

Sunday 21st

Most Sundays we are served coffee and tea as we chat. It's good to circulate among friends but it wouldn't be nearly as enjoyable without the teams of people who week by week set up the kitchen, pour the drinks and wash up afterwards. Thank God for them and ask him to bless them.



Monday 22nd

The Staff and Wardens are having an Away Day today; a day when they can get to grips with their plans for the church and seek God's help collectively. Pray that the day will be special and that they hear God's voice.

Tuesday 23rd

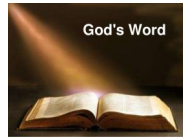
Please continue to pray for TearFund's Rubbish Campaign, especially for the crucial meeting this month when 150 governments will meet to create a global treaty on waste which would potentially save thousands of lives.

Wednesday 24th

Family Support Work Children's Club meets in the church hall today. Thank God for all volunteers and ask the Lord that this club will be a real blessing for all the children and parents who come. Pray that all who are struggling will discover that they are not alone and that they have a Heavenly Father who loves them.

Thursday 25th

Isn't it a blessing when a passage of scripture you may have read a hundred times, suddenly becomes real! The Daytime Fellowship meets together in church today. Pray that their Bible study and prayer will make a lasting difference to their lives and that they truly meet with God.



Friday 26th

Let's begin today by thanking God for the members of the cleaning team and the flower arrangers who will be busy this morning. We are so grateful to come into a beautiful looking church every Sunday. Ask the Lord that they will feel very much appreciated.



Saturday 27th

Caroline and Simon will be coming to St Margaret's to get married today. Every good marriage is made up of three things. The love of the man, the love of the woman and God's everlasting love. Lord, we ask that they will entrust their marriage to You.

Sunday 28th

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place after church today. Church Wardens and PCC members are to be elected. Ask the Lord for godly appointments. We shall also formally approve & adopt our church finances, and as we reflect on where the Lord may be calling us as a church, pray for a clear sense of direction for the future.

Monday 29th

There are many people in the church who struggle with illness, the cost of living, old age or worry about family members. Take a moment to remember those you can think of by name and ask the Lord to give them a blessing today. Jesus said, 'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28v.20. May they be reassured that He is still there with them.

Tuesday 30th

We've been asked to pray for the 4 young men who have joined MAF as trainee aircraft maintenance engineers. We also pray for the 3 MAF trainee pilots soon to take up positions overseas. Indeed, they are all an answer to prayer but ask for patience until they attain all the qualifications they need.



Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

George Herbert

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 May diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 18th April

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Jesus said: 'Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.' Mark 11v. 24

Our Mission this Month – Crosslinks: - an Anglican missionary society which partnerships with churches, denominations and networks who share the same convictions.

Monday 1st

Angmering has grown out of all recognition bringing many thousands into the village. Ask the Lord to help all the churches to reach out in new ways as we seek to point all people to Jesus. *The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Matthew 9v.37*

Tuesday 2nd

Please bring before God new believers in the Middle East and African countries as we come to the end of Ramadan (April 11th). Many will not have fasted or participated in any Ramadan observances, leaving them open to persecution. Please pray that they will stand strong in their faith.

Wednesday 3rd

Some live alone, some are caring for others & some are struggling with difficulties. Pray that those who go to Creating Company today will find a listening ear and firm friendships. The Bible says, *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1Peter 5v.7.* Pray that we shall be confident of this as the Church gathers tonight for the Prayer Meeting.

Thursday 4th

Our wonderful Weed Whackers gather in the church yard and Rectory today to tidy up. Thank the Lord for them and ask that their loving care of St Margaret's will speak volumes about the love of Christ, especially to those who come to the graves to mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Friday 5th

The SGP Southern Women's Convention takes place on Saturday June 8th at All Saints Crowborough. Women of all ages - teens to their eighties! - will gather for a day of teaching, praise, seminars and testimony with Kimberly Davis as the keynote speaker. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the women who will go, so that they will really meet with Him on the day.

Saturday 6th

We all LOVE to hear about answers to prayer. When Dave & Becky Waterman's car broke down things looked bleak. Praise God that their 'Car Repair Fund' has exceeded their £2,000 target! Another answer to prayer: Feba UK has a new home at Chanctonfold (near Steyning) *Psalm 18v.19*. Ask the Lord that the team will settle in quickly especially after a long period of remote working. Pray for opportunities for them to witness, especially among new neighbours.

Sunday 7^h

Today there is a service at 11.30. Pray that those who attend will meet with the Lord and enjoy the worship and the word. Sunday Roast follows. May the Lord bless both those who give and those who receive this meal so lovingly provided.

The young people of Rooted meet this evening after church. Pray that all of them will find a firm foundation and a life of purpose as they learn more about the Bible and what it means to be a Christian. Pray, too, for their leaders that their lives will exemplify Jesus.

Monday 8th

'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest. Mark 8v. 31. Mark is on annual leave this week. Please ask Our Father that he and Susan have a blessed time of relaxation and fun.

Tuesday 9th

Alison and Paul Guinness have recently been asked to consider and pray about taking on a regional role

in addition to their existing work, linking together all those doing mission mobilising in seven Central African countries. Ask our Father to give them wisdom to be able to discern His will and timing and how this would feed into the work in Burundi.

Wednesday 10th

The Carers and Toddlers meet in CAMEO today. Ask the Lord that they will enjoy a time of getting to know each other and more importantly Jesus himself. Pray that although they won't understand yet, the little ones will enjoy the stress free atmosphere of love and laughter.

Thursday 11th

Feba ask us to pray for Project F* for listeners from a predominantly Muslim background where a decision to follow Jesus can lead to social isolation and persecution.



We also remember our brothers and sisters who are dying for their faith in diverse countries like North Korea, Nigeria, Somalia and Pakistan. As we pray for them, ask God to speak into the hearts of the persecutors. *John 15v.21*

Friday 12th

Helen Johnson will be speaking at the CPAS ministry among women 'Blooming where you're planted' at Offington Park Methodist Church, Worthing, today. Ask the Lord that the whole day will be a special time with God.

Saturday 13th

For some the hardest place to live as a Christian is in their own home. They may have an unbelieving spouse, or their children have nothing to do with church. Pray for such families today, especially those which are living under the same roof, yet divided. If you know of someone personally, name them before God and ask for his blessing and help.

Sunday 14th

We shall be hearing from Crosslinks during the 10am service. The Crosslinks name emphasises that Mission is from everywhere to everywhere. It also helps to make it possible to work in countries where the words Bible, church



and missionary are not acceptable. Ask the Lord to fire us up with His heart for the lost. At the 5pm service, the Bishop of Horsham will be Licensing Ben Martin as an Associate Vicar.

Monday 15th

We remember Helen Sheridan who works with women and children in Calvary Church Castlebar, Republic of Ireland in our prayers today. Ask the Lord to bless her in her work and that she will have clear guidance for the future.

Tuesday 16th

There's an opportunity to take Holy Communion today. Jesus himself commanded us to 'do this in remembrance of me...' Instigated during the last supper with his disciples, taking communion not only helps us to remember Christ but also gives us the ability to join with fellow Christians all over the world. Today, why not thank God for His amazing generosity and the fantastic privilege of being forgiven.

Wednesday 17th

Evergreen meets today. Ask the Lord, that as well as meeting with old friends, everyone will meet with Jesus as they chat.

Thursday 18th

St Margaret's Knitters meet today. Pray for a productive time; that they will have a clear idea of the way ahead and that the Presence of the Lord among them will be tangible.

Women Together meet tonight for Cheese and Chatter. It's also an opportunity to meet with Morag Martin, (wife of our new Associate Vicar, Ben Martin.) Ask the Lord that old friendships will be renewed and new ones cemented.

Friday 19th

Cherry Reading is speaking at an evangelistic breakfast for women in Henfield tomorrow. Ask God to prepare the women who attend so that their hearts are open to His Word.

Saturday 20th

From 8am until 2pm the Sussex Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course continues in our church hall. Ask the Lord that all those taking part have no distractions and fully understand what they are being taught. May they feel the blessing of God and store up knowledge which will enhance their abilities to share the good news in the future.

Sharing God's Love