

Sunday 22nd

Pray for God's blessing on the people who work wonders on **the sound desk** in church and enable us to watch services on-line. Their contribution often goes unnoticed (unless something buzzes when it shouldn't!) Thank God for them and their ministry. Also thank the Lord for those who update the church website which is the window of the church to the outside world as well as a useful tool for us.

Monday 23rd

The members of our **PCC** have an enormous responsibility. They always act in the best interests of the church, making balanced and informed decisions, and thinking about the long term as well as the short term. As they meet today, ask the Lord to give them wisdom and insight so that they will make good choices.

Tuesday 24th



Today the **cleaning team** swing into action. Ask the Lord to bless those who clean the loos, floors and other places. We may forget to thank them but the Lord sees their service. May they be filled with the joy of the Lord today.

Wednesday 25th

For some, modern technology is a mystery. Today there is a **Church Suite drop in** when Leanne will be available to help people to set it up and use it in a relaxed and easy-going setting. Pray that once folks are equipped with the know-how, they'll feel more confident and better served.

Thursday 26th

The Daytime Fellowship meet today. An opportunity to gather for Bible study and to have fellowship together over tea and coffee. Ask the Lord for new folk to come and pray that those already attending not only learn something but also enjoy being with God this morning.

Friday 27th

Jesus said: 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers to his harvest field.' So often it's always the same people who do all the work. With this in mind, ask the Lord to raise up new workers in St Margaret's and to call others to come and join us in our fields. Pray that we always have enough people to serve our community.

PCC
Tonight



Saturday 28th

Today the **Guinness Mission Group** are holding a breakfast from 8.30-10 when Alison will be bringing us up-to-date with events in Burundi. Pray for a good attendance and that folks will be inspired to pray and support them.

Sunday 29th

Preparing a sermon takes dedicated time, prayer and study. Yet how often do we think of that? Thank the Lord for all those who, week by week, shut themselves alone with God to bring us a word of encouragement or illuminate the scripture in such a way as to bring us closer to Him. Pray particularly for **Alison Guinness** as she brings God's word to us today.

Monday 30th

We are half way through 2025. Ask the Lord to make His will clear in your life and give you the courage to act on it so that when the next six months are gone, you will, like Mary, know that you have done what you could. (*Mark 14v. 8a.*)

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.
Mother Teresa

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

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I call on you my God, for you will answer me;
turn you ear to me and hear my prayer.
Psalm 17v.6

Our Mission this Month –

Alison Guinness & family who are working in Burundi.

Sunday 1st

Today there is an **All Age Service** and an **11.30am service** which will be followed by **Sunday Roast**, and then our afternoon service at 5pm. Pray that even in the business, Christ will have centre stage. For the people who are burdened and troubled ask the Lord that today they find the Risen Lord and our Great Burden Bearer.

1 Peter 5v. 7

Monday 2nd

Helen Sheridan asks us to give thanks that the Youth Weekend Away went well in Northern Ireland. However she still needs us to keep up our petition for a Christian male leader in **Crosslinks** as many of these young people are boys.

Tuesday 3rd

In the book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, (Charlie Mackesy) the boy asks the horse, 'What is the bravest thing you have ever said?' 'Help,' said the horse. Today bring before the Lord those people you know who desperately need help and are afraid to ask for it. Ask Him if there's any way you can answer your own prayer.



Wednesday 4th

Because today is the last **Creating Company** before the autumn, they have a cream tea (yum-yum). Ask God that those attending will also enjoy fellowship with Jesus.



Tenacious, fearless, bold, mighty, determined, agreement, harmony, cooperation. All words which could describe our attitude in the **Church Prayer Meeting** as we seek God for His will and plan and purpose for our lives. We've seen some wonderful answers to prayer – ask the Lord to help us believe our Heavenly Father for more!

Thursday 5th

With gardening gloves and clippers, the **Weed Wackers** will be at work in the churchyard this morning. Thank God for them and pray that they might have some profitable encounters with folks who might come to remember their loved ones.

Friday 6th

These days children are constantly bombarded with information. Above all the 'noise', pray that the children in St Margaret's school will hear the good news about Jesus. Ask the Lord to guide those who meet for the **School Prayer** time today, that they will know His plan and purpose which is always to bring little ones to Himself.

Saturday 7th

Once again the **Sussex Gospel Partnership** training group meets today. It's easy to 'flag' when you've been doing something for a long time. Ask the Lord to encourage everyone to run the race to the tape and pray that their dedication and study will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. May many come to know Christ because of their encounter with Him.

Sunday 8th

Some people are unable to come to church without the help of another person giving them a lift. This is a real act of worship in itself. Thank God for these dedicated folk who offer their cars and their time week by week in the service of others. What a blessing they are.

Monday 9th

Switch on and tune in: *Hope FM*, a radio station in South Sudan, broadcasts in five languages. This is part of Tearfund's Transforming Communities with the aim of encouraging peace and unity in the region. Ask the Lord that people will be transformed too and pray for safety and a blessing on **Stephen** who is actively involved with this work and travelling to Malawi and Kenya at the end of the month.



Tuesday 10th

It's wonderful when we have ANSWERED PRAYER! Praise God for a **Feba UK** listener who has accepted Jesus – along with their entire family! Lord bless the local pastor who is nurturing them and discipling them in their new-found faith. Pray that they will grow in their understanding and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Wednesday 11th

We are so blessed to be led by a team of people who love the Lord with a passion. Thank Him today for each one and for their families who willingly share their loved-ones with us. Who knows how often they have given up family times to minister to someone? Remember **Mark** especially and ask the Lord for his speedy return to full health and strength.

Thursday 12th

Pipe Organ Encounters – Year 5 from St Margaret's school are coming for a fun session to learn about the church organ with Malcolm today. Ask the Lord that a deep love and respect for the pipe organ will be fostered in some hearts and that the atmosphere in church will encourage the children to want to know about Jesus.



The Bereavement group meet in the Vestry Hall today. Pray that they can help and support each other through this difficult time. May they know Him, the God of all comfort and grace.

Friday 13th

This is the last day for preparation for the **Fun Day** tomorrow. Ask our Father that the road works won't put people off coming. Pray that every eventuality will be covered and that everybody is enthusiastic and excited for the day. Ask the Lord for good weather too.

Saturday 14th

St Margaret's Fun Day. This could be the only time some visitors connect with the church. Pray that there is plenty of room for an encounter with Jesus. May 'Ace' from Gladiators feel the blessing of God as he speaks and ask for safety and enjoyment for all the children.

Sunday 15th

Psalms 118v.24 This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Today is a very special day for Nat and his family when Bishop Ruth will be officiating at his **ordination at St Peter's church Henfield**. Ask the Lord to guide him on this new phase of his journey and that he walks in God's blessings all the days of his life.

Monday 16th

The Fun Day is over but God is still at work. Ask Him to encourage anyone who was moved by the message or interested in coming to church, to ACT on their impulse. Remember **our young people** who are making life choices after their exams. Pray that they make wise decisions when it comes to college courses and universities.

Tuesday 17th

God never forgets a single prayer you pray even though you may have long forgotten that you ever asked it. He is still working on it in His perfect timing. That person/thing you prayed for long ago and gave up because the answer was a long time coming... ask again and see His perfect plan unfold.

Wednesday 18th

Ask the Lord that **Evergreen** will be more than fun and sandwiches. Lord, hear our cry and open the hearts of those who hear the gospel yet never receive it for themselves. We long to see them come to Christ. If you know an unbeliever, pray for them today.

Thursday 19th

Helen Sheridan asks us to pray that the remaining works on their new build would be completed before the end of June and the paperwork finished by September so that she is able to give more time to ministry and outreach. *Acts 6v. 3&4.*

St Margaret's knitters meet today. Ask the Lord that they will be guided to where they can best help the helpless.



Friday 20th

Statistics tell us that there are 30,000 Christian leaders of all persuasions in this country but there are 80,000 registered witches and fortune tellers. **Our country** is in deep trouble. Ask the Lord to forgive us as a nation for turning our backs on Him and pray that He will draw people to the Risen Christ.

Saturday 21st

The Kiev Accordion Duo visit St Margaret's at 7 p.m. They are remarkable players at the top of their profession playing anything from Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance Marches...through Jazz...folk/pop songs and almost anything you can think of. Ask the Lord that many will come to hear the Duo.

Also thank the Lord for our **musicians and singers**. Our worship would be a lot less enjoyable and meaningful without them. May the Lord bless their practise times and their choices of music too.

