

Saturday 24th

Today there is a **Crosslinks Coffee Morning & Plant Sale**.

Pray that there will be a good attendance and that some non-church goers would come too. There is an opportunity to hear about Helen from Crosslinks, our mission partner, and her work in Castlebar church in the Republic of Ireland. Pray that she will feel God's Presence as she speaks.

Sunday 25th

Today is **Mission Sunday** and Helen will be speaking at today's services. Now housed in bright open plan church (see website) the Christians there meet every Sunday. Thank the Lord for answers to prayer and ask Him that they will soon know the direction of next phase of their journey.

Monday 26th

Spring Bank Holiday and Half term starts today.

Now that the warmer weather is here, pray that those struggling with the cost of living crisis will take the opportunity to enjoy God's 'freebies'. An ice cream may be expensive but the beach is free and so is the countryside. Ask the Lord to really bless these families & their times together.

Tuesday 27th

To be a **full time carer** is not easy. Pray for God's help for all those who give up their lives so willingly for others. Pray that they can get reasonable breaks and personal space. Ask the Lord to sustain them. Pray for healing and comfort too.

Wednesday 28th

We are very blessed to have a **hard working team** at the helm. Bring Mark and Susan, Ben and Mog, Nat and Connie and Chris and Zillah to God today. Thank Him for them and pray that they will get the right balances between church and family. Pray for good health and ask God to fill them with joy and strength.

Thursday 29th

The Daytime Fellowship meets today – an opportunity to worship and enjoy God's presence with His people. Pray that everyone will experience a blessing and that old friendships be renewed and new friendships born.

Friday 30th

The services at St Margaret's are **online**, probably watched by our own church family members who are unable to get to church. But who else is tuning in? Ask the Lord that whoever comes across the services will be touched by the Holy Spirit. Pray that they will understand who Jesus is and be born-again.



Saturday 31st

David, Sara and Leanne are always around, helping people, making sure everything is running smoothly and keeping things ship-shape week by week. Thank the Lord for them and their faithful and joyful service. As they delight themselves in the Lord, ask Him to honour His word and give them the desires of their hearts. Psalm 37v.5

God's purpose for you is bigger than your mistakes. Nicky Gumbel

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 June diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 19th May

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Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with men is possible with God.'
Luke 18v. 27

Our Mission this Month – **Crosslinks**, Republic of Ireland is based in Calvary church. They believe every Christian has a part to play in God's plan for the world.

Thursday 1st

If you had a medical emergency, wouldn't you want a skilled **First Aider** nearby? Pray for the church staff and volunteers who will be learning today how to give immediate assistance which will prevent a condition from worsening until medical services arrive. Remember all First Aiders today and thank God for their skills.

Friday 2nd

Remember our school children as the **School Prayer Group** meets today. Some are doing well but others are stressed, can't cope and dread school. Pray that they will discover the joy of the Lord as their strength and get the help they need. Ask that St Margaret's school will continue to encourage and bless the children in their care.

Saturday 3rd

There were **300 filled seats** in church on Easter Sunday. Bring before God all visitors who came. Pray that the drama, the Easter Story and the sermon will continue to challenge them, so much so that they will begin their own walk with Jesus.



Sunday 4th

'I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122v.1 (AV) Ask the Lord to fill all who come to the **10 o'clock, 11.30 Morning Prayer Service and the Sunday Roast** with His Joy, and that everyone will have a real encounter with Jesus today.

Monday 5th

People will probably meet with family today as it's May Bank Holiday. Last month we prayed for those who would be on their own. Today ask for God's blessing on **families**, that they will foster strong ties together, and that the Lord will be part of their family life. Ask the Lord to heal broken families.

Tuesday 6th

Terrible things happen but the world moves on. Remember the people of **Myanmar** struck by an earthquake last month. With temperatures above 40°C, risk of disease and lack of clean water, they need God's mercy. Pray also for the mental health of rescue teams and those who clear the debris.

Wednesday 7th

Creating Company gather today. Pray that as people share their skills, friendships will be deepened. Ask the Lord that they will find ways of encouraging non-church people to come.



The power house of the church meets this evening at the **Church Prayer Meeting**. Pray that we shall be bold in our beliefs and requests, knowing we have a Heavenly Father who answers prayer.

Thursday 8th

The whole country will be remembering **VE Day** with street parties, military parades and community gatherings. Throughout the war King George VI called for seven National Days of Prayer. Today is an opportunity for us to thank God for answered prayer and 80 years of peace in the UK.

Friday 9th

The young people of Castlebar (Ireland) have a **Youth Weekend Away** beginning today. Ask God to empower the speaker with His Holy Spirit. Pray that attendance will be good and that everyone will learn more about Jesus.

Saturday 10th

Women Together Breakfast continues their theme of 'What a Faithful God I have...' Pray that as Jo and Gillian tell their real life stories, the women will be challenged, encouraged and blessed.

Sunday 11th

Today is the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** after the morning service. As we digest the reports about various ministries and church finances, please pray for the year to come that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As the youth lead the **5pm service**, pray they will be aware of His presence.

Monday 12th

Please pray for all our **parents, grandparents, godparents and carers** at St. Margaret's that they will be equipped and sustained to help the children in their care to know Jesus. Pray that as a church we may support them in this vital role as they seek to grow young disciples.

Tuesday 13th

St Margaret's is situated in a village which has more than doubled in just a few years. Pray for the people of **Angmering** that they will hear the Good News and that we can find new ways to reach out to them. We cannot do it alone. Ask God to bless the Baptist church and Immanuel as well.

Wednesday 14th

This is the time when young people are making **life choices** - which subjects to study in college, which university is best? Ask the Lord to guide them and to place them where they will grow in their faith.

Thursday 15th

For centuries church bells have called people to worship. The origins of change ringing date from 16th century. The bell swings full circle and back again giving ringers more control, allowing a continuously changing pattern. Skilled work and we appreciate it. Ask the Lord to speak into the hearts of **our bell ringers**, that they might come to know Him.

Friday 16th

Pray for **our persecuted brother and sisters**. In China, the communist party is to 'update' the Bible to reflect socialist values; children will be forbidden to have a Bible. However, there are 130 million Christians in China. In other countries, people are being killed or denied work. Ask God to strengthen them and encourage them.

Saturday 17th

Everybody loves a wedding and today will be no exception when Danielle & Spencer get married at St Margaret's. Ask our Father that it will be a wonderful day for everybody. Ecclesiastes 4v. 12(b) Pray that this will be a marriage of three cords, bride, groom and Jesus.



Sunday 18th

The young people of **Rooted** meet this evening to read the Bible and pray. Ask God that through their openness they may know him better.

Monday 19th

Did you know that more than 900,000 people in the UK are living with dementia? This week is **Dementia Awareness Week**. Pray for Joseph heading up the Community Outreach Ministry and the launch of a Dementia Activity Support Group in the church hall. Bring before God those you know who have dementia.

Tuesday 20th

In the feeding of the 5,000 we are reminded of how much Jesus can do with the very little we are able to offer him (Nicky Gumbel). Why not bring your 'little' before God today and ask Him to use it for His glory. There is **Holy Communion** in church today. Pray for God's blessing on who attend.

Wednesday 21st

Remember the folks in **Evergreen** today as they gather. Some come faithfully each time but don't yet know Jesus. Ask the Lord to touch their hearts. Pray that those who are walking with the Lord will keep close to Him and ask for God's blessing on all those who collect the housebound, serve teas and welcome everybody.

Thursday 22nd

Every journey has a bend in the road. It's just the same on **our faith journey**. It maybe the loss of a job, a missed promotion, the breakup of a relationship or an illness which alters expectations and plans. Think of someone you know who is in exactly this situation and bring them before God today. Psalm 42v. 5

Friday 23rd

During Lent we were all encouraged to pray for **two people for two minutes** a day. It's easy to start with enthusiasm but then 'life' gets in the way! Remember the two you promised to pray for before the Lord today. Maybe put their names in between the verses of Ephesians 1v. 17- 18(a).