



Gatwick Network Prayer Diary

10th September – 16th December

Earlswood Baptist Church, Redhill 10th 16th September

We have been greatly blessed this past year with worship leaders and musicians from Redhill Baptist and Reigate Baptist churches visiting on two Sundays a month. We give thanks for their willingness to support us.

Last October we responded to the challenge that Halloween presents to the local church by giving away hotdogs and soup to people out trick or treating. We were overwhelmed by the response from the community with some amazing opportunities for conversations, new encounters and even some reconnecting with people that had been to groups and activities in the past. We really felt we were bringing light into a dark situation. This year we anticipate doing the same again but this time in partnership with the Parish church, St John's.

Please Pray:

We are planning an Alpha course in the Autumn and would greatly appreciate prayer for this. It has been some time since Earlswood Baptist Church did an Alpha course and so we are very

excited about the possibilities this presents. Please pray for this outreach opportunity.

As always being a small church, resources are precious, not least volunteers. We are currently looking for new Deacons to join myself, the Secretary and the Treasurer on the leadership team. Pray that the Lord will raise up the right people for this important part of church life.

Please pray for us as this new academic year begins as we seek to serve the Lord and our community. We are always thankful to God for the tremendous sense of fellowship and love at Earlswood Baptist Church and we want to see that spill out into the local area.

Redhill Baptist Church 17th – 23rd September

We thank God for his care for the church during our two and a half year pastoral vacancy. Thank God for the talents that came to light, for the new people who have come and stayed, for the baptisms and the new initiatives in the community.

We thank God for the arrival of our new pastor, Graham McBain, who was inducted last week.

Please pray for Graham, Maire and their family as they settle in this area and this church. Pray for the children as they begin their new schools and for their eldest daughter, Ellie, who will be remaining in Torquay to finish her "A" level course.

Please pray for our elders and deacons as they begin to work with Graham that good working relationships will be formed.

Pray for the marriage course just beginning

Reigate Baptist Church 24th – 30th September

We have begun the new season with a bang, our toddlers outside area has been increased in size, we have a new shed coming to house all the extra equipment, our children have a fabulous new pallet wall on which to post things, we have a new sound system in our Main Hall and various other initiatives are in progress.

Prayer points

Please pray for:

- The Alpha Course which starts on 13 September
- The Marriage Course which commences on 26 September
- Youth Drop in
- Toddlers
- Outreach in the community

We give God the glory for all He is doing in our midst and pray that as newcomers join us that they will soon feel a part of the church family.

Crawley Baptist Church 1st – 7th October

Things to thank God for:

- A great Holiday Club during the summer which was good for both the children who attended and the team who made it happen. Great to see people working together in this way!
- For the first time we ran a "Staycation" for our more senior folks which was fantastic. This replaced the more adventurous coach and residential holidays of previous years and was very well received by both church folk and the community.

- A new part-time member of staff to help with some teaching and pastoral work!

Things to pray for:

- The discipleship course for school years 4-6 which begins in September. Pray that God would meet with these young lives in a powerful way.
- For an upcoming Alpha Course: for those running it and those attending. Pray that God would be made known.
- Pray that God will help us as we desire to become a more loving church and especially how we work that out in front of those outside the church community.

Greenfields Baptist Church South Crawley 8th – 14th October

Although we have no up-to-date information for this church, please remember them in your prayers.

Crossways Community Church Dorking 15th – 21st October

We give thanks for more new people, a well attended impromptu open air service in August and a recent baptism.

We ask for prayer as we explore 'the church in exile' and how this may guide future plans, for members coping with cancer including a 40 year old mother of 3, and prayer for provision for more refurbishment of the church building.

Forest Row Baptist Church 22nd - 28th October

Forest Row Baptist Church enjoy being part of a thriving village community and have been delighted to be asked to set the theme for this year's Village Community Arts Festival - "Celebrating Hope". As our contribution to this highlight in the village calendar, we will be organising a community art project which will give us a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversations and outreach amongst our local community. Pray for life-giving conversations with those who get involved in the art project, and that many will come to the beginning of a journey into a personal relationship with Jesus through their contact with the church.

Pray too for our on-going ministry in the village through Messy Church and that as trust is built, young families will seek to know Jesus and grow deeper in their knowledge and understanding of His love for them.

Our leadership team will be taking a retreat day on 7th October to listen to God for His vision for the Church. Please pray for wisdom and insight and for God's blessing on our time together.

Godstone Baptist Church 29th Oct – 4th November

Although we have no up-to-date information for this church, please remember them in your prayers.

Horley Baptist Church, 5th – 11th November

Our new Pastor, Martin, has been with us since September, please pray that he is settling in and slowly beginning to get to know everyone. Please pray for his wife, Jen and his 2 young daughters, one of which also started school for the first time in September.

We held our 'Light Party' last week, we showed the children that the church and Jesus can be as or more fun than trick or treating and scaring others. It would be great if you could pray for the children who had attended that and asking God to work in their hearts through the input they had there.

With Christmas now fast approaching, as we prepare our hearts to consider afresh the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, we join with all the churches in praying for those in our communities who do not personally know the Lord yet. May the gospel message reap a bountiful harvest for the Kingdom of God this year we pray.

Brighton Road Baptist Church Horsham 12th – 18th November

Following the departure of our Associate Minister, Jac Parson, to Newhaven this summer, we are engaged in a process of evaluation and reflection to try and discern the direction of God's leading for the future, and would value prayers for this.

Right now as well, we are well on the way to completing our fourth Alpha course this year – all have been really exciting and fruitful. Please pray that this one will be even more so!

**Lisa Rainier
St Catherine's Hospice
19th – 25th November**

I am thankful for the small but committed team of volunteers who enable us to extend spiritual care to so many.

I have enjoyed opportunities to speak in local churches about the care that the hospice offers.

I appreciate all those churches who partner with the hospice in hosting Tree of Light Services in December, offering support both to our work and those who have been bereaved in their congregations and communities.

I so value the prayers and support of the Network.

Prayers appreciated for the coming season, for hospice staff and those we care for.

**Life Community Church,
Horsham
26th Nov – 2nd December**

We give God thanks for a wonderful Church weekend away at Ashburnham in May - for the many blessings as a Church and individually. Another has been planned for next September, which is exciting.

We ask for continued prayers as we seek new leaders to join the leadership team. We would also appreciate prayers during the coming year as we prepare for Julie's retirement in 2019 and seek the direction for the church and a new Minister to take the church onward.

**Trafalgar Road Baptist Church,
Horsham
3rd – 9th December**

Please pray with us for...

Our first Messy Church in December.

The ongoing planning for an Alpha course.

Let's Worship - an evening of free worship on 19th November open to all with a music group from across churches.

Our Creative Sunday on 1st October

Our open youth club on Fridays called The Hub as we seek a fresh vision for this work.

**Merstham Baptist Church
10th – 16th December**

We have currently just finished "Freedom in Christ series" which has been a real development for most people who attended.

We had a wonderful open day for Children with over 30 children and parents attending.

Our lovely DNA Student Joanna has completed her first year and has with Gods guidance decided to undertake a further year. We are certain she would value peoples' prayers as she steps out in faith.

We have (August 31st) been blessed with a new arrival to Kristian Juliette and Daniel a beautiful baby daughter.

And further prayers have been answered in the granting of a visa for Kimberleys' husband to join her here in the UK.

Wayne (Deacon and musician) is undergoing treatment so we commend him for prayer.

As a fellowship we will be looking at Jon Ortbergs book "If you want to walk on water you've gotta get out of the boat"

Blessings to our extended families

**The next network prayer diary will run
from 17th December 2017.**