

PRAYER GUIDE

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

At one time, Great Britain was a country that had many strong churches and was sending out many missionaries around the world. Much has changed in the last century, as the country has generally become very secular and most people are quite hostile toward the gospel.

Though there are still some across the country who claim to be Christians, the reality is that most “Christians” do not believe the gospel as revealed in Scripture. The state of Christianity in the country is revealed by the fact that, in 2015, a survey found that only about 5% of the country attend any kind of church on a regular basis (faithsurvey.co.uk). In addition to the decline in Christianity, Islam, pluralism, and secularism are on the rise.

Despite the generally dire spiritual condition of the country, there are still many faithful Christians and churches sprinkled throughout the country. God is continuing to save souls and change lives, and some people are hungering for a more committed belief system than the nominalism of the last century.

How to Pray

- *Please pray for a national awakening across the country.*
- *Pray for Christians to boldly share their faith despite all the social pressure to keep their faith private.*
- *Pray for labourers and resources to plant new churches and revitalise struggling churches.*
- *Pray for national pastors to step up to lead and pray for strong churches to support them.*
- *Pray for opportunities to reach the growing ethnic-minority populations that form a significant part of UK urban life.*
- *Pray for declining and deprived town and villages.*
- *Pray for national missionaries to be sent around the world.*

Fast Facts About The UK

66.5 million people (5th largest in Europe):
England (56m), Scotland (5.5m), Wales (3.1m),
Northern Ireland* (1.9m)

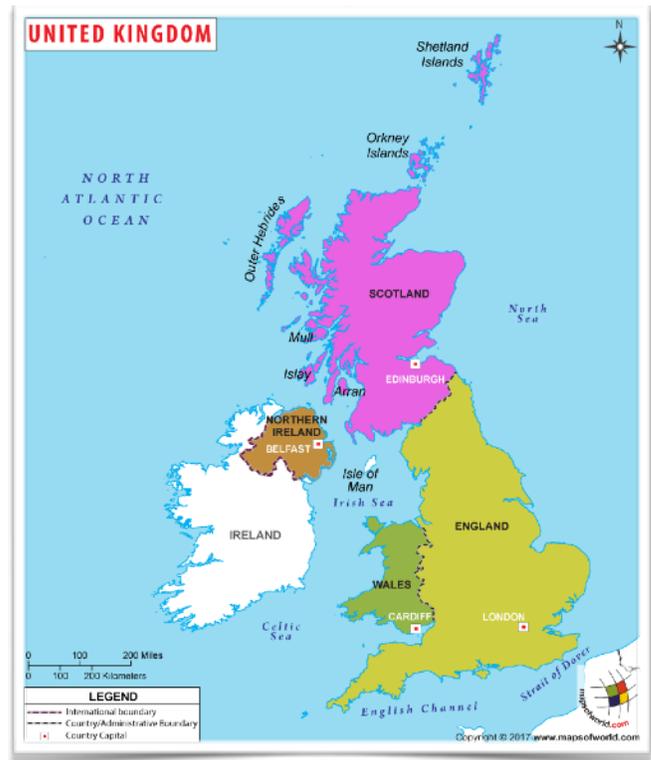
710 people/square mile (32nd in the world)

90% of people live in cities

Largest Urban Areas: London (9.8m), Manchester (2.6m), Birmingham (2.4m), Leeds (1.8m), Glasgow 91.2m), Liverpool (800k), Southampton (856k)

Religion: 53% No Religion, 15% Anglican, 9% Catholic, 4% Islam, 19% Other

**The island of Ireland is divided into Northern Ireland (part of the UK) and the Republic of Ireland (an independent country).*



KENT

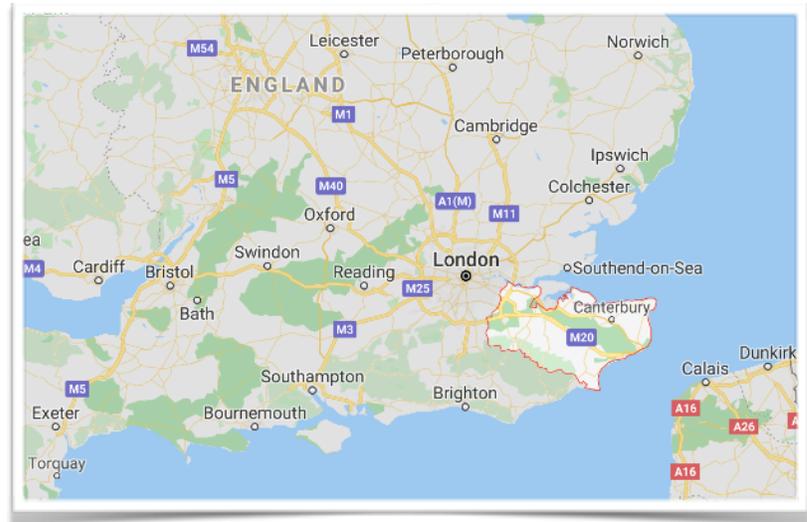
South East England | 1,846,000 People | 7 Areas To Pray For

The Fastest Growing County In The South East

The population of Kent grew by 10.1% or 134,000 people between 2001 and 2011. This is the biggest increase out of all other south east regions. Every Kent district saw a population increase in this period. (maidstone.gov.uk)

7 Areas to Pray For:

1. **Thanet:** 142,000 people, 1 evangelical church
2. **Swale:** 148,500 people, 1 evangelical church
3. **Folkestone & Hythe:** 112,500 people, 1 evangelical church
4. **Maidstone:** 170,000 people, 0 evangelical churches
5. **Medway:** 274,000 people, 4 evangelical churches
6. **Dartford:** 110,000 people, 0 evangelical churches
7. **Dover:** 117,000 people, 0 evangelical churches



Kent is a county in South East England. It borders Greater London, Surrey, and East Sussex. It also shares a border with Essex across the Thames and France across the English Channel.

Proximity to mainland Europe made Kent an important location throughout English history. It was one of the first territories to be conquered and settled by Anglo-Saxons. In addition, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the leader of the Church of England. It has been the location of various military battles including the Battle of Britain in WW II.

Kent is currently home to 1,846,000 people. Between the 2001 and 2011 census, the population grew by 10%. It has 19 churches that claim to be evangelical, but no independent, fundamental Baptist churches of which we are aware.

How to Use This Prayer Guide

- Pray for Christians and evangelical churches in Kent to be bold in their witness.
- Pray for labourers to help plant strong churches in these needy areas.
- Pray for open doors to preach the gospel and start churches in County Kent.
- Pray for God to call young men from Kent to preach His Word.

LOCATIONS TO PRAY FOR

1 Thanet District

Population of 142,000 people. 3600 people/square mile. One evangelical church in Broadstairs. No other solid church in the towns of Margate (50,000) and Ramsgate (40,000) that we know of. High rates of alcohol abuse, unemployment, and deprivation. The most deprived area in Kent and 26th most deprived area in the country. Higher proportion of young people than the national average.

2 Swale District

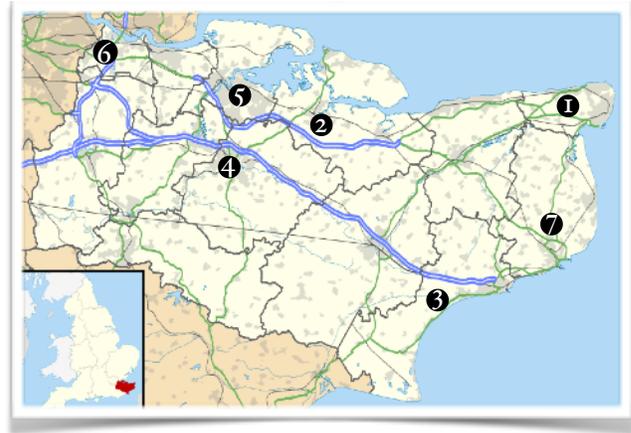
Population of 148,500 people. 1000 people/square mile. One evangelical church located in Sheppey. The largest town of Sittingbourne with 62,500 people is growing due to some large residential developments and railway links to central London. It also is the 2nd most deprived area in Kent, specifically the areas of Murston, Warden, Sheppy Central, and Sheerness.

3 Folkestone & Hythe District

Population of 112,500 people. 820 people/square mile. The largest town is Folkestone with about 47,000 people. There is one evangelical church in West Hythe, about 6 miles away from Folkestone. It is the third most deprived area in Kent.

4 Maidstone District

Population of 170,000 people which grew by 11.7% from 2001 to 2011. 15,789 people/square mile. 94% White. No sound evangelical church in the district and largest proportional increase of residents with no religion.



5 Medway

A conurbation and unitary authority in Kent with a population of 274,000 people. 3700 people/square mile. 15% non White British. Main towns are Gillingham (104,000), Chatham (77,000), Rochester (63,000), and Strood (33,000). Home to the Universities of Medway with a single campus in Chatham of about 10,000 students. Four evangelical churches.

6 Dartford

Population of about 110,000 people. 3900 people/square mile. 92% White. Expected to have one of the biggest population increases in England over the next 10 years. Most densely populated local authority in Kent. Located 18 miles from central London. Principally a computer town for Greater London. We are not aware of any doctrinally sound churches there.

7 Dover District

Population of 117,000 people. 950 people/square mile. The fifth most deprived area of Kent. The largest town is Dover with 39,000 people. Home to a major ferry port with crossings to Calais and Dunkirk. No solid evangelical church of which we are aware.

**Statistics and numbers of churches are estimates based on Internet research and may not be completely accurate.*