

Friday 21st

A lot of people are facing **big life changes** right now. It may be through illness or bereavement, a change of job, school or going to college or university. When consumed with new challenges and adventure, it's all too easy to let your spiritual life drift. If you know someone personally, pray for them now, asking God to hold them fast and that they can make time for prayer and their daily walk with Jesus.

Saturday 22nd

When drought comes there's a very serious risk of **wild fires**. Pray for farmers worried about their crops, that good decisions will be made by the guardians of our forestries, and for the fire fighters who risk their lives to keep us safe.

Sunday 23rd

Sunday as a day for rest allows us the space to focus on what truly matters: our relationship with God and with each other. Thank God for this special day in which we can come together. After we have worshipped him, why not share a word of encouragement with someone in church. If you are watching on zoom, how about texting someone or sending a card by post. *Ephesians 4v. 29*

Monday 24th

Just about everyone enjoys a rousing hymn, a jolly chorus or a moving worship song. **Our musicians** spend hours practicing and seeking God for the best way to lead us into worship. Lift them to the Lord today, asking for his blessing and guidance in the future.

Tuesday 25th

Bring your **workplace colleagues** to the Lord today. Pray for God's blessing on them and that they will do well on the job. If you know about any family problems or issues they may have, pray about that too. If they are not Christians pray that your life will be an example to them. If you are retired, pray in the same way for your neighbours.

Wednesday 26th

Bells were introduced into Christian churches around 400 AD. They are rung to call people to worship, celebrate special occasions, and signal important events such as weddings, Christmas, Easter, New Year and funerals. Today some **visiting** bell ringers will be coming to St Margaret's. Pray that they will enjoy sharing their craft with like-minded people, but more importantly, that they meet with Jesus.



Thursday 27th

The Daytime Fellowship Group is an opportunity for people to spend an hour together with God learning more about His Word. It has become a focal point in which friendships and fellowship meet together. Pray for newcomers and that DFG will grow in numbers and understanding.

Friday 28th

Week on week, a small **team of volunteers** tidy, clean and decorate the church so that is a welcoming place for all who come. Ask for God's blessing all those people and the next time you see a member of the team, why not thank them.



Saturday 29th

Ask the Lord to help you build on your friendships, that you may be a blessing to those you count as friends.

Sunday 30th

As we meet together today, we may have **visitors to St Margaret's** who may be on holiday but have come along to be among us. If they are regular church-goers ask the Lord to give them a time of refreshing and if they are not Christians, pray that they will meet with Jesus in the service and that their holiday will become the beginning of the greatest journey of their lives.

Monday 31st

It's obvious really, but did you know Bank Holidays were so called because back in 1871, the banks closed their doors and took the day off. Thank the Lord that He never takes a day off! Read *Psalms 121* and spend some time thanking him for His loving care.

What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God

Mother Teresa

It would be helpful if requests for inclusion in the September diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 18th August.

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power.
Ephesians 6v. 10

Our focus this month: Rector's Discretionary Fund for Youth. This is not a mission as such but it has been put in place to enable any young person to be able to attend a camp / conference/ young people's event, without embarrassment, even if they don't have the wherewithal to afford it.

Saturday 1st



A small group of **organists from West Sussex** will be visiting three local churches: East Preston, Rustington and St Margaret's, to play and explore the resources of the instrument. Ask the Lord that this exercise will be both a blessing and a help even though the set up for

Holiday Club will still be in place.

Sunday 2nd

The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2

Peter 3v. 9

As we meet today to thank God at the **Holiday Club Service** at 10am, thank Him for the work done and pray that seeds sown will be nurtured into a bumper harvest.



Monday 3rd

Throughout this month members of **the leadership team** will be taking time off for holiday and to be with their families. Pray that the Lord will give them times of relaxation, refreshment and quality time with those they love.

Tuesday 4th

The **Weed Wackers and Pruners** gather in the church grounds to tidy the area on Thursday. Thank God for their willing service and pray that they will enjoy their tasks. They are looking for others to join them. Ask the Lord to send more workers into the field (churchyard) and if you can, why not answer your own prayer and consider taking part!

Wednesday 5th

Meet & Mingle gather today in someone's house. Ask the Lord's blessing on their hosts and pray that any who are not Christians will see Christ in the kindness of others.

At the **Church Prayer Meeting** this evening, pray that our gathering will deepen the faith of those who come and inspire revival. Remember that persistent, sincere prayer has an amazingly transformative power!



Thursday 6th

Almost a million people in the UK live with dementia. They may be less confident and feel worried about the future, but they are still the same person. It's important to stay active and involved which is where the **Music & Memory Café** comes in. Pray that those who come will feel buoyed up and loved. Also ask God that their carers will feel supported and understood.

Friday 7th

Lift the **school prayer group** to God today as they pray for the teachers and support workers of St Margaret's school. They have a real heart for children and long that they will experience the best that life can bring.

Also, the ladies meet for a social in Angmering Manor Hotel this evening. Pray for good conversations with a clear focus of the Lord.

Saturday 8th

Longing for someone you love to know Christ? Want to pray for that person but don't know what to say? Why not use scripture as your guide. *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen [name...] with power through his spirit in [their] inner being so that Christ may dwell in [their] heart through faith.* Ephesians 3v. 16.

Sunday 9th

It has been said that **church on Sunday** give us time to let go of past burdens, realign ourselves with truth enabling us to step forward into a new week with renewed faith and purpose. Ask the Lord that this will be so for all of us as we meet to worship him today.

Monday 10th

Imagine the earth shaking and everything you value gone in a moment. By mid-July, the earthquakes in Venezuela left more than 4,900 dead and 16,700 injured.

Tearfund's local partners are bringing food and shelter, medical care and trauma support. Pray for the mental health of these Christians who are 'in the thick of it,' as they respond to the needs of others and ask for God's help and blessing for the victims.

Tuesday 11th

Hebrews 10v. 25 says: Let us not give up meeting together... It's easy to let important things slip during holiday time. Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage all believers to **maintain their quiet times** with God and not to allow sun, sea and ice cream to distract us from our relationship with Jesus.

Wednesday 12th

'Who is going to pastor my grandchildren?'

Sussex Gospel Partnership is wrestling with that very question. They will train up and equip believers and have other initiatives. For example, they are looking to place a SGP Ambassador in the local church and they offer various other events including an Evangelism Conference. As you pray over this, why not ask the Lord if this is something you could do...

Thursday 13th

Grief and loss have no boundaries or time scale. As the **Bereavement Group** meet today, ask the Lord that he will make them the 'net' which catches the drowning, and pray that all who attend will know they are in a safe haven. Take a moment to name someone you know who has recently been bereaved and ask the Lord to comfort them.

Friday 14th

We all lead such busy lives it's hard to find time to be quiet and relax. **Helen Sheridan** is hoping to encourage the women of Castle Bar to do a summer read. Pray that her 'Women of the Word' will be an opportunity for them to understand the need to engage with Scripture and for them to reconnect with Helen after her sabbatical.



Saturday 15th

"But that's dreadful! What in the world is happening in our country?" We've all heard someone saying that recently but instead of joining the moaners and complainers, let's **cry out to God** that he brings a revival into this nation. *2 Chronicles 7v. 14*

Sunday 16th

Matthew 18v. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. As we come together **this Sunday** to worship him in person or on zoom, let's encourage one another to remember His victory over sin and death bringing us new and abundant life.

Monday 17th

We are half way through the summer holidays. **Pray for the families** who are struggling financially and may be faced with extra demands on their meagre resources. Ask the Lord to help them find cheap or no cost things they can do with their children and pray that they will be encouraged to get together with other church families in such a way that they recognise Jesus in their lives.

Tuesday 18th

It's very hard to be a believer in some countries. **FEBA** ask us to pray for Afghanistan as well as partners in India, Kyrgyzstan, and Yemen as they continue to sow seeds and make disciples in hard-to-reach places.



There is a Holy Communion service in church today. Ask the Lord that all who come will be aware of His Presence.

Wednesday 19th

Carla, who is a professional singer, will be bringing songs from well-known musicals to the folks in **Evergreen** today. As she re-kindles memories and encourages people to join in, ask the Lord to fill everyone with a real sense of joy.

Thursday 20th

According to the UK Hand Knitting Association, the knitting population in this country is over 6 million people! Beginning in 14th-15th centuries with caps and stockings, knitting is enjoying a revival in 21st century. Our own **St M's Knitters** are a part of that. Thank God for their efforts which bring much needed comfort and warmth to others in winter.

