



**SUSSEX
GOSPEL
PARTNERSHIP**

June to November 2018

Prayer Diary



Colossians 4:2-6

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

This prayer diary consists of prayer requests from Churches and Individuals 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.

Please see the back cover for more details.

Day of
Month

Please pray:

BRIGHTON CLUSTER GROUP



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BISHOP HANNINGTON CHURCH, HOVE (representative, Phil Moon)

- 1) for the realisation of our Wildly Important Goals for 2018
 - A Home Where We Belong - recent dedicated Bible teaching to help us.
 - A People Eager to Tell the Gospel – our Lent course has been going through Alpha to encourage us to tell our friends and invite them to courses taking place this year.
 - A Church that Communicates Well – focussing on both internal and external communications.
- 2) for the refurbishment of our church hall – the contractors have ceased trading about six weeks away from completion. Give thanks that God is gracious and we have been able to come to an agreement in principle to complete the project. Please pray for John Puttock and the team as they manage the delays and the extra workload. Also pray for wisdom as we look at the best way to use the hall to glorify God when it is finished.



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

- 1) for the monthly BSL *Signs of Grace* service, facilitated by Goldstone Church, meeting on the 2nd Sunday afternoon each month, at Bishop Hannington Church. This is a new initiative to reach out to the deaf community in East and West Sussex.



ANDY BOUSFIELD (Individual Partner, Ascension Church, Westdene, Brighton)

- 1) for our team as we plan suitable outreach events as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary as a church.
- 2) Praise God for some newcomers. Pray that they integrate into the life of the church and stick with us, and for the Life Explored group that has brought some of them together.
- 3) for wisdom as I pray about future long-term ministry.

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CALVARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON (representative, Phil Wells)

- 1) for the appointment of an Assistant/Associate Pastor to take more of the load of preaching and teaching. Our previous attempts to appoint have all been near-misses, and the clock is ticking away in terms of 'retirement' age for the current Elders. This is a significant post for conservative gospel witness in Brighton with various key opportunities to work in partnership with other SGP churches in the city.
- 2) Give thanks to God as our building is getting towards full on a Sunday morning (80+). Please ask for God's guidance for future growth and fruitfulness, given the limited opportunities for expansion on our current site.
- 3) Give thanks for a number of new faces, many of them internationals. Pray for gospel power to work amongst visitors e.g. academics from mainland China, and for the church to thrive in the situation of increased numbers - change is always a challenge.
- 4) for mature and spiritually minded people to be willing to take responsibility, e.g. as Sunday School teachers. Please pray for God to provide all the leaders and workers that we need.



NEW LIFE CHURCH, MOULSECOOMB (representative, Julian Rebera)

- 1) that the Lord would strengthen us as a church community by increasing our desire to grow in love together.
- 2) that the Lord would help the church to grow in our three *Ps*: *Pray, Proclaim, Persevere*.
- 3) that the Lord would help Julian develop the vision for reaching Brighton through developing partnerships with local churches to encourage, strengthen and serve one another, and national and transatlantic partnerships, through which will come:
 - *People* for summer missions or to join us as short, medium and long term missionaries.
 - *Properties* for those people to live in.
 - *Pounds* to fund it all.

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RICHARD JACKSON (Individual Partner, Bishop of Lewes)



- 1) for Bishops seeking to stand up for orthodoxy on sexuality in the Church of England, that we would have wisdom, tact and courage.
- 2) for the grace to spot evangelistic opportunities and exploit them.
- 3) for more high quality candidates to apply for posts in the diocese.



WORTHING TABERNACLE (representative, Rich Owen)

- 1) for us as we say goodbye to our Assistant Pastor, Doug Clark and his family. Please join us in giving thanks for their tremendous service among us and in praying for them as the Lord moves them on to pastures new. We also say goodbye to our pastoral apprentices from the USA - Garrett and Katie Moore. Pray for us as a church as we seek to add to our ministry team.
- 2) for us as we cope with a growing outreach among parents and toddlers. We have seen a 100% rate of growth here with dozens attending evangelistic courses and events, with multiple conversions. We give thanks to God for this amazing fruit. Please pray for our other outreach ministries ranging from lunch clubs to open air work. Our passion is to make Jesus known and make disciples who make disciples.
- 3) for our elders as they work hard on a vision to grow as a church, multiply our ministries and make an impact in our town, while also seeking to care for a good number of quite elderly members.

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4	<p>HOLY CROSS, HOVE (representative, Nicholas Carr)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the appointment of a new Minister, ideally by September 2018. Pray for wisdom and discernment. 2) for those running the church during the vacancy, particularly Rich Arnold who has taken on an increased preaching load. 3) Give thanks for great encouragement with the children's work and possible new opportunities in this ministry.
	<p>ST LEONARD'S, DENTON (representative, Louis Wilson)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Praise God with us for the provision of a Curate from June 2018 and for a house within the parish. Pray that the accommodation would be ready in time and that we would have great wisdom in both deploying and training this precious resource. 2) Give thanks for great encouragement from our Holiday Club in February half-term. Please pray for ongoing fruit and encouragement from it. 3) for us as a church not to grow weary in our service, discipleship and evangelism.
5	<p>PEACEHAVEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Graham King)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for the children's home in India, and raising support. 2) for our pre-teen group which is really growing. Pray for help in getting the kids to focus during meetings. Pray for the establishment of a teen group. 3) for help in reaching younger families in the area.
	<p>PHILIP COOK (Individual Partner, Portslade Baptist Church)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for Julia and me. After 24 years as Pastor of PBC we are concluding our ministry here in December 2018. We are being led by the Lord to semi-retirement, with a view to settling in West Sussex to be a reasonable distance from family. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray for the provision of somewhere to live, through our Retired Baptist Ministers' Housing. • Pray for me as my arthritis is worse and causing considerable pain at times, hence our decision to retire this year. 2) for our recently appointed Elder, who is also our Church Youth Worker. Pray for wisdom as the church will seek to appoint a Moderator to oversee the interregnum, and the Lord's will regarding a new Pastor. Pray for wisdom and discernment, especially for our Elder and three Deacons. 3) Give thanks that the Lord never lets us down and always provides for our needs. The text which is very special to us is: Exodus 23:20, "See I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and bring you to the place I have prepared." Our Farewell Service will be in November. 4) for our eldest grandson aged 3½ who has been diagnosed with coeliac disease, and his brother, 18 months, who has type one diabetes.

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ST ANDREW'S, HOVE (representative, Dan Henderson)

- 1) that the 'Your Walk with God is a Community Project' course by Paul Tripp, which we ran during Lent, would be a turning point for many in the church and would feed and spur us on in our ministry here.
- 2) for us as we embark on a re-ordering project in January 2019 which would provide toilets/kitchen facilities in the church building, make the space flexible for expansion and pave the way for holiday clubs, our night shelter and many other things. Please pray for the faculty and funding, and also for our eyes to be fixed on Jesus and his glory rather than a shiny new building!
- 3) for us as there are proposals in the deanery to link various churches and we are potentially involved in this. Pray for clarity for us on the decision and for God to use whatever comes to fruition for reaching people in Hove with the gospel.



JOHN WOODS (Individual Partner, Lancing Tab)

- 1) for spiritual awakening and conversions.
- 2) for developing relationships made through our regular Messy Church.
- 3) for wisdom in navigating changes, as we anticipate significant changes in personnel over the next two years.
- 4) for us in our continuing strong links with Latvia. I have helped to set up a School of Preachers there, that serves 21 students. Pray for creative space to develop this exciting programme.

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ST GEORGE'S, EAST WORTHING (representative, Brian Penfold)

- 1) Give God the praise for ten new Christians joining St George's since last Autumn's Alpha course. Pray for fruit from our course which started in April.
- 2) Give thanks for our new full-time Youth Worker, Kathryn, and for the expanding youth, families' and schools' work.
- 3) Give thanks for a growing leaders' team, enabling the work to be shared.
- 4) about our £40k financial shortfall last year, and rapidly decreasing reserves.
- 5) for fruit from Easter and Summer Holiday Clubs and camps.
- 6) for our Celebration Service on 1st July, in this our 150th Anniversary year.



AL PICKERING (Individual Partner, King's Church, Lewes)

- 1) Give thanks that my fellow full-time elder has returned to work after over six months off sick. Pray for a full recovery for him from his Chronic Fatigue and a return to working his normal hours.
- 2) for our continuing church focus on reaching out with the love and message of Jesus. Pray that we will see people saved and added to the church this year.

CHICHESTER CLUSTER GROUP



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JAMES RUSSELL (Individual Partner, North Mundham with Hunston and Merston)

- 1) for appropriate training for the Pastoral Care team that we are looking to establish from summer 2018.
- 2) for all the children who attend our mid-week youth groups and the 'Redlands' summer camps, and for our Youth Worker, Alistair.
- 3) that our different range of services will provide effective and varied opportunities to communicate the gospel in meaningful and challenging ways.



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

- 1) for our sermon series on 1 & 2 Samuel, apologetics and prayer.
- 2) for major outreach events including a village-wide Fun Day on 9 June, Holiday Club for primary school children from 31 July to 4 August, and Holiday at Home for seniors in the parish on 21 & 23 August.
- 3) for discernment regarding the appointment of a Ministry Trainee from September.
- 4) for us as we explore Messy Church and a more developed men's ministry.
- 5) for the planning of our Parish Weekend with Justin Mote, from 28 to 30 September, and for the Lord to use it for His glory.
- 6) for a close walk with Jesus for all our members, staff team included, and passion to share the gospel with unbelievers.

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<p>9</p> 	<p>ARUNDEL BAPTIST (representative, Steve Lomas)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for God's provision over the past year. We trust God to provide for needed leadership positions over the coming year. 2) Praise God for some new faces over the past six months. We continue to look to Him for further needed increase. 3) for our Fun Days and Open Air services as part of the Arundel Festival. 4) for Pastor Steve and his outreach and pastoral work in the local community, including six schools, Arundel hospital and the local Guides and Scouts. Pray too for his bi-weekly preaching ministry to a church in Kisii, West Kenya, by phone.
	<p>TOM ROBSON (Individual Partner, All Saints', Wick & St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for outreach over the summer, with a number of opportunities to get to know people and share the gospel in our community. 2) for growth in trust in the Lord as we preach and study the book of Daniel. 3) for wisdom in using opportunities to work with other local churches on ideas in the wider town of Littlehampton.
<p>10</p> 	<p>ANGMERING BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, David Barnes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for many of our elderly congregation who face ongoing health issues and bereavement. 2) for fruit from the Angmering Family Fun Day on 9 June. This usually draws a good number from the village and is a joint church initiative by three evangelical churches: St Margaret's, Immanuel and ourselves. 3) for the Lord to open up opportunities for me to teach/take assemblies at the local secondary school. 4) for my three month sabbatical this year (June, July, August), particularly that my study about Origins during that time will prove beneficial for Angmering Baptist Church and our outreach.
	<p>ST PANCRAS WITH ST JOHN, CHICHESTER (representative, Mark Payne)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for unity in the staff team and congregation; our new Youth Minister who is making a real difference and the growing number of children at Church and after school drop-ins; the developing ministry to people in Chichester who are homeless and for some who are turning to Christ; continued numerical growth and increase in giving; new prayer breakfast. 2) for the work of our new Pastoral Co-ordinator. Pray that she will grow into her new role. 3) for the Christianity Explored course starting in the summer. 4) for the Men's group - we aim to take 30 away to the Christian Vision for Men Gathering from 22 to 24 June. 5) for continuing plans to redevelop the site to increase capacity and improve facilities. 6) for our engagement with new homes/communities being developed in the parish.

CRAWLEY CLUSTER GROUP



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

- 1) for lasting fruit from a Christianity Explored course that ran in the new year.
- 2) for Bosco and Heidi who leave us in June to serve as church planters in Uganda with UFM.
- 3) for the Lord to guide us as a fellowship as we look to strengthen the eldership and diaconate.
- 4) that we would grow more devoted to God's Word, one another, the Lord's Supper and prayer over the course of 2018. Our verse of the year is Acts 2:42.



RUDGWICK CHAPEL (representative, Peter Pilgrim)

- 1) that households from the new development of 50+ houses, just opposite the chapel, will come to join us.
- 2) for wisdom to know what we can do in terms of outreach events, with an elderly congregation.
- 3) for continued faithful preaching from the Word, and for our witness in the village.
- 4) Give thanks for individual contacts in the village, and pray for these to continue and bear fruit.

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ST JOHN'S, FELBRIDGE (representative, Mark Francis)

- 1) Give thanks for our recent Christianity Explored Course at the local pub with a great mix of different people. Pray for the continuing work of the Spirit in people's lives.
- 2) Give thanks for developments in our youth work. Pray particularly for the new Friday evening initiative to become well established.
- 3) Give thanks for many people serving in lots of different ways. Pray for the efficiency and effectiveness of our nine Task Teams - pray for the leaders of these teams and for those serving as part of them.



PETER DEAVES (Individual Partner, Holy Trinity, Rudgwick)

- 1) Praise God for the opportunity to study the excellent *Dynamics of Biblical Change for Leaders* via Biblical Counselling UK (I can't recommended it highly enough!), and ask for God's grace to continue changing me through this.
- 2) Praise God for all that Claire and I have been able to learn together on the CPAS Growing Leaders course. Please pray as we process these things and seek to move forward in gospel-shaped, Christ-honouring ministry.
- 3) for continuing opportunities in the three local schools, each with relatively new headteachers. Pray for creativity and boldness in presenting the good news, and for faithful seed-sowing in young lives as well as school staff.

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JOHN COWLEY (Individual Partner, Forest Fold Baptist Church)

- 1) Give thanks for strong spiritual interest among many of our secondary school aged young people. Pray that it will develop and grow.
- 2) Give thanks that we have increasing contact with people in the community through the Toddler Group, Sunday School and the monthly older people's lunch. Pray that these contacts will lead to genuine interest and discipleship.
- 3) that God will help us to recognise, encourage and develop men with teaching and leadership gifts.



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, MARESFIELD (representative, Nick Cornell)

- 1) Give thanks for a really good start to our new church youth group in late 2017/ early 2018. Please pray for those attending to take steps forward in their faith.
- 2) for outreach to be the heartbeat of all we do as a church.
- 3) that our initiative to door-knock around the village for people's prayer requests would be well received and open new opportunities for those in the parish.



NIGEL MASON (Individual Partner, St Deny's, Rotherfield & St Mark's, Mark Cross)
St Deny's Church

- 1) for all the congregation to undertake the 'Everyone Welcome' course.
- 2) for the implementation of some of the 'What makes Churches grow' recommendations.
- 3) that we can continue to develop our music, both traditional and contemporary.
- 4) for us as we seek to develop a church teenage group within the village.

St Mark's Church

- 1) for the completion of a lease agreement, so the church building can have a multi-purpose use within a small village, followed by a reordering.
- 2) Give thanks for new families. Pray for them to become grounded in the church.

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ST RICHARD'S, CROWBOROUGH (representative, Ben Thorndike)

- 1) Give massive thanks for the recently established church plant/graft into St Richard's (January 2018) and for the 16 adults and 11 children who have joined the church. Pray on for continued unity in the gospel as we settle into being 'one new church family' together.
- 2) for the establishment of new Home Groups and serving teams, which will help church members grow together as we serve the ministry of the church. Pray that we will trust the Lord to give the right people and gifts to do the ministry He wants us to do.
- 3) for new people and families to come to St Richard's – even one new family this term, who come and settle, would be a massive encouragement to the church as we look outwards to reach into our local area and networks with the gospel (two would be even better!).
- 4) for Ben specifically, that the family would continue to settle into Crowborough and local schools, and that he would get the right balance, juggling responsibilities as Minister of St Richard's and as one of the Associate Vicars of All Saints' Crowborough, as well as family life and time off.



ALL SAINTS', CROWBOROUGH (representative, Steve Rees)

- 1) for a mission trip to Kenya from 14 to 23 July which Jenny and I will be leading, for our young people to visit our Crosslinks mission partners. Pray for safety and for the Lord to give the young people a heart for world mission.
- 2) for a good number of our young people who will be attending summer camps. Please pray for them to have a great time and to grow in their love for the Lord Jesus.
- 3) for our Mission Weekend from 17 to 20 November, with guest speaker Glen Scrivener. Please pray for the preparation and for many people to hear and respond to the gospel.



RON GEORGE

(Associate Partner: Eurasia Education Foundation & member of All Saints' Crowborough)

- 1) for the Lord to use our summer school in Moldova in June, for His glory.

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

- 1) Give thanks for unity at St Peter's, and wisdom to know how to respond to increasing sinfulness and rejection of God's word in the Church of England.
- 2) for continued growth in pastoral wisdom for Mike (Vicar) and Michele (Pastoral Worker) as we continue with the Biblical Counselling Certificate.
- 3) for the conversion of the many young families we have made contact with.



ALL SAINTS', DANEHILL (representative, Paddy McBain)

- 1) for God's blessing on the children's work.
- 2) for lasting fruit from café church and Sunday sermons.
- 3) for perseverance and joy in service, motivated by the gospel.
- 4) for increased love for one another, gospel vision and prayerfulness.

SORTED

A bible centred
event for 14s-18s

BY THE SEA

15.06.18

7:30pm - 9:15pm

£1 per teenager

Bishop Hannington, Hove



Who do you think you are?

Understanding what it means to be made in the image of God

Sussex Youthworks "Come and See!"

Three Saturday mornings each academic year offering Biblical teaching, training and encouragement for all who teach the Bible to children and young people, whatever the setting. They are great times to meet others in similar ministries in Sussex churches, and are open to all. **£7 per person**

Our next morning together is "Purely Pre-Schoolers"

A morning for all those involved in caring for and teaching pre-schoolers in church-based groups. Speakers: Rich Arnold and Sarah McQuaker.

23 June 2018 9:30am to midday

at Christ Church, New England Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3LE.

Booking: through the SGP website.



JUNE 2018

Week 1 - pray that many people who are involved in caring for and teaching pre-schoolers in church-based groups will book to come and join us for our next 'Purely Pre-schoolers' morning on Saturday 23 June, in Haywards Heath.

Week 2 - pray that many 14-18 year olds will go to the next Sorted-by-the-Sea evening on Friday 15 June, in Hove, when they will be looking at what it means to be made in the image of God.

Week 3 - pray for the planning, organisation, publicity and uptake for our Annual Conference (for all ages!) on Saturday 10 November, in Burgess Hill. SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

Week 4 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on 4 July.

JULY

Week 1 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship and learning at our next Leaders' Training Morning on 11 July, when we will be focussing on caring for those with depression.

Week 2 - pray for our students on the Sussex Ministry Training Course and the Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (Lindfield), which finishes this month. Pray that they will be encouraged and know the Lord's help in applying all they have learned.

Week 3 - pray that church leaders who are struggling or facing difficulties will receive the support and encouragement they need.

Week 4 - pray that the churches of the SGP would have a vision for church planting and rejuvenation so that the gospel witness in Sussex

AUGUST

Week 1 - pray for those in leadership to be able to enjoy a period of rest at some point over the summer.

Week 2 - pray for wisdom for the Sussex Youthworks Task Group as they plan further events for all those involved in children's and youth work.

Week 3 - ask the Lord to keep church leaders faithful to the Gospel and committed to the primary tasks of prayer and teaching, which they have been set aside to do.

Week 4 - give thanks for those who support the Partnership prayerfully and financially. Pray for an increase in the number of Supporters.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Week 1 - pray for Nick and Jon and others to know the Spirit's help as they prepare their training course lectures and for help in teaching and leading discussions.

Week 2 - pray for all the students as the training courses start again this month: Tuesdays in Haywards Heath, Saturdays in Eastbourne (Year 2), Saturdays in Chichester (Year 1). Pray for good relationships to be formed; clarity in understanding; a growing love for Jesus and help in applying what they learn to life, ministry and witness.

Week 3 - pray for those Ministers on the EQUIP course this year to benefit from the remaining three sessions, and to be able to apply what they have learned over the year to their own lives, ministries and local churches.

Week 4 - pray for good attendance and a time of fellowship and learning at our next Partnership Meeting on 10 October.

OCTOBER

Week 1 - pray for the staff team (Nick McQuaker, Jon Hobbs, Nigel Jones and Wendy Sands) to know joy and encouragement in their work and God's help and wisdom in all that they do for Him.

Week 2 - pray again for many people, of all ages, to book to come to our Annual Conference on Saturday 10 November. Have *you* booked yet?!

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

Week 4 - pray that many will book to come to our next Leaders' Training Morning, in November.

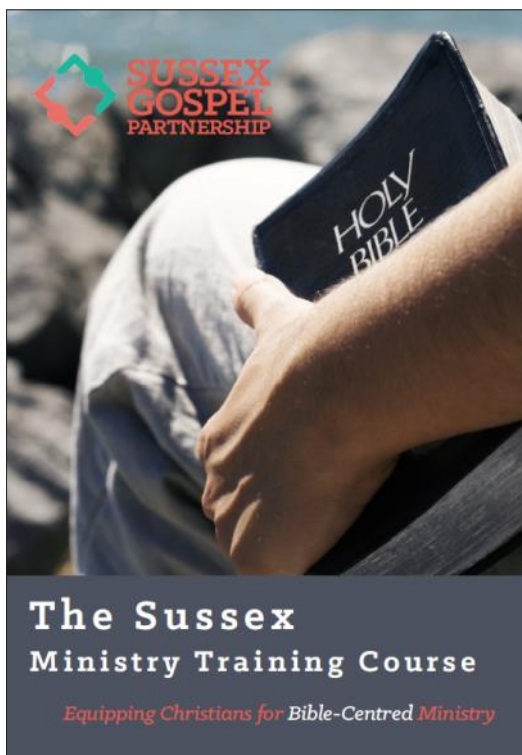
NOVEMBER

Week 1 - pray for an increase in the number of Ministry Training Schemes run by SGP churches.

Week 2 - pray for the Steering Group to have wisdom, faith and vision as they meet on 28 November.

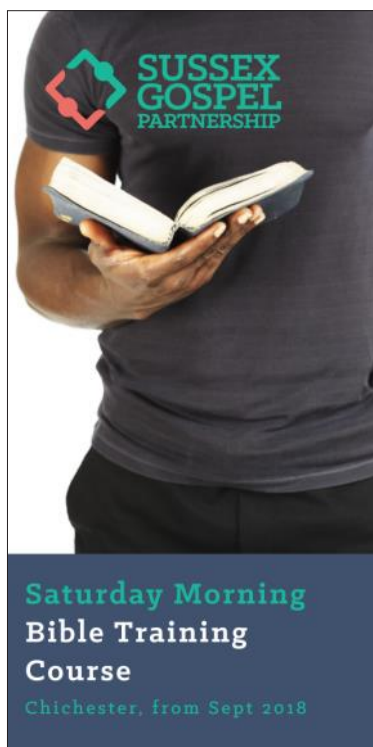
Week 3 - pray for us all to be bold in our witness and invitations to Christmas services and events, and for the Spirit to turn many hearts to Jesus in repentance and faith.

Week 4 - give thanks for our partnership in the gospel.



Sussex Ministry Training Course

(Tuesdays, in term time, with the option of a second year),
at Christ Church, Haywards Heath,
starting again in September 2018.



Saturday Morning Bible Training Course

(22 Saturdays over 2 years)
starting again in September 2018,
at St Pancras Church, Chichester.

For more information about the training courses, together with brochures which can be downloaded, visit:

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

or contact Wendy Sands, SGP Administrator:

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EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP



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MARTIN POVEY (Individual Partner, Association of Evangelists)

- 1) Thank God for the great opportunities to preach Christ and Him crucified in a range of settings in schools, colleges, universities and churches. Please pray for those who have made professions of faith in Jesus to keep in step with the Spirit.
- 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 will speak boldly, truthfully, passionately and winsomely about Jesus in our local community.



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

- 1) Give thanks for the ministry of 'young retired' colleague, Andrew, and his wife Yvonne, and placement student, Freddie, and his wife Carol.
- 2) for ministry to families, children and young people. Pray for increasing commitment to repentance, faith and life-long discipleship.
- 3) for the next East Dean and Friston Mission Action Plan, and for wisdom about Jevington Church's future.
- 4) for our daughter Naomi (19) with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome; for clarity about the cause of her seizures and appropriate treatment; for protection, perseverance, wisdom, strength and energy for Dawn and me; also for our son Jonathan (16).

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HOLY TRINITY, EASTBOURNE (representative, Philip Coekin)

- 1) Give thanks for a united leadership, and the delight of partnership in the gospel within a local church.
- 2) Give thanks for Revd John Brook, working alongside me at all levels.
- 3) for our evangelism among unbelievers in the church and the town.
- 4) for the renewal of Growth Groups for the first time in 25yrs!
- 5) for the major refurbishment work that began in May.



TONY BAKER (Individual Partner, Holy Trinity, Eastbourne)

- 1) for continuing positive use of retirement in gospel work.

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DAVID BATCHELOR (Individual Partner, South Street Free Church, Eastbourne)

- 1) Give thanks that there are individuals in whom the Lord seems to be at work. Pray that they would not remain on the brink of the Kingdom, but would soon come in to the freedom and light of Christ.
- 2) that the Lord would bring some young families to us, both those who are Christians and those who are not yet. There's a big lack of young adults and children in our congregation.
- 3) that the Lord would raise up new elders to strengthen the leadership.



GLEN SCRIVENER (Individual Partner, Revival, Eastbourne)

- 1) for books and videos to reach non-Christians and build-up Christians.
- 2) for weeks of mission in churches and universities to bear much fruit.
- 3) for a sabbatical over the summer to be greatly refreshing for the whole family.

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ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Mark Redhouse)

- 1) Thank God for the way the staff team is getting to know each other and settle into ministry together. Please pray that God will enable the team to facilitate and support every member ministry.
- 2) for wisdom and perseverance as we continue to develop our building to be fit for purpose. We urgently need increased toilet and kitchen facilities. Pray that we can quickly come to an agreement with various planning authorities about the location and nature of the facilities.
- 3) that God will continue to give us wisdom to know how to develop ministry in our areas in the coming years.



ANDREW CORNES (Individual Partner, All Souls', Eastbourne)

- 1) that I will keep going in the laborious research work for my book on 'What did the New Testament know about homosexual relationships?'
- 2) that I will be faithful in some extra responsibilities while Mark Redhouse is on sabbatical.
- 3) that God will graciously use our whole family - all seven of us - as we serve together at a Christian young people's camp.

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ST JOHN'S, POLEGATE (representative, Chris Spinks)

- 1) for us as we review our prayer and financial support for world mission. Pray that we will agree and make wise decisions together about new and/or on-going partnerships.
- 2) Give thanks that our Lent teaching programmes on the English Reformation and on prayer were well received. Please pray that they will make real and significant differences in our discipleship.
- 3) for us as we seek to establish a new Housegroup which is needed by the Autumn. Pray that we will achieve this without unduly disturbing our existing groups.



ST WILFRID'S, EASTBOURNE (representative, Chris Styles)

- 1) for fruit from our Evangelistic Mission which ran in May.
- 2) for God to raise up more leaders for the young people's work, and for some additions to our music team.
- 3) that we would grow in love, faith, and commitment to prayer, and that we will see people transformed by encountering Jesus Christ.

EASTBOURNE CLUSTER GROUP

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ALL SAINTS', EASTBOURNE (representative, Robert Lovatt)

- 1) for our work with mothers and toddlers which is flourishing, and presents us with wonderful opportunities for outreach. However, we find it hard to cope with the numbers. Please pray that the 80 or so children and their mothers (usually) might be drawn into the life of the church.
- 2) for us as we plan a month of evangelism in September, as part of Hope Eastbourne, where every service will be evangelistic. We are looking for speakers, people to give testimonies, etc. By having it over a month we pray that it will create a sense of momentum in the congregation. Alongside the services we are hoping to have a number of Red, Green and Amber events (different levels of gospel input) with a view to nurturing contact with those on the fringe of church life.
- 3) Give thanks that Jon Haines is starting as Curate in June 2018. John and his wife, Gabby, along with their three children, will be joining us from Oak Hill. Jon has been offered a vicarage about 1½ miles away for accommodation, which may result in some logistical issues since Gabby doesn't drive. Please pray that Jon and Gabby settle in well at All Saints'.



MICHAEL WILCOCK (Individual Partner, All Saints', Eastbourne)

- 1) Please pray for a publisher for my new book, a year's worth of daily Bible readings.

HAILSHAM CLUSTER GROUP



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CHRIST CHURCH, HORAM (representative, PJ Guy)

- 1) for the Christ Church PCC, that we will work well in taking forward the life of the church and reaching out into our community with the gospel.
- 2) Give thanks for an exciting time of mission this Easter. Please pray that the church will continue to be mission-minded and for fresh mission initiatives so that we build on our desire to evangelise.



WARBLETON PARISH CHURCH (representative, Marc Lloyd)

- 1) for the coach trip to the Life of Christ play on 21 June. Pray especially for those who are not yet believers to attend and benefit from the day.
- 2) for the village flower show, with church presence, on 28 July, and the joint marquee service on the green on 29 July.
- 3) for Danehill Venture Summer Camp for 11-14s from 11 to 18 August and for leaders and children from the church attending.
- 4) for our autumn evangelism and plans for a dinner with speaker.

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HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (representative, David Bourne)

- 1) Give thanks for our mission week, Connect 2018, held in March with support from All Souls', Eastbourne. Please pray for fruit from the follow-up Christianity Explored courses in May and June.
- 2) for the next phase of reordering the building, following the removal of the old organ in April.
- 3) for James Isaacs, our Curate, as he begins the task of looking for a future post.



TERRY BRINKLEY (Individual Partner, Golden Cross Chapel, near Hailsham)

- 1) for more people to come to the Lord.
- 2) Give thanks that the youth club has grown.
- 3) that the Lord will continue to lead us as we press on.

HASTINGS CLUSTER GROUP



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EMMANUEL, HASTINGS (representative, Martin Lane)

- 1) for God to lead the right person to us as a Families' Worker.
- 2) for the successful launch of a new focus on Seniors' Ministry.
- 3) for God to continue to grow the church so that a faithful gospel ministry may be established here for generations to come.



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

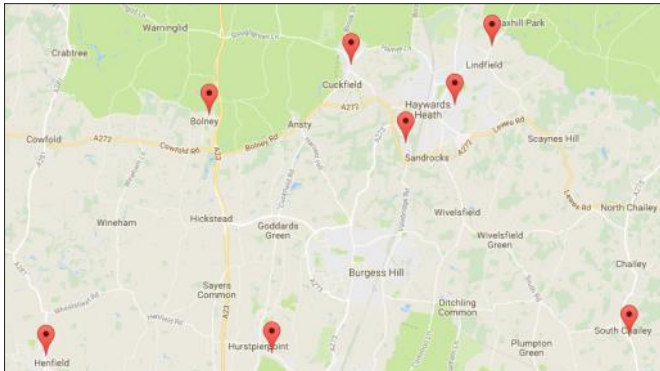
- 1) for delight in Christ as King of the ages, Saviour of sinners and Refuge in the storm, so that our worship is genuine and transformative.
- 2) for discipline in daily Bible study and prayer, holiness and helpfulness, counselling and comforting, so that our lives mature and strengthen.
- 3) for depth in love for one another, so that newcomers are drawn in and nominals find God's grace.



ST MATTHEW'S, ST LEONARD'S-ON-SEA (representative, Mike Coe)

- 1) for our new monthly service initiative - '4th @ 4pm'
- 2) for the 'Open the Book' school assembly project at our church school (St Paul's Primary Academy).
- 3) for the ongoing Deanery review in Hastings and St Leonards-on-Sea.
- 4) for greater spiritual growth, maturity and commitment throughout the whole church family.

HAYWARDS HEATH CLUSTER GROUP



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CUCKFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH (representative, Will Cockram)

- 1) Give thanks for the newer members of the church who have helped increase our capacity for ministry.
- 2) that every member would be seeking to build relationships and share the gospel with those around them who are not yet following Jesus.
- 3) that five families would be saved, and that five mature Christian families move into the area and join the church.
- 4) that the preaching of the Word would, by the Spirit, produce faith and perseverance in all who hear it week by week.



HURSTPIERPOINT EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, David Lowries)

- 1) Praise God for keeping us and for encouraging us through the book of Hebrews.
- 2) for those who have and are investigating Christianity to have their eyes opened.
- 3) for our contacts who are hostile or unconcerned to be shaken by God from their complacency.
- 4) for the Lord to provide workers for the harvest field, as well as a great harvest.

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<p>26</p> 	<p>BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL (representative, Simon Allaby)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) for those who come to the MOB (Men of Bolney) Curry Nights and the WAGs (Women After God) ladies' group, that they may hear and respond to the gospel and grow in faith. 2) for the development of a prayer ministry team as we continue to seek to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. 3) for discussions towards launching a 'Filling Station' (thefillingstation.org.uk) in Bolney. 4) for our Bible Holiday Club in the October half-term.
	<p>CHRIST CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Mark Ventham)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks that we are beginning to feel much more at home at Warden Park Primary Academy. 2) for a number of new initiatives that we have started: International Café, Seniors' Coffee Morning and an evangelistic youth bible study for young people in the local community. 3) for the Christianity Explored courses we are running. Pray that those who come along will be drawn to Jesus and trust Him personally. 4) for us as we seek to identify gospel opportunities in surrounding villages.
<p>27</p> 	<p>GRACE CHURCH, HAYWARDS HEATH (representative, Jon Hobbs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks for an increase of those on the fringe of the church. 2) that newcomers would become committed members. 3) for greater spiritual interest in Bolnore and our networks, and for opportunities to speak of Christ. 4) for openings within public buildings in Bolnore for us to increase our ministries.
	<p>HENFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH (representative, Andrew Lawton)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give thanks to God as we celebrate our 186th Anniversary this year. It is a joy to praise the Lord for how far He has led the fellowship thus far and thank Him for the provision of the saints who have ministered so faithfully in our village over the years. Pray for His guidance and enabling as we seek to further proclaim the gospel of Jesus and build His Kingdom here in Henfield. 2) for spiritual fruit from our participation in the annual Henfield Garden and Arts Festival on 9 and 10 June. Pray too that this event will further build up our relationship and credibility with the surrounding village. 3) for our AGM on 18 July. Praise God for His many blessings and continued guidance throughout the year. We are grateful for the dedication of our members to Christian service and pray that they will be encouraged by the work the Lord is doing amongst us. Pray that we will continue to faithfully follow the Lord's leading as we plan for the next year and that we will see our labours for Him result in a harvest of souls for His glory.

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CHAILEY FREE CHURCH (representative, Janet Caughley)

- 1) for wisdom for the church leadership as we make important decisions in how to move the church forward over the coming months. We are in desperate need of a spiritual leader - someone to pastor our congregation and with a vision for how to revitalise our mission to Chailey.
- 2) for unity and support from the congregation in facing the changes needed for revitalisation.
- 3) for the provision of a musician to play at our morning service.



ISAAC PAIN (Individual Partner, St Andrew's, Burgess Hill)

- 1) for boldness and fruitfulness in my 1-2-1 evangelism.
- 2) for me to be faithful in prayer for my congregation.
- 3) for godly stewardship of my time.
- 4) for me to be a godly, self-sacrificial husband and father.

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ALL SAINTS', LINDFIELD (representative, James Clarke)

- 1) for the successful completion of a major reordering project to take place in good time. We relocated to a local primary school on 8 April. To be back in our own building for Christmas would be amazing! Pray that we will bear with one another through all the changes.
- 2) that as we meet in a different building at the heart of the community, we might be reminded that the church is the people, not a building, and that we might reconnect with our community and make the most of the opportunity which this move presents.
- 3) for wisdom as we minister to four very different congregations, that we might appreciate the distinctive styles of each and invest in both young and old alike.



CHRIS NORDEN (Individual Partner, Haywards Heath Baptist Church)

- 1) for God's continued provision in every way, including unity and strength, during our major building project.
- 2) for protection and healing in the church family, as we have several members living with terminal cancer diagnoses.
- 3) for our new Minister in Training, Steff, leading our outreach to families and those on the edge of church.

STAFF WORKERS

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NICK MCQUAKER (SGP Director of Training and Development)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining and grace through various trials at the start of the year.
- 2) for continued closeness to the Lord in personal prayer and Bible study.
- 3) for time and opportunity to meet up with and encourage ministers in the Partnership and visit Partnership Churches.
- 4) for Sarah in her ministry to women and leadership of the children's ministry at Christ Church, Haywards Heath; and for Chris and Sam to draw near to and trust the Lord as they take their A level and GCSE exams, respectively, this summer.



JON HOBBS (SGP Associate Trainer, part-time)

- 1) for clarity of insight and simplicity of presentation in writing new lectures.
- 2) for wisdom and interest in the development of a network for those involved in church planting and revitalisation within Sussex.
- 3) for self-discipline with time so that I am efficient in what I do.
- 4) for prayerfulness in all things.

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NIGEL JONES (Operations Manager, part-time)

- 1) Give thanks for my first year with the SGP and for the many ways the Lord has opened up for me to serve those engaging in frontline, full-time gospel ministry.
- 2) for me to be focussed on delighting in the Lord, especially when busy with all the things to do in the three part-time roles I now have.
- 3) that the Lord would continue to bless the new initiatives he has enabled us as a partnership to launch in the last year, including the Equip training course and the Leaders' Training mornings.



WENDY SANDS (Administrator, part-time)

- 1) Give thanks for the Lord's constant love and provision in all things.
- 2) for Jesus to be my priority and for continued perseverance and discipline in daily life.
- 3) for God's wisdom, love, patience and strength in seeking to support and encourage others.
- 4) greater courage to speak of Jesus to all those around me.



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