

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

A lot of people meet on a regular basis with a **prayer partner or a prayer triplet**. Ask the Lord to help them form a trustworthy bond; to guide their prayers and encourage them to believe for great things. If you would like to have a prayer partner, ask the Lord to lead you to the right person.

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Did you know that there's a collection of **audio-recorded sermons** from our 5pm service which you can tap into? Each message is thoughtfully crafted to encourage, challenge, and deepen your walk with God. Pray that those listening for the first time or catching up on a missed service, will stay connected and grow in faith.

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Keith will be sharing the work of MAF with the friends at **Aldwick Free Baptist Church** tomorrow. Ask the Lord to give Keith confidence in his leading and a real sense of His presence as he speaks.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Poverty destroys lives. It robs people of joy, hope and opportunities. It tears families apart, isolates those most in need of support, and leads many to believe there is no way out. Today we focus on **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** in our services. Now in Australia, Canada, N. Zealand & USA pray that through their ministry, many will find there is a way and that they find Jesus.

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Pray for those attending the **Marriage Course** that it will help them strengthen their relationship.

\*The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** which consists of clergy, churchwardens and representatives of the laity, are meeting tonight. Responsible for the financial affairs of the parish, the maintenance of the church and church hall, they also help to promote the mission of the church. Ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in their decision making and that the Lord will make his plans and purposes for St Margaret's plain.

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

The Church is usually **open daily** (Monday - Friday) from 9.30am - 12.00pm and can be available for prayer and quiet contemplation. Even when activities or services are happening, pray that people will feel welcomed and find a quiet spot to be still before God.

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Where would we be without **our musicians**? Pray for them today and thank God for their ministry. When they meet for prayer and practice, ask the Lord to guide them in their choices so that they will inspire us to worship with their music.

\*The Bible Overview continues today. Pray that the message will be clear.

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

The people who **clean the church and arrange the flowers** will be busy this week in preparation for tomorrow and Sunday. Ask that they will be blessed in their ministry.



\***The Daytime Fellowship** meets today. This is an opportunity to meet together for a short talk and then to share fellowship over tea/coffee. Ask the Lord that everyone will feel His presence and that new friendships may be made.

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

On 7th February we have the **The Vine** gathering. Pray for Andrea Trevanna as she makes her final preparations and ask the Lord that every lady who wants to come will be able to. Also, pray that there will be no distractions on the day.

### Women Together

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
It's the **Sussex Gospel Partnership Annual Conference** today. Please pray for a really good time of teaching and fellowship when Graham (Danno) Daniels from Christians in Sport will be giving a talk.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less  
C.S. Lewis

***This is our monthly diary of the ministries and events in the life of St Margaret's with some ideas for prayer. Thank you for praying - we want to make a difference!***

***It would be helpful if requests for inclusion in the February diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 16th January..***

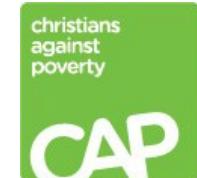
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And they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4v.13(b)

## Our Mission this Month –

Christians Against Poverty (CAP). They offer practical advice on how to live well on a low income and have a vision of transformed lives, thriving churches and an end to poverty in the UK.



## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

**New Year' Day** is a time when people make resolutions. Rather than making promises which are hard to keep, ask for God's help to **keep our eyes on Jesus**. You wouldn't be reading this if you didn't believe Our Heavenly Father answers prayer so why not jot down all the answers he gives you in 2026.

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tear fund** trains local churches in the world's poorest countries to identify the resources that they have and then to develop lasting local solutions to problems of poverty. In this way they rewrite their own stories, generating hope and opportunity. Ask the Lord that this work will flourish through the year ahead.

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hospices are in trouble. They lack money, staff and cannot afford to fill all beds yet the demand for help grows. Bring **St Barnabas, Chestnut Tree House** and any hospice you know before the Lord today. Pray for encouragement and funds.

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

The seniors will be gathering for **Sunday Roast** today. Some will have spent Christmas alone so pray that this will be a special time for them. Ask the Lord to bless the team who regularly give up their Sunday to minister in this way.



## Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Life today is very pressured. As the children and staff at St. Margaret's school (and other schools) start a new term, pray that every child will feel safe and cared-for. Remember especially **teachers** who have over loaded classrooms and have to cope with children with special needs.

## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Praise God for the families preparing to serve with **MAF**. Leaving home is never easy, so ask for God's comfort, unity and practical provision for everyone stepping into this new chapter of their lives and especially remembering those family members they leave behind.



## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

There will be a shaking in heavenly places as the **Church Prayer Meeting** takes place this evening. Pray for the pulling down of strongholds and a mighty move of God's Holy Spirit!

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

We have a few members who are in **Care Homes**. Pray for them that they will continue to follow Jesus all the days of their lives and that they will be able to rest in his peace. Ask the Lord that the staff will remember to take them to any service which takes place in the care home.

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Being so closely connected with the church, St Margaret's school probably has no idea how often the children are brought before the Lord in prayer. As the **School Prayer Group** meets this morning ask the Holy Spirit to guide the participants so that the smooth running of the school will continue.

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

There is so much suffering in our world and many people go unnoticed. Bring the women suffering with fistula, a devastating **childbirth injury in Ethiopia** before the Lord today. Disowned by their husbands and shunned by their communities it's estimated that 70,000 were helped by the late Dr Catherine Hamlin and the work continues.



## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Now that the school term has started again **Rooted**, which is for 14-18 year olds, recommences. Also **Sunday Girls** for girls aged 13-17. Pray that lasting friendships will be made and that these young people will follow Jesus right from the start of their lives.

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

The **staff and wardens** meet today for a time of prayer and planning. Take this opportunity to thank God for them and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance so that they will be sensitive to the Lord's voice.

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

The war in Ukraine shows no sign of ending, but **FEBC Ukraine** continues to broadcast the gospel across the country. Through FM radio, social media, smartphone apps, and web streaming, the team faithfully shares God's Word and prays for people over the airwaves. Bring the team before God today thanking Him for them and asking Him to guide their decision making.



## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

For those who wonder how the whole Bible fits together, the **Bible Overview Course** starts today. Pray for people as they tackle giant themes like creation, covenant, redemption and hope. May they see how every page points to Jesus. Ask the Lord that they will get a clearer understanding and grow in their confidence in Scripture; also pray for wisdom for those leading groups.



## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

The **Music and Memory Dementia Support Café** will be using our hall for the first time today. This initiative brings together people and their families who are affected by dementia. Here they will connect with others; exchange stories, and find support in a friendly environment. Pray for Joseph who has launched the project and pray that the people who come will feel safe and make friends quickly.

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Winter is always a bad time for flu and other respiratory illnesses. Bring hard pressed members of the **NHS** coping with large numbers of admissions before the Lord today, and if you know someone who is ill at the moment say a prayer for their healing. Why not send a card too!

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

**MAF's recruitment team** are seeking to build stronger connections with universities and the aviation community across the UK. Ask the Lord to open doors and the hearts of the people so that more will be inspired to serve overseas with MAF.

\*Some of our young people are heading off to North London today for a **Brymore 3 Bitesize**. Pray that it will be a good time to re-connect with friends from camp last year and an encouragement for others thinking about going along this year.

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

As we gather together today, ask the Lord to help us worship him wholeheartedly. It's hoped that a new initiative called **Parenting Today** will be starting soon. An opportunity for our families to come together for a meal and for parents to have time to think about how they can help their children grow up in the Lord.

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

After a candle lit dinner just like a date, the informative and fun talks in the **Marriage Course** beginning tonight enable couples to talk privately with each other. Whether they are in a good place or struggling, pray that through Marriage Course they will find practical support to strengthen their relationship and ask for God's blessing on the team who run it.

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

It is said that as believers partake in **Holy Communion**, they renew their awareness of Christ's love, reaffirm their faith in His completed work and experience communal fellowship with fellow believers. Pray that will be so as folks meet for Holy Communion today.



## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

There are folks who go to **Evergreen** month after month yet they seem to be untouched by the gospel. Pray that this will be the year when they fully grasp what God has done for them. Abby will be singing today. Ask the Lord to bless her too.

\*The **Bible Overview course** continues this evening. Pray that those coming will get to grips with the Bible's key themes, characters and stories in a new way.