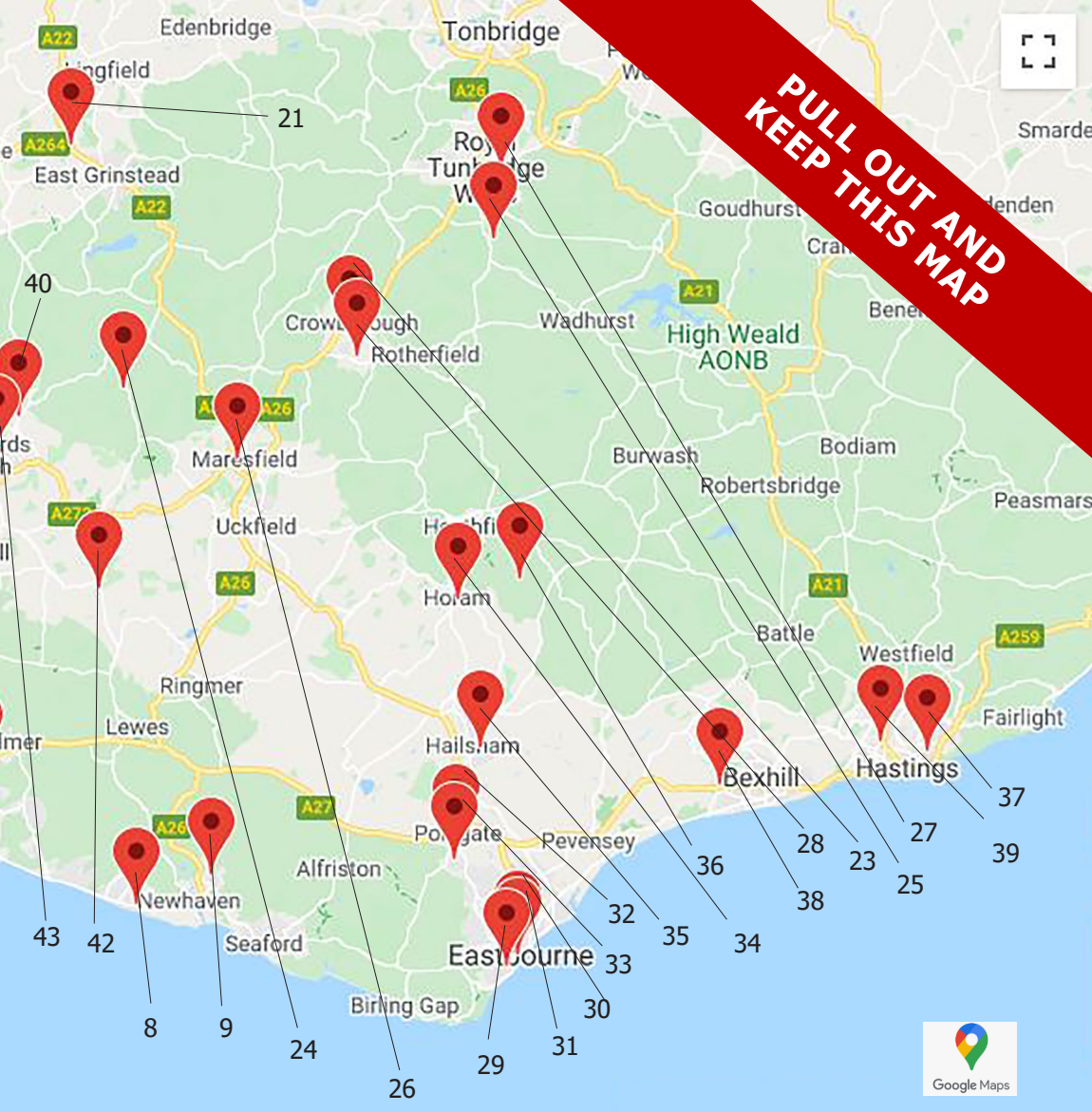
- 12 - Angmering Baptist Church
- 13 - Arundel Baptist Church
- 14 - Parkside Evangelical Church
- 15 - St Margaret's, Angmering
- 16 - St Mary Magdalene, S.Bersted
- 17 - St Pancras Church, Chichester
- 18 - Swanfield Chapel

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Week 1 – Pray for the SGP Admin team as we prepare for the start of term. That set up would go smoothly and that students' materials would be a blessing to the students. Pray for our venues – Cuckfield Baptist Church, Bishop Hannington Hove and St Andrews Crawley that our presence would be a blessing for them.

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 Sat 13 Sep (Crawley), Sat 20 Sep (Brighton), Tuesday 23 Sep (SMTC) and 25 Sep (Study Group).

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 – For the Passion for Life Evangelism Conference on Wednesday 15th October in London.

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 is able to attend. 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 SMTC London trip. For safe travels and a good day out of the classroom to learn and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Week 2 – Pray for Annual Conference in January. Pray that the day will strengthen our gospel partnership and encourage and equip us in our evangelism.

Week 3 - Pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship, learning and encouragement at our Autumn Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 26 November. Pray for ease of booking through the new system and website.

Week 4 - Pray for the planning and details for next year's SGP events and courses.

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP



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MARTIN POVEY (Associate Partner, Association of Evangelists)





- 1) Thank God for the great opportunities to preach Christ and Him crucified in a range of settings.
- 2) Please pray that my relationship with our Father in heaven thrives, with me listening to His Word, and believing and living out what He says.
- 3) Please pray 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) Please pray for our health - currently I am suffering severe sciatica and Naomi our daughter continues to try and cope with her Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome - and for Dawn my wife as she supports us both.
- 2) Please pray for renewed vision, passion and help for East Dean, Friston and Jevington Churches.
- 3) Please pray for the ministry of Evangelicals Now.

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	<p>HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Philip Coekin)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For the ongoing evangelism of Faith Explored for young adults, Tuesdays 6:30-8pm, reading John's Gospel (Word 1to1). Especially, for P, F & K (young men) and M & M (young women) to turn to Christ in repentance, faith & discipleship. Pray for a Christian young woman to share in the work? 2) For Trinity Studios, with thanks for the recording studio, and the exciting core team being trained in songwriting and music production. For discernment as we pray for one more person to teach the new course in songwriting. Give thanks for the joy understanding music has brought to me, personally. 3) For baptisms on 22 June and 27 July, God willing. In particular 4-5 candidates as they explore the Gospel and its implications to them. 4) Give thanks for a firm promise of an experienced co-preacher in September this year, from within the SGP.
	<p>ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (Representative, Chris Styles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How best to engage the community evangelistically. 2) How best to take forward our 1 year old afternoon meeting. 3) How best to take forward our 6 month old youth club. 4) How to integrate all these things into one body.
	<p>ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (Representative, Chris Spinks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Our Vicar (Chris Spinks) retired at the end of April. Please pray for him and his wife Sharon as they adjust to this major change and to their new life in Hove. 2) Please pray for Phil and Robin, our churchwardens, and for all on the PCC as they lead and guide the church through this period of vacancy and as they seek God's man to succeed Chris in the parish. 3) Unity is essential at times such as this so please pray that God will graciously grant us it and that He will protect us from all of the attacks.
	<p>DAVID BOURNE (Associate Partner, All Souls' Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please pray for grace and wisdom in seeking to serve at All Souls in Eastbourne and in preaching locally and also covering 4 Sundays of a sabbatical in Bedfordshire in July. 2) Please pray for Bible by the Beach, for fruit from this year, for growing numbers for the future, for finalising the 2026 programme with Vaughan Roberts and Rebecca McLaughlin among many more and for recruiting new trustees.

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	<p>DAVID BATCHELOR (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For key roles in the church to be filled through the provision of able and willing people. 2) For wisdom in our long-term deliberations about our building. 3) For those who are still unregenerate to repent and take refuge in the Son of God for salvation (Psalm 2:12), and for those already born again to "serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling" (verse 11) - i.e. to live lives of reverent fear of God, joy in being saved through Christ, and willing service for Him.
	<p>ANDREW CORNES (Associate Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the publisher who is showing considerable interest in my long book Gay love and Christian faith (sub-title: What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?) will have the courage to publish it; and that I will work well with an editor. 2) That I will have an excellent relationship with Marcus Nodder, the new Vicar of All Souls, and work out with him how I can best serve him and the evangelistic outreach of All Souls. 3) That the victims of John Smyth, and those caught up in the aftermath of this, will know both God's peace and human justice.
	<p>ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, Steve Finch)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pray for us as we prepare to welcome the Nodder family to All Souls, with Marcus as our new vicar, and for them as they leave St Peter's Barge behind. 2) For our Christianity course, that people will come to a living faith in Jesus as a result. 3) For our young people, many of whom will be going on camp over the summer.
	<p>ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (Representative, James Knowles)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for the staff team who do and enable so much gospel ministry to happen. 2) Pray that All Saints Community Chaplaincy continues to open doors for the gospel into different parts of the parish. 3) Pray for the preaching of God's word to be full of grace and truth as we preach through Romans 9-16, and Proverbs, and also a series in Providence to coincide with the theme of Bible By the Beach.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Rory Graham)

- 1) Praise God for all his kindness to us as a church family over these past months. It has been a joy to see him adding to our number.
- 2) Please pray for a growth in our love for Jesus and the lost.
- 3) For God to provide an Associate Vicar to build up the people.



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.



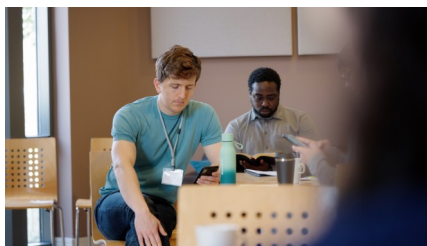
CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (Representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) Thanksgiving – for our new PCC, and prayers for strong, collaborative relationships as we work together to advance the gospel in Horam.
- 2) Wisdom – in navigating the extensive building work required and the financial challenges we face as a parish.
- 3) Spiritual Growth – that our congregation would deepen in their walk with the Lord and bear much fruit in their lives and ministries.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (Representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) Please pray for all who minister and serve, for leaders and helpers for the various activities of church life.
- 2) For the opportunities of the Autumn term such as Harvest and Remembrance.



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

- 1) Give thanks for new people who have joined us since the beginning of the year – please pray they may settle into the life of the church family.
- 2) Pray for Nicky Adams (our Families and Youth Worker) as she finishes in July and for the recruitment of her replacement.
- 3) Pray for a number of initiatives we are planning for the Autumn to equip and train members of the church.



EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (Representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) The appointment of a Youth & Families Worker.
- 2) The identification and equipping of new leaders.
- 3) For a growing culture of hospitality.



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

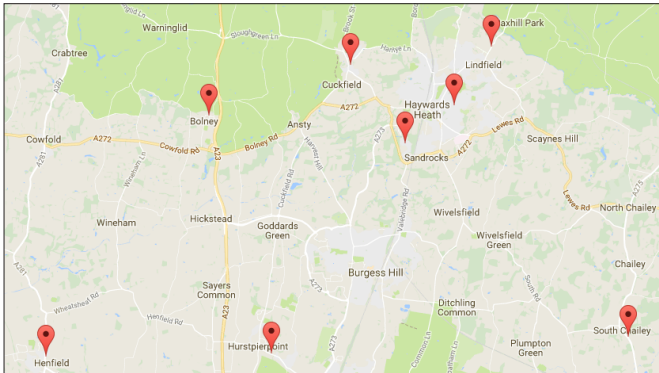
- 1) For us as church: may we be "devoted to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).
- 2) For us as explainers of the faith: may we be ready to declare that the gospel is "true and reasonable" (Acts 26:25).
- 3) For us in priorities, as we seek a Church Hall Administrator (part-time; paid), so that others may continue to give their "attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4).



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

- 1) Supporting local churches (Bexhill/Hastings/St Leonards) through preaching.
- 2) Church weekend for Emmanuel, Hastings (June 27-29).
- 3) Supporting local ministers through prayer, listening and encouragement.

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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (Representative, Will Cockram)





- 1) Give thanks for continued unity together as a church family.
- 2) Pray that we would be able to prioritise evangelism as we gear up for Passion for Life next year.
- 3) Pray for wisdom and provision as we continue to seek another pastor to work alongside me.
- 4) My health is still very much up down. Pray for the Lord's healing, and for a deep trust in his providence.



GOOD NEWS CHURCH, HURSTPIERPOINT (Representative, David Lowries)

- 1) Praise God for how our church love and honour God's word even when it's hard.
- 2) For the Lord's help as a number are losing independence with age.
- 3) Pray for the Lord's help as we work through 1 Timothy together.

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	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for recent baptisms particularly amongst our young people and older folks, pray that we would disciple them well. 2) Pray for us as we seek to make two key staff appointments, a trainee pastor for families and young people and a Head of Operations - pray for the right people! 3) Pray that we would continue to think through how to reach out and disciple folks well particularly as we think about how we structure things to do that.
	<p>NICK MCQUAKER (Associate Partner, A Passion for Life)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pray for the next A Passion for Life nationwide gospel mission beginning in March 2026; for church leaders to sign up their churches; get it in the church diary; and start praying and planning with people in their churches. 2) For the production of 29 new videos for helping to train congregation members in personal witness; for the filming; editing; and writing of the session guides; for all these resources to be available to churches by the start of September. 3) For A Passion for Life to be able to help churches in responding to the greater spiritual openness evidenced by the Bible Society report, 'The Quiet Revival'; that many would hear the good news of the Lord Jesus and respond in genuine repentance and faith.
	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (Representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for a safe and fruitful visit to Pakistan earlier this year and for lasting impact from the meetings we held. 2) I will be on sabbatical for June, July and August. Please pray for safe travels, refreshment and re-envisioning for the next season of ministry. 3) Pray for my Elder, Alan, and for those who will be leading and preaching while I am away. 4) My new book for <i>We had hoped</i> will be going into prisons in May - please pray that those who read it will find hope in Jesus.
	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (Representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thanks for new believers and prayer that they would all deepen in a wholehearted discipleship. 2) That wanderers would be drawn back and commit to Christ. 3) For non-Christian youth and adults who regularly hear the word would bow the knee in faith. 4) For God's hand of provision and opportunity, and wisdom for Ben Read and us as elders as we look to plant into Burgess Hill in January 2026. 5) For the Lord's leading about a potential increase of capacity in the building we rent.

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HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Representative, Andrew Lawton)

- 1) Praise the Lord for new visitors and regular attenders in recent months. Pray that our church would be a blessing and encouragement to them and they to us. Pray that they will be strengthened and built up in their faith as they fellowship with us and grow into the life and witness of our congregation.
- 2) Pray that the Lord will use our efforts to make contacts and develop relationships throughout the village to draw people to faith in Jesus. Pray that the Gospel will find fertile ground and bring a harvest of souls to new life.
- 3) Pray for the health of our congregation. We have a number of people in declining health or suffering chronic conditions. Pray that in our physical weaknesses the power and glory of Christ will be evident.



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

- 1) For God to raise up more leaders and volunteers – especially for our work with young people.
- 2) For long term plans to launch a new service in the village.
- 3) For the discipleship of new Christians and for those who have shown an interest in the gospel.



CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (Representative, Roger Nutley)

- 1) That the weekly Open Doors community hub will continue to be attractive and introduce those attending to life alongside our Saviour.
- 2) That those in our church with long-standing health issues, will feel the Lord's healing hand on them in the coming months.
- 3) That those who attend our Messy Church will continue to grow closer to our Lord Jesus.



ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (Representative, Steve Nichols)

- 1) Under One Roof, our project to restore the Tiger building, enters the tender phase - pray for the right contractor to be appointed.
- 2) Peter Silk, returning to All Saints for a ministry trainee year and to join the SGP Course - pray for a year of growth for Peter.
- 3) For our village schools, currently being allocated to new Trusts - pray for a continued open door for the church.

STAFF WORKERS



SPENCER SHAW (Director)

- 1) For the Lord to richly bless our partnership as we work together for the Lord Jesus.
- 2) For the Lord's continued help, grace, wisdom and energy to juggle priorities as I have the privilege of leading the Partnership.
- 3) For both my wife, Ruth, and I to continue to settle in lovely Sussex and into a new church family.



JON HOBBS (Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) For an increased prayerfulness, zeal and boldness.
- 2) For efficiency and clarity in developing or revamping lectures, and engagement in teaching them.
- 3) For wisdom in juggling the two ministries of the SGP and Grace Church with family life.



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

- 1) For SGP as we look for a new Administrator to replace me in the summer.
- 2) For myself as I look for a new full-time position working within Marketing again.
- 3) For patience and trust during the process of changing roles.

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