

Friday 22nd

All over this world of ours, people are **at war** or fighting for a cause. Ask the Lord to raise up peacemakers who can encourage those at logger-heads to lay down their weapons and live together once more. We shall soon be singing 'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men.' May this become a reality in all of our lives.

Saturday 23rd

What **burdens** are you carrying at the moment? It may be concerns about your own health or someone else's. It may be that you can't see the way ahead. Perhaps money problems weigh you down. If you hug your burden to yourself, it will only grow larger. Why not share it with the Lord and you will discover His peace and rest. Matt. 11v. 28-30

Sunday 24th

Today we have a **Family service** at 10. Ask the Lord that everyone from the youngest to the oldest will feel part of the wonderful family of God. Pray for his blessing on the lonely, marginalised and the misunderstood in our society.

Monday 25th

With the cost of living crisis not going away any time soon, many families may struggle in the run up to Christmas. Pray that the local **Food banks** will still be well stocked as people splash out on other things and thank God for faithful volunteers who run them week by week.

Tuesday 26th

Let's remember **the Magnificent Seven** before the Lord today. The St Margaret's team is made up of Mark, Ben, Nat, Chris, Sara, Leanne and David (Seven!) Pray for God's blessing, His guidance and his power to be at work in their lives. May he give strength to the weary.

Wednesday 27th

CAMEO meets today. Pray that the mums will respond to the message and that they may meet with Jesus in a dynamic way.

The staff team usually meets for prayer on Wednesday. Ask God that they will have clear heads so they can hear His Voice and that the decisions they make will fit into the way He plans things.

Thursday 28th

In **Daytime Fellowship** today, ask our Heavenly Father that they feel His presence as they meet.

Women Together are holding a Christmas Craft evening today. As they gather for an evening of creativity, light refreshments, and making festive crafts together, ask the Lord that they will sense His Presence and that particularly newcomers will be encouraged to begin their own faith journey this Christmas.

Friday 29th

Angmering @ Christmas – This as a village event when folks can enjoy some festive shopping, special treats and visit Santa's Grotto. The church, where children can do crafts and the adults can relax over a cup of coffee or tea, will be open to all. Pray that everyone will receive a warm welcome and be filled with the desire to come again.

Saturday 30th

As we draw near to the festive season, let us bring **fractured families** before the Lord today. Perhaps someone you know has had a marriage breakdown this year, or parents are estranged from their children. Someone may struggle with difficult relationships at work. Christmas brings these painful hurts to **the fore**. Ask God for comfort, healing and restoration.

One ounce of heart knowledge is worth a ton of head learning - Charles H. Spurgeon

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 November diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 15th November



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Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5v. 16-18

Friday 1st

News from **Burundi**: Alison and Paul's son Jeremy picked up a bacterial infection after a visit to Kenya. He was very ill for a week. Back home Lydia went down with the same infection. Both children had IV treatment. Hopefully they are better now but please pray for a full recovery with no lasting ill-effects.


Saturday 2nd

Thank the Lord for all **the techy people** who make sure we can hear the services, keep the mics up-to-date and ensure that those who are unable to come in person, get to see the services. Ask God for other people to come forward so that it doesn't fall to the same shoulders too often.

Sunday 3rd

Today we have the **Family service** at 10am, the 11.30 **Morning Prayer** service and **Sunday Roast** in the church hall. These things take a tremendous amount of planning 'behind the scenes'. Ask God to bless the unsung heroes who for the love of Christ give up their time and energy for others.

Monday 4th

It's lovely to have answer to prayer. Thank God that  **BCMS Crosslinks** the Calvary Church building in Castlebar is now complete and being used. Our mission partner Helen Sheridan asks for prayer as she leads groups and meets women 1:1. Pray for more volunteers to help with the Sunday School.

Tuesday 5th

After 4 years in Uganda and 3 years in Liberia as an Avionics Engineer with MAF, **the Watermans** are making a new start in Ashford, Kent this month. A radical change from the humidity of Africa and a completely different role. Ask the Lord that they will settle down quickly and that Dave can get a handle on the job involved.

Wednesday 6th

Creating Company meet this afternoon. God gives people such amazing and varied talents. May the folks be blessed and be a blessing as they share what they do.

We meet at the 'coal face' this evening for the **Church Prayer Meeting** (in church and by Zoom). May our prayers make the enemy of our souls tremble and may God's will be done.

As **Alpha** draws to a close ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak into people's lives.



Thursday 7th

Tomorrow there is a meeting 9.30-2.30pm in Offington Park Methodist church, Worthing, for ladies. Hosted by CPAS, (Church Pastoral Aid Society) the speaker **Rev. Penny Frank** will give a talk entitled 'Promises, Promises' Ask the Lord that those who attend will have a life changing day.

Friday 8th

Why not join with others in prayer today either in person or in your quiet time for **local schools**, in particular St Margaret's. The Governors need guidance as they scrutinise applications for a new head teacher to replace Mr Jee who is leaving in the Spring. Pray for God's leading to the person whom He has called into this vitally important role.

St Margaret's in a welcoming church. Ask the Lord that those who come to the **Newcomers' Supper** will feel part of the church family and that they will explore what it means to be a Christian.

Saturday 9th

Today at 8.30am some folks meet for **Mission prayers**. Ask God to lead and guide them.

The **Sussex Gospel Partnership** two year course continues today. Ask the Lord to bless those who have stayed the course thus far and pray that they will have a brilliant time together.

Sunday 10th

Remembrance Day. WW2 saw more than 21 million people killed and many more displaced, wounded, bereaved and hungry. There have been other wars since. Remember those who gave their lives for us and those whose lives have been permanently altered by injury. Ask The Prince of Peace to raise up peacemakers to bring an end to the conflicts of today.



Monday 11th

The **Armed Forces Christian Union** supports Christians serving in the military with family days, Biblical teaching and help when needed. They have a dynamic and outward looking prayer union which upholds Biblical principles. Did you know there are 75 groups praying for serving members around the world? As we all plunge further into darkness we need to thank God and pray for people like this.

Tuesday 12th

The next time you sit in church, why not say a **silent prayer** for the person on either side of you. You may not know them at all but you could send them home with a blessing. As you read this, bring your neighbours to God and ask Him to bless them too.

Wednesday 13th

The Bereavement team are hoping to run the **Bereavement Journey Course** on Wednesday mornings during November/December. The 6 topics include: Looking at Loss, Coping with Change and Moving Forward. Ask the Lord to give the needy courage to sign up and pray that this will be a positive step in their bereavement journey.

Thursday 14th

Max Lucado says that 1 in 10 **young people** have contemplated suicide. Pray for any young person you know, a relative, the child of a friend, someone who goes to Sunday school or youth group in the church. Ask the Lord to so surround them with His Love so that they stay safe in His Care.

Friday 15th

This is usually the day the **cleaning team** and the people who arrange the flowers gather in church to make it look good for Sunday. Thank God for this faithful band and ask Him for a blessing.



Saturday 16th

The Bible says our citizenship is in heaven but what does that mean? Today, **Paul Mallard** will be talking about heaven 10am - 3.30pm in Crowborough with **Sussex Gospel Partnership**. Ask the Lord that delegates really will 'Glimpse Glory' and discover how to 'Finish the Race', and that the Lord will bring joy and security to every person who attends that meeting.

Sunday 17th

I rejoiced with those who said to me, '*Let us go to the house of the Lord.*' Psalm 122v.1 As we meet today, ask the Lord to fill us with His joy.

Thank the Lord for the **faithful teams** who make, serve and clear up after coffee time. We all love to chat but how often do we remember to say 'thank you'!

Monday 18th

Safeguarding is a very important part of the life of the Church and a big responsibility. St Margaret's is committed to implementing all safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops and carefully selects and trains all our volunteers in positions of trust. Pray that we never let our guard slip and that no one ever betrays that trust.

Tuesday 19th

St Margaret's is part of the church worldwide. As we meet for Holy Communion today, think of churches that struggle to function in difficult circumstances. Yes, we pray for the persecuted church but what about those without a leader, those with congregations too poor to support a leader and those in crumbling buildings. As Jesus fed the 5,000, pray that those **Christians** will walk in plenty too.

Wednesday 20th

There has been a lot of publicity about Motor Neurone Disease (MND) just lately. MND is a rare condition which effects the brain and nervous system causing weakness and muscle wasting. **Evergreen** will hear from someone from a local MND group today. In *our* prayers let us remember all those who have life limiting conditions.

Thursday 21st

Feba UK is a Christian mission agency focused on the creative use of radio and other audio media to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ.

They work with partners across Africa, Asia and the Middle East with a particular focus on contexts that are 'closed' or where it is difficult to be a Christian. Please remember all the staff, UK and overseas based, as they work to spread the Good News of Jesus.

