

Monday 25th

Since the pandemic, our church services are available via **YouTube**. We tend to think the people watching will be those of our number, who for whatever reason cannot come to the services in person. But they aren't the only ones who may be watching. Ask the Lord to speak to anyone who tunes into the services coming from St Margaret's. Pray that they may also find Jesus as their Saviour.

Tuesday 26th

With more families than ever throughout Sussex needing help from charities like **FSW and CAP**, fundraising is vital to keep the work going. Bring the fundraisers before the Lord asking that



He will guide and direct them to keep the flame. If you know someone personally, ask for God's blessing on them today.

Wednesday 27th

Pray for **the children of our leaders**. Whatever age they may be, grown up or little children, ask for God's blessing on them. Ask the Lord to send his Holy Spirit so that if they don't yet know him, they will accept Jesus as their own personal Saviour and Friend and ask for His guidance in their lives.

Thursday 28th

As **Daytime Fellowship** meets again today, pray that they will not only meet with Him but that they will also form strong friendships which will last for time and eternity. May their love for Jesus grow stronger day by day.

Friday 29th

Whenever we have an **adult or an infant baptism**, we as a congregation promise to pray for that person. Remember Jade who was baptised last month? The church also prays for each person on the anniversary of their baptism and sends them a card. Lift anyone you know who has recently been baptised asking the Lord to help them run well. Why not use Ephesians 1v. 17&18 as a prayer.

Saturday 30th

Next week the children go **back to school**. For those who are going to school for the first time and those who are going to a new school, ask the Lord that they may settle quickly in their new environment. Pray that teachers and helpers will create a peaceful transition for everyone moving into new classes.

Sunday 31st

Bring the **Men's ministry** before the Lord today. Ask that their times of getting together will be instrumental in creating strong, dedicated and fervent men of faith.

*I may not be where I need to be
But thank God I am not where I used to be...*

*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 September diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 19th August

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Pray continually
1 Thessalonians 5v.17

Our Mission this Month –

Rector's Discretionary Fund for Youth. This fund has been set up to help young people whose families may struggle financially to send them away on Christian camps and away days.

Friday 1st

A small group of people from St Margaret's are attending the **New Wine Christian Festival** in Somerset this weekend with Nat. Ask the Lord that this time dedicated to worship and praise will become an oasis of teaching, peace and renewed commitment to Him for all of them. The **Ladies meet in the Lamb** tonight. Ask the Lord for good conversations and shared testimonies.

Saturday 2nd

Everybody loves a love story and a wedding! Today **Ollie will marry Sarah**, the girl of his dreams and she will wed her Prince Charming. Pray that as they make their vows together they will be aware of the Lord's presence and that their marriage will be sealed by Him.



Sunday 3rd

There's a **Family Service** this morning at 10am and an 11.30am service of **Morning Prayer**, then our 5pm service in the afternoon. There are no coincidences in God's plan but plenty of Divine Appointments, so pray

particularly for guests or holiday makers who may 'pop-in' to the services that they will meet with the Saviour.

Monday 4th

The sound of a **MAF** plane often brings hope to people in remote and isolated areas. They may be bringing medical supplies, or the wonderful news of the Gospel and God's love for everybody. Please pray that these often marginalised and inaccessible communities will have a chance to respond to God's call.

Tuesday 5th

August is traditionally the month of holidays. Remembering the cost of living crisis once again, pray for those **families** who cannot afford holidays, that they will find ways to do some 'free' things with their children.

Wednesday 6th



Isn't it wonderful that God never, ever goes on holiday! Thank Him that He's always there and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we meet in the **church powerhouse of prayer this evening**. Our prayers may be invisible but they are invaluable.

Thursday 7th

The grounds around the church look attractive because of the sterling work the **Weed Whackers** do month on month. They will be meeting today so please ask the Lord for his blessing as they work.

Friday 8th

We are so blessed to come into a clean and tidy church each week. Ask for God's blessing on the **cleaners, flower arrangers and those preparing the Communion table**. They may go unnoticed by us, but the Lord sees every act of service and love they bring so faithfully to St Margaret's.



Saturday 9th

Ben will be taking some of the youth to **Brymore, a Christian camp** for 13-18 year olds in Somerset this weekend. They will be enjoying fun-filled activities both on-site and off-site, with Bible based talks too. Ask the Lord for safety and that they will feel ready to make a commitment to follow Jesus.

Sunday 10th

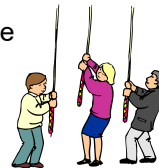
Lord, as we meet together in worship and praise today, help us to be a community that brings your light into a dark world. Help us as individuals and as a church, to live with you, to please you and to bring the light of life, love and joy to those around us today (Nicky Gumbel)
Congratulations to **Chris and Zillah** as they reach their first wedding anniversary. Ask that the blessing of the Lord will follow them all the days of their lives.

Monday 11th

Did you know that the United Nations High Commissioner for **refugees** says that now there are more than **eighty million**? It's hard to imagine how difficult it must be to be many miles from family, friends and all that's familiar and be unable to return. EVER! Pray for these people that they will hear the good news that loving Jesus brings and that they can have a Home which is eternal and will never be taken from them.

Tuesday 12th

Every Sunday we arrive at church to the sound of **the bells**. Ask the Lord to speak into their hearts and pray that they will hear their own call to faith as they ring so beautifully.



Wednesday 13th

There's a cordial invitation for a group from St Margaret's Church to attend **Afternoon Tea at Champs Hill Gardens** today. Ask the Lord that guests will not only enjoy the beautiful garden and an exhibition of paintings by Peter Iden, but that they will also enjoy fellowship and respond to a short message at the end. Pray that they will experience the Lord's presence with them too.

Thursday 14th

Bereavement Group meet today. We as a community have lost several dear friends just lately. Bring the families of those you know personally to the Lord and ask Him to open their hearts to the gospel. Our friends prayed for them regularly when they were here. Let's carry the baton one step further.

Friday 15th

Sometimes we have to be persistent in prayer. Helen from **Cross Links Castlebar**



Ireland asks us to keep praying that all the outstanding admin from the new build and remaining building work be completed by the end of the month which will give her more time to focus on her regular ministry.

Saturday 16th

The **Brymore Christian Youth camp** ends today. Pray that friendships made will last and that the teaching they have had will resonate with the young people, so that taking that step into faith will be their goal. Ask the Lord for safe journeys home.

Sunday 17th

Every Sunday there is a **prayer meeting** in the Vestry Hall before the morning services. Ask the Lord for the gift of faith that those who gather will believe Him for even great things to happen in St Margaret's.

Monday 18th

Did you know that **Littlehampton Community Fridge** are keen to set up a hub in Angmering beginning with the After School Club. This will be of great benefit to local families. Ask the Lord that funding will be in place and that many in the village will find the help they need.

Tuesday 19th

Prayer is the root, the fountain of a thousand blessings. Prayer has subdued fire, bridled the rage of lions, extinguished wars, burst the chains of death and expanded the gates of heaven (St. John Chrysostom). Lord help us to pray in such a way that we might see great numbers of people believing and turning to you.

Wednesday 20th

Recently, the members in **Evergreen** have lost several of their friends. As the pearly King and Queen sing the old songs today, pray that everyone will enjoy themselves. May the Lord help them to realise that even when upsetting things happen in our lives, His blessings far out-number the buttons on their costumes.

Thursday 21st

The faithful **St Margaret's Knitters** meet today. May the Lord bless the work of their hands and increase their faith and trust in Him. Pray that they will find new and exciting projects to embrace and that their efforts will speak of the Love of Jesus.



Friday 22nd

Today the relatives and friends of **Sandra Lee** will gather to say their goodbyes. Pray for her sons and their families that even in their sorrow they may be comforted and thank the Lord for a Christian life well lived.

Saturday 23rd

The **Big Church Festival** is on the Wiston Estate this weekend. As music flows from early morning to moonlit night, ask the Lord that for everyone, distractions will fade, hearts will connect, hope will rise and that God will move. Whether the people have come to sing their hearts out in wild abandon or to find a stillness and rest, pray that everyone will be drawn closer to our Heavenly Father.

Sunday 24th

Pray for **the children** who are at the Big Church Festival that their personal faith in Christ will be sparked and that they have faith-filled encounters with Jesus. Ask God's blessing on the **Goring family**, who year on year have opened their grounds to the festival, sometimes shouldering a financial loss after everyone has gone.