

Saturday 22nd

Bring **our ministry team** before the Lord today. Thank God for them and ask for strength, especially for Mark who has been battling health issues. Ask the Lord to knit them together as one, that they cover each other's backs and that they all work seamlessly together.

Sunday 23rd

Today **Spencer Shaw** the new director of Sussex Gospel Partnership will be speaking in the morning service. Spencer, who joined SGP last month, worked as an industrial physicist then a church Pastor for 23 years. Ask the Lord that he will feel welcomed and that we shall be both challenged and encouraged by his message.

Monday 24th

Sometimes, instead of being a light, the church mirrors the world. As **the PCC** meet today, ask the Lord that they will find ways to make sure St Margaret's fulfils her commission to know Jesus and to make him better known.

Tuesday 25th

There is a **whole army of people** in the church who go unnoticed. Pray for our church Pastoral Coordinator, for the musicians who faithfully enable us to worship each week, for the techy team on the desk and those who enable us to join in with Zoom when we cannot come in person, for the people who welcome at the door, those who keep everything running smoothly. The list goes on and on... thank you Lord.

Wednesday 26th

Today babies, toddlers and their parents and carers **Come And Meet Each Other**. Ask the Lord that even the little ones will sense His Presence and that the adults can make lasting friends, especially an everlasting friendship with Jesus.

Thursday 27th

Ask God to give us all a greater love and respect for **the Bible**. May we never forget that in times past, people died that we might read it and know Him whom to know is life eternal.



Daytime Fellowship meets today.

Ask the Lord that they will enjoy fellowship with Him and with others.

Friday 28th

Tomorrow **the men meet together for breakfast**.

Pray that they come with hearts prepared to be drawn closer to the Lord. If anyone needs to talk or advice, ask God that he will find someone who can help. Lord make the men of St Margaret's warriors and princes in your kingdom.

God has not called us to see through each other, but to see each other through.

Gloria Gaither

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If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in **prayer**.

Matthew 21: 22

Our Mission this Month – **Sussex Gospel Partnership** – an alliance of Bible-centred churches in Sussex working together to train leaders, strengthen and plant churches, and advance the gospel.

Saturday 1st

We begin the month of February praying for the group that meets regularly in the Vestry Hall from 8.30am to 9.15am for **Saturday Morning prayers**. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them and that the Lord will be pleased to answer their requests. Today our prayers will focus on our **Mission Partners**.



Sunday 2nd

Today there is an **All Age Family Service**. Thank the Lord that we are blessed with so many young families in St Margaret's. Let's not rest on our laurels but ask God to 'fill them with the knowledge of his will... that they may please him in very way.' (Colossians 1v. 9,10). 11.30 sees **Morning Prayer** followed by **Sunday Roast**. May everyone be filled with the joy of the Lord, as well as roast potatoes.



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 March diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 17th February

Monday 3rd

Please remember the work of FEBA in your prayers.. FEBA UK is a Christian mission agency focussed on the creative use of radio and other audio media to encourage people to follow Christ. Pray that listeners will hear voices of love as they hear God's truth spoken.



Tuesday 4th

There are a lot of people going through difficult times at the moment – worry about debt or juggling slim finances, bereavement, serious illnesses, long term health issues, family crises to name but a few. When the **Opportunities for Prayer** email comes out later today, take an extra moment to bring these dear ones before the Lord.

Wednesday 5th

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. The people of **Creating Company** may only have a spark, but in God's hands all things become precious.



As we meet for our **Monthly Church Prayer Meeting** – in church and on line—later on today, let us ... 'not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition... present our requests to God'. (Phil 4v. 6) Ask the Lord that when we pray we shall see his power at work!



Thursday 6th

Helen, from Crosslinks, asks us to pray for the two young women who are doing the **Christianity Explored Course** with her. Also ask the Lord there will be further opportunities to engage with the people who came to the Christmas services both in Castlebar N. Ireland and Angmering



Friday 7th

Did you know that one in ten primary aged children, and one in seven secondary aged pupils suffers from a mental disorder? As the **School Prayer Group** meet today, ask the Lord to give them wisdom in their prayers. Also pray for the on-going selection of a new Head for St Margaret's school.

Saturday 8th

Doesn't every Christian woman want to be fruitful for Jesus? This morning **Women Together (The Vine)** will be sharing practical ways in which to build good habits into everyday life. Ask God that everyone will meet with him in a dynamic way.

Sunday 9th

Week after week a team of volunteers spend a lot of time preparing Sunday school lessons, craft and games for **the 3-13year olds**. Even those under 3 listen to Bible stories and learn through fun and games. Thank God for those who lovingly give of their time so that our children can learn about Jesus and pray that the children will give their hearts and lives to Him.

Monday 10th

The Marriage Course continues today. Pray that everyone who comes will be able to focus on giving each other time and space. Remember too, Astrid and Ben who are leading it, asking for God's blessing. If you know anyone (family, friend, acquaintance) who is struggling in their marriage, why not pray for them right now.



Tuesday 11th

Throughout the week people meet in **Housegroups**. Ask God that folks will not only enjoy close friendship but also meet with Him through the pages of scripture in study and prayer for each other. Ask the Lord to bless the leaders who selflessly give of their time and effort to help us to grow in Christ.

Wednesday 12th

'You have exalted above all things your name and your word'. (Psalm 138v. 2(b)) As **the Life of Jesus course** continues today ask God that everyone will see the real Jesus of the Bible and may they press in to know him better.

Thursday 13th

Losing someone important can be emotionally devastating and even our own feelings may be confusing at times. This can be a very challenging time and people may struggle with uncertainty or fear about the future. As the **Bereavement Group** meet, pray that each person will find comfort and have opportunity to express their feelings.

Friday 14th

After the terrible incident in **Southport**, let us remember the youth of our country, especially those fascinated by violence and harmful content online. Pray for wisdom for those who try to prevent such things and the relatives of the victims whose lives will never be the same again. (Phillippians 4v.8)

Saturday 15th

This morning, the **Sussex Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course** continues in our church hall. Ask the Lord that all those taking part have no distractions and fully understand what they are being taught. Pray that they store up Biblical knowledge which will enhance their abilities to share the good news.

Sunday 16th

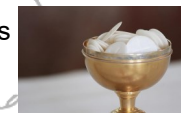
Our young teens meet at **Rooted** this evening. Ask the Lord that the kernel of seed planted in their hearts will grow into a vibrant faith which will last their whole lives and into eternity.

Monday 17th

Jesus said 'You will hear of wars... nation will arise against nation... there will be famines and earthquakes...' (Matthew 24v. 6&7). 2024 seemed to have all of these and more. Ask the Lord in His mercy that **2025** will be a more settled and peaceful year. Pray for those caught up in these situations and ask Him 'What can I do?'

Tuesday 18th

Sharing **Holy Communion** together is always a pivotal part of belonging to Christ. Pray that the people who will be meeting in church today will be blessed. Also thank God for the dedicated team who take communion to our church members who cannot come to the meetings in person. Ask the Lord that everyone receiving communion will feel very much part of God's family.



Wednesday 19th

Evergreen meets today. We have a few members who live in Care Homes. Pray that they will continue to follow Jesus all the days of their lives. And ask the Lord that the staff will remember to take them to any service which takes place in the care home.

Thursday 20th

Whatever your political persuasion, being a member of **the government** seems a bit like drinking from a poison chalice. Pray for those who rule over us that they will do it for the love of the country rather than self-gain. Ask the Lord to help them to make wise decisions especially when choosing those who are to advise them. Pray also that they will get the right work/life balance. (1 Timothy 2v. 1&2)

Friday 21st

The mops and dusters will be out today as the cleaning team and the flower arrangers do their work in the church. Few of us know them by name but the Lord sees their dedication and hard work. Thank the Lord for them and ask that they may feel the blessing of God as they serve both us and Him.