

church. Big ask? Yes, but we have a BIG God. (Ps. 27v.13)

Saturday 23rd

As we enter into Holy Week let's take a moment to reflect. The thrice holy God loved us so much that he sent His only son to die in our room and stead so that we, by faith in Him could become the children of God! How amazing, marvellous and wonderful is that? Why not take a moment or two today to thank him and praise His wonderful name.

Sunday 24th

See your King comes to you righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey... (Zechariah 9v.9) Pray for the 10am All Age Family Service & 5pm service, that everyone will truly connect with the events of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace.



Monday 25th

PCC Meeting tonight. Ask the Lord to guide their deliberations that they will make good and godly decisions.

Also the Women Together team meet to plan the remaining events of the year. Ask our Heavenly Father to guide them into the centre of His Will & Plan & Purpose.

Tuesday 26th

FSW practitioners provide practical and emotional support for local families. They also have an in-house food bank and offer opportunities for trips and outings for families who cannot afford them. (Matt 25v. 34-40) Pray that the families will see the love of Jesus in all they do for them.

Wednesday 27th

St Margaret's School Juniors and then the infants will be coming to church for their Easter services. Ask the Lord to send his Holy Spirit so that they will fully understand the meaning of Easter and begin their personal journey of faith.

The Family Support Work Children's club meets in the church hall this afternoon.

Thursday 28th

Today is Maundy Thursday. The Daytime Fellowship meet this morning.

Steve Bentley will be leading a special service for Maundy Thursday this evening. Ask the Lord for a real sense of His Presence throughout the day.

Friday 29th

Good Friday – 10am All Age Family Service. In the afternoon (2pm) there's an opportunity to reflect on the last hour at the Cross. Ask the Lord that all who come will have a real encounter with the Holy Spirit and that this Easter will have a deeper personal meaning.



Saturday 30th

In a church the size of St Margaret's there are many pastoral needs. Today, remember before the Lord John Roberts who serves as Pastoral Coordinator. Ask for the Lord's guidance as he meets with people in need.

Sunday 31st

Easter Sunday

The most significant day in the year. Rejoice with the church worldwide as we gather at 8am, 10am for an All Age Family Service at 11.30am for an Easter Holy Communion Service & 5pm today. Christ is Risen! Praise God for sending Jesus, thank you Jesus for dying for our sins and thank you Holy Spirit for revealing to us the wonder of Easter.



Hallelujah!

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 April diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 20th March

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12v.12

The Mission this Month is Family Support Work which last year helped over 700 families in



Sussex struggling with the cost of living, isolation, family breakdown, mental health and disabilities.

Friday 1st

Busy day today. Ask the Lord to guide the group who are praying for our local school at 9am.

This afternoon at 2pm at St Mary's East Preston it's the World Day of Prayer, this year prepared by the women of Palestine. Ask the Lord that all barriers of hatred and mistrust will be broken down by the finished work of the cross.

This evening it is the Newcomers' Supper. Pray that all will feel welcome and that the Lord will lead everybody into the next phase of their walk with Jesus.

Saturday 2nd

Imagine church with no singing; no worship. A little bleak perhaps? So thank the Lord for, and ask him to bless all our musicians Sunday by Sunday.



Sunday 3rd

As well as the 10 & 5 o'clock services there is a service at 11.30 followed by Sunday Roast. As we meet in fellowship today let us thank the Lord for Mark and Susan who give of themselves so generously. Pray for strength and a renewal of their own faith.



Monday 4th

Give thanks for the new building at St Margaret's school with a unit for helping children with communication challenges. Ask that it will prove to be a valuable asset for the children in this area.

Tuesday 5th

Many Christians are being martyred for their faith in Somalia, North Korea and many other countries. Trans World Radio states that Nigeria is the deadliest place in the world for Christians. At one time, St Margaret's had a strong connection with the church in Nigeria. Please pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, that they stay close to Jesus even in their darkest hour.

Wednesday 6th

Creating Company meets this afternoon. As it becomes more popular ask the Lord that there will be a sense of His Presence in the room. Charles Spurgeon said, 'Prayer is always the prelude to blessing.' The Church Prayer Meeting is our gateway for blessing others. As we pray, let's look forward in faith to the day when we praise God for His answer to our prayers.



Thursday 7th

The wonderful Weed Whackers gather in the church yard today to tidy it up. Thank the Lord for all those who work behind the scenes to make St Margaret's look so attractive.

Friday 8th

Did you know that 2 billion people are forced to live and work among piles of waste which is making them sick, releasing toxic fumes, causing floods and up to a million deaths each year? Although 150 governments promise to sign a treaty against plastic pollution, we all know how difficult it is to get a done deal. May the Lord forgive us for neglecting our planet and ask Him that the agreement will really happen.

Saturday 9th

Family Support Work Variety Concert is an opportunity for local young people, many of whom are coached in the Vestry Hall, to show us their talent. With old favourites from St Margaret's taking part as well, pray that the evening will not only raise funds but also encourage performers to 'step out' for Jesus.

Sunday 10th

Every week we are greeted at the door by members of the Welcome Team. Ask the Lord to bless their efforts and that visitors will feel a genuine warmth as they enter St Margaret's. Pray that it will lead to an understanding of how much God loves them and that Christ died for them.

Monday 11th

With our country losing its moral compass, ask the Lord to protect our young people who are being exposed to so much that is damaging especially on social media. Pray that mental health issues will be properly addressed by schools and government alike.

Tuesday 12th

Sometimes people receive devastating news about their health or about someone close to them. Pray for anyone you know personally who is going through a hard time. If that person is you, ask the Lord that you might feel His Presence with you and that you can rest in his promise to carry you through.

Wednesday 13th

How are you doing with Tim Chester's *Our Radiant Redeemer*? As we draw to the close of Lent, thank the Lord for the skills of such writers and more than that, thank God for Jesus.

Thursday 14th

Give thanks that Ben (our new Associate Vicar) & Morag, William, Evie & Freddie arrive next month. Pray for a seamless transition and that their children will soon settle in their new schools.

Friday 15th

Bring to the Lord today all those in our church family and others known to us personally who are struggling with their health; for those in care homes, or who are housebound.

Saturday 16th

Nick Craughan will be the speaker at the Men's breakfast today. After a busy working week and a plate of good food, pray that the men will still be alert to anything the Lord may be saying to them.

Sunday 17th

The young people lead the service at 5pm. Ask our Father that this will not be 'just another Sunday' but a day when everyone will really meet with God in all the services. Ask him to prepare your own heart and help you listen for his voice. Pray that all the young people will come to know Him in a deeper way.

Monday 18th

Alison Guinness is travelling to Europe to attend 'Rise' a conference for Christian women in leadership. Ask the Lord for a fruitful time and that Paul and the children will enjoy their special time together.

Tuesday 19th

Thank our Father in heaven that St Margaret's has many small groups, home groups and prayer triplets. Pray that the Lord will bless Robert and Marian Lovatt who coordinate them especially Robert as he seems to wear many hats.

Wednesday 20th

Evergreen meets today. Ask God to speak into the hearts of all who come, especially those who at present don't come to any other church gatherings. Ask for a special blessing on those with Alzheimer's or dementia and their hard-pressed carers.

Thursday 21st

Not long ago there was a large explosion in Guinea which destroyed a lot of fuel. As a result, electricity and fuel is being rationed, which is a challenge for the MAF staff living there. Also pray for Dave and Becky in Liberia: Dave as he soldiers on until more help arrives and Becky as she leads the ladies in a Bible study.

Ask God's blessing on the people who meet in Cameo and with St Margaret's knitters as they gather today.

Friday 22nd

The Sussex Gospel Partnership is looking for a new General Director. Ask the Lord to help them find the right person, namely someone who is passionate about the Word of God, God's people and the local