



## **Gatwick Network Prayer Diary**

**14<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Lisa Rainier  
St Catherine's Hospice  
14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January**

At St Catherine's, we are grateful and excited that the end of last year saw us securing full planning permission for a new hospice as part of a housing development at Pease Pottage. The realisation of this will be some five years away, but detailed design and raising funds will start in earnest this year.

St Catherine's could not offer and deliver services without the hundreds of incredible volunteers who help us. In Spiritual Care, our small team has been struggling recently with family challenges and illness, so I would appreciate your prayers for them especially.

**Life Community Church,  
Horsham  
21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January**

We give thanks for the well-attended Christmas service and pray the message will have touched the hearts of all who attended.

Prayers will be appreciated for wisdom as we seek the way forward for our church and a new minister to take over from Julie when she retires early next year.

Also for our children's work - for all the children who come, that they may come to know God's love for them. For more leaders and in particular someone to oversee the work.

**Trafalgar Road Baptist Church,  
Horsham  
28<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Give thanks with us for...

- 3 new leaders joining the Leadership Team taking us up to 6 with our minister.
- Successful first Messy Church and all the lessons we learned.
- The Leaders day away in January
- Lots of visitors over the Christmas period and to the extra services we ran
- The good financial end to the year when we expected a shortfall.

Pray with us for...

- A renewed sense of vision
- The new Leadership Team to settle quickly.
- A spreading out of worship leading, new worship leaders and greater "body" involvement in Sunday services.
- Our next Messy Church at Easter.
- The sense of loss as we have seen much loved and long standing members called home in the last days of 2017.

**Merstham Baptist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February**

We are currently looking at ways to enhance our community and offer time to others.

Please continue to pray for our children's work which is overseen by Joanne Buttle we need some "male" support on a Friday after school. Joanne is also undertaking her 2nd year at DNA.

Our Zippies toddlers group is flourishing we need to work alongside parents, to encourage people to try the "schools out" on Fridays, and gain opportunities to share.

**Earlswood Baptist Church,  
Redhill  
11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Redhill Baptist Church  
18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Like many churches we give thanks for the well-attended Christmas services and pray that those who came may raise their gaze beyond the season to Jesus Christ and the message of hope for all who believe.

Join us in giving thanks for our new Pastor who is getting to know us all whilst also looking to the future.

Two of our valued staff members, Gerald and Roberta Day are standing down this quarter. Gerald is retiring at the end of January and

Roberta's last Sunday will be Easter Sunday. Please pray for them as they face changes and new challenges. Also pray for the church as they face the future, as they will be sorely missed. Pray for Graham and our leadership team as they seek God for the way forward.

### **Reigate Baptist Church 25<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

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

### **Crawley Baptist Church 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **Things to thank God for:**

- We've had some lovely opportunities to connect with people coming into the building, particularly over the Christmas period.
- We have many really committed volunteers who make most things happen!
- The church has taken on one of our young people who has grown up in the church to work with us for a year. This is a blessing for those who have been part of the Children's and Youth Ministry and seen the journey. We hope it will be a blessing for James too as he seeks to understand God's call on his life for the longer term.

#### **Things to pray for:**

- Alpha Course: we haven't run an Alpha Course for a while, but we are doing so in April.

Please pray for Chris Young who will be leading the course, for the team and for the church to pick up the challenge of inviting people to come! Pray this would be a blessing to invited guests and also to the heart of the church.

□ Parenting Course: our developing links with West Green Primary School have led them to ask us to run parenting courses in the school. We are planning to run a course that is quite different from anything we've used before, but God had blessed us with someone who ran the course in Scotland before moving to Crawley. Please pray for the bringing together of a team and for the planning and preparation with the

□ Change: we have a year when we know there are changes coming (In the staff team). Please pray that we will seek God for the way ahead and listen to what he is saying.

### **Greenfields Baptist Church South Crawley 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Crossways Community Church Dorking 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thanks** for some good Christmas activities incl. Christingle, carol singing around town and gala night.

**Thanks** for interest shown by 2 younger adults about going on mission this year.

**Thanks** for the growing community that is CCBC

#### **Prayer.....**

For our relationship with refugee support to grow  
For plans for our spring weekend away on listening to God  
For spiritual growth in the church following our prayer weekend

### **Forest Row Baptist Church 25<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Join us in giving thanks for some new families attending more regularly. Pray this continues.

Pray with us for God to guide us as we seek his heart for his vision for us going forward. We have a CAP money course starting on 25th Jan for 3 weeks and Alpha starting at the end of February. Please pray that people attend and, for open hearts to God's love and his good news.

### **Godstone Baptist Church 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

We would value prayers for a number of items.

- 1) Phil Hughes has just started the first part of his Sabbatical
- 2) We are seeking someone to come and join us as a Family Worker
- 3) A new afternoon meeting "GBC together @ 4" is starting from the 14<sup>th</sup> January with a special emphasis on families

We prayer the Lord, via the Holy Spirit, will guide us and equip us for the challenges ahead. Plans for the refurbishing of our premises are well underway and will begin shortly to help make our buildings more welcoming and useful to the Godstone Community

**Horley Baptist Church,  
9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Horley Baptist Church invites the SEBA churches to join them in praying for the following:

Revival in Horley: we have been praying for revival to come to our town and believe God is showing us, through words of knowledge, prayer and what we are actually seeing, that it is starting and will continue to happen. We continue to pray with all our hearts that we can be a part of bringing God's kingdom to the community in a variety of ways and under His leading and vision.

Re-energising and deepening of our daily relationships with God and each other: we believe that it is vital for us to stay close to the Vine and grow in relationship and faith with our Father God, and to bless one another by loving each other deeply and encouraging each other in every way we can.

Living Stones Project Phase 2: this is our building project. Phase 1 was completed nearly three years ago and we, shortly afterwards, moved into a lovely new building. The continuation of this project would see the addition of Phase 2 (a worship sanctuary and auditorium). Whilst we know that this will be a large financial commitment, we believe God gave us the vision for the sanctuary and His pockets are deep. We trust in His provision and look forward to further being able to bless our neighbours through the completion of this project.

**Brighton Road Baptist Church  
Horsham  
16<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

2017 was a tough year for Brighton Road and we give thanks for a sense of having turned a corner, and for a renewed sense of vitality and unity: God has been gracious and faithful.

As a new term starts after Easter, please pray for our Playschool and for our work with families with pre-school children: at Wednesday lunchtime we offer a free light lunch to families in the period between playschool and toddlers, and once a month we run a 'Picnic and Praise' session based around a bible story.

Families value the church's ministry to them – please pray that many of them will increasingly come to value the One in whose name, and for whose glory, we do it all.

**The next network prayer diary will run  
from 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.**

**SEBA** – please pray for the family of David Burr, our SEBA treasurer following his death in December.

Pray for the executive as they identify a new treasurer

Stuart Davison has sent a questionnaire to all in SEBA regarding how the Association should be run. Pray that he gets a good response and that he finds the responses really helpful. Also respond yourself if you haven't already done so.