



## Gatwick Network Prayer Diary

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 –**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Trafalgar Road Baptist Church** **28<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March**

#### Giving thanks for:

- Being able to put on recorded services each week and an after-service 'Zoom at Noon' to share with each other. Delivering or posting CDs to those unable to join us electronically.
- Giving out or delivering bags in Christmas Messy Church.
- The in-person service on Christmas Eve, observing guidelines.
- Wonderful street-facing displays of Advent angels and (now) of hearts that ladies in our church put together, with appreciative comments from our neighbours under lockdown.

#### Praying for:

- Holy Spirit-led unity, inspiration and wisdom for our leaders, especially the two new ones in our time of pastoral vacancy.

- Completing a Church Profile to help enable us to find the new Minister that God has planned for us.
- Re-starting in-person services, alongside the recorded version, possibly in early March, under prudent guidelines and restrictions.
- Opportunities for safe in-person contacts with those who are alone, as Covid restrictions are eased.

### **Merstham Baptist Church** **7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Greeting from Merstham Baptist.

We continue to meet via Zoom each Sunday with Pastor Bryan bringing us God's word. We also Zoom our young people with fresh ideas of following and sharing Jesus.

We are actively making a regular donation to our local food bank. We acknowledge that the need is more evident during the current pandemic.

We are grateful to Father that those amongst us who have experienced Covid-19 have made a good recovery.

Although we are locked down we strive to do God's work here in Merstham. We still have a regular bible study and a quiz evening

Father you are faithful to your people here  
May your name be glorified in all we do  
Blessings to our brothers and sisters

### **Earlswood Baptist Church,** **Redhill** **14<sup>th</sup>– 20<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **We give thanks for:**

- Financial Stability through the pandemic
- No Covid related deaths (or any deaths!) during the pandemic
- God's blessings through this time.

#### **We pray for:**

- Wisdom as we emerge from restrictions with regard to reopening the church building.
- Guidance on connecting with the local community as we emerge.
- God's blessings to be poured out on us as a fellowship as we reconnect in the "real world"

### **Redhill Baptist Church** **21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

As you read our prayer diary entry Spring will be in the air with hopeful signs of new life visible following the months of cold weather, dark afternoons and isolation. Spring is coming which means summer is on its way and we thank God for this.

Praise God with us for his blessings to the Redhill community during the difficult start to

the year. We have continually found new ways to connect with each other despite the restrictions. New people and returning friends have joined our online community as we continue to celebrate and centre on Redhill as the community we love and serve God in.

Despite the loss of some dear friends at the start of the year - Friendships and relationships in the church community have strengthened and we praise God for the new local clusters launched in February bringing both the new and familiar into a new way of gathering and connecting.

In February following a week of prayer and a month of teaching on generosity RBC launched a 'Gift day' to offer a means to respond to God's extravagant generosity to us. The impact of the gift day has allowed us to move forward on our RBC digital ministry reaching people on line.

We are starting 2021 with a new focus on discipleship in the community and invite you to join with us in praying for our relationships to develop upwards, Inwards and outwards.

We would value your prayers as we prepare to appoint a new church secretary and a new church (opps) manager

We have much to be grateful to God for and pray that we remain open to his word and agile in our response.  
Graham McBain (Pastor)

## **Reigate Baptist Church 28<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Whilst it has been a strange and challenging time during this Covid season, we are still able to give thanks for the faithfulness of God! Financially we are more than stable, as a church family we remain united together in the Lord, and we continue to push forward in the mission to reach people with the gospel.

We came out of the Christmas period having hosted a Nativity event which was an outside walkthrough including real animals. Many heard the gospel, some responded and others signed up for our Alpha course.

We went ahead with our Carol service and live streamed it in high definition, This saw over 1400 views, and many again signed up for the Alpha course. We are now hosting our Alpha course online with breakout groups following a casual discussion of the topics on sofa's between our pastors. This has seen between 2-300 views weekly.

As for continuing to walk with God as a fellowship, we continue to host online connect groups and provide the church family with thought provoking material. We have also provided a toolkit to every member to aid them in their daily spiritual walks with Jesus.

Our greatest prayer now for the church is for the way forward... How we re-open? What re-opens? How many people will meet face to face? When and how will our 100+

children return? And essentially...what does God want us to learn from this time? Is it right to return to what we had before lockdown? Our feeling at Reigate is that this season has been an opportunity for a wake-up call to the church to be faithful to God and His call to holiness...  
So your prayers are welcome!

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

### **We thank God for:**

- The resources in gifted people and equipment to be able to reach many people, not only locally but also across the country and in other countries who watch our live streaming Sunday by Sunday.
- For our children's and young people's ministry that has had people with creative ideas to run zoom meeting for age related groups throughout the week.
- For all the creative ways people in the church have found and are exploring to help and support the church and the community.

### **Please pray for:**

- For those who have attended our online Alpha course since Christmas; that this would have strengthened their walk with God and that they will continue to grow in faith.

- That as lock down rules gradually change over the next few months; we would have wisdom as to how and when to open-up.
- For our leaders as we seek God for our new Vision, especially in the light of the economic situation Crawley finds itself in. We have recently been studying Nehemiah with the theme of rebuilding Magnificent Ruins to help us in this thinking.

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

Although no items for prayer and praise were sent, please pray for this small (mostly elderly) church in a needy area of Crawley.

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

Give thanks that the church remains strong together in spite of the unusual circumstances.

Give thanks that all home groups are meeting and finding encouragement from God and each other even over zoom!

The church is looking to agree a new CIO constitution as soon as Covid allows.

The elders and a small group of other leaders are looking at strategic thinking for the way forward during and post Covid.

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

Our Minister Mary is moving on this summer and we thank God for all the adventures with Jesus we have shared together.

Please pray that we are able to say goodbye to each other in a meaningful way despite Covid restrictions.

Please pray that God would sustain us and grow us through this pastoral vacancy and that He would guide us to the right person to take us through our next season.

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

Our current pastor Phil has been seeking a transition into full time chaplaincy over the last 18 months and the church is now well into its search for a new minister.

Please pray for Phil as he makes the transition into a new ministry and for the church as they discern God's call on a new partnership with a new minister.

Please pray for the deacons as they carry increased responsibility during this transition and the following interregnum.

Pray that the fellowship will discover a new sense of their own ministry and calling during this time.

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

Please lift our prayers to God with ....

- Turning online contacts into connections
- Plans for reopening our premises
- Meeting the challenge to not just reopen church, but relaunch.

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

As Covid restrictions lift and life begins to return to normal, please pray that Brighton Road would be plastic, not elastic: we don't want to revert to how things used to be, comfortable though that may be for us.

Please pray that we would perceive and understand God's new design for us and that we would be open to him shaping and fashioning us to make us effective partners with him in the gospel.

As we meet to mobilise for mission over the coming months, may God give us all a heartfelt desire to see lives changed, together with the faith to pray and the dedication to work for that to happen.

**Lisa Rainier**  
**St Catherine's Hospice**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**We give thanks** for the many and varied expressions of support and kindness from the communities we serve.

These have really encouraged and sustained us through such a long and difficult season.

**Please pray** as we, like others, seek to review and revive those areas that have been most impacted by the pandemic including:

- Fundraising
- New build at Pease Pottage
- Day and group services

In appreciation of your prayers

Lisa

**Life Community Church,**  
**Horsham**  
**30<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

We give thanks for: -

- Protection against the virus and the plan to come out of lockdown in sight,
- For helping us to get through these difficult times.
- For the possibility to continue to meet virtually and encourage each other.

Please pray for: -

- The sick, the most vulnerable and those undergoing treatment that God will be near them and give them strength.
- Our pastor Pete's recovery from his illness and his family.
- Guidance from the Holy Spirit for the future of our church.
- Unity as a community in the decisions that need to be made.

**The next network prayer diary will run from 5th June 2021.**