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> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things and at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9v.8*

Our focus this month is on our Gift Sunday
It is said that real Christian giving should be the intentional, generous and joyful offering of money, time and resources as an act of worship. Whatever our circumstance and ability to give, ask the Lord to give us overflowing and grateful hearts for His amazing generosity in giving us His Son.

Sunday 1st
Sunday is always a busy day. After 3 services in the morning, it's **Sunday Roast.** After the 5, **Rooted** (14-18 year olds) and the **Sunday Girls** (13-17 year olds) meet. Ask the Lord for open hearts and a hunger for God in everyone who comes. Pray that the leaders themselves will feel inspired and blessed as they share God's Word.

Monday 2nd
The hard work everyone put into the recent **Church at Home** highlighted the amazing service they give to the church. Far too numerous to name, but today let's thank God that we had so many who were willing to help and ask for His blessing on them all.

Tuesday 3rd
Later in the month on November 14th, which was the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, (the man who co-discovered insulin in 1922) it's **World Diabetes Day.** This disease affects over 400 million people and it's estimated that number will have risen to 629 million by 2045. If you know someone living with diabetes, why not pray for them personally and ask the Lord to help them manage this life changing disease.

Wednesday 4th
It's important for all of us to socialise. Ask the Lord that friendships will be made as **Mix and Mingle** comes together this afternoon and that everyone feels in a safe place to talk. We may feel we can't contribute much but every person who prays is a prayer warrior! As we meet for the **Prayer Meeting** tonight, let's remember the Lord is our commander and He answers prayer! *Isaiah 65v. 24* Let's believe for great things.

St Margaret's PRAYER DIARY

Thursday 5th

Once again the **Music & Memory Café** for people suffering from dementia and their carers meet today. Ask the Lord for a calming and productive time for everybody. If you know someone personally, why not pray for that person and their carer today.



Clickity-clack, clickity-clack **St M's Knitters** are hard at work today. Pray that the love of God will be fashioned into every stitch and that the recipients of their gifts will know it has ultimately come from Him.

Friday 6th

Bring the **Ladies' Social** before the Lord today. It's a relaxed, informal catch-up/chat which connects women who do and don't go to church. Pray for wisdom and boldness for the church members to share their faith and a hunger to know more about God in the non-church goers.

Saturday 7th

Next month we shall be having our special Christmas services. **Choir practice** is in full swing. Bring all the musicians and singers before the Lord today and ask Him that there will be joy, not stress, in their practice, that the message whether sung or spoken will be clear and that through their ministry, many will be added to His kingdom this year.

Sunday 8th



Remembrance Day is solemn; a day dedicated to honouring **British and Commonwealth service members** who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. It offers a collective pause to reflect on sacrifice and loss. However you may feel about war, pray especially for those who still bear the scars or whose lives have been ruined by conflict.

Monday 9th

Today St Margaret's School takes part in **Operation Christmas Child** filling shoeboxes with gifts for children all over the world who may receive very little this Christmas. As people wearing something bright and colourful come along to help pack the boxes, pray that the children will learn a valuable Christian lesson in a practical way. *John 13v. 35*

Tuesday 10th

Thank the Lord for the people in the **Deanery Synod**, who give up so much of their time so selflessly and generously: James, Bob, Chris, Sue and Andrea. Ask God to bless them in ways which we can't and pray that they be wise in their decision making.

Wednesday 11th

Our youth and children are such an important part of our church family, and we've been encouraged to commit them, our leaders, and the future of the ministry to God in prayer. Ask for His guidance and wisdom for the leaders as they look ahead and pray that they will know how best to support and encourage the next generation in their faith. *Deuteronomy 4v. 9*

Thursday 12th

Incredibly, every day around the world, 1,000 children under five die because of unsafe water and poor hygiene. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a deadly Ebola outbreak has made a desperate situation even more critical. Access to a bar of soap and clean water can be the difference between life and death. Pray for **Tearfund's water, sanitation and hygiene workers** as they respond to this crisis.

Friday 13th

The **Newcomers' Supper** is a chance for people who are new to the church to meet some of the congregation in a more personal way. As they enjoy a fantastic meal together, pray that people will feel comfortable enough to ask questions and that new and lasting friendships will be formed.

Saturday 14th

This weekend, **Pam B** and 15 members of the Five Talent Team will be visiting Alison and Paul in Burundi. Pray for safety and a happy reunion (Pam was in Burundi with her late husband Pat for 50+ years) and ask for the Lord's blessing as she speaks in the church service tomorrow. Quite something for a 92 year old!

Sunday 15th

As we come to **Gift Sunday** pray that everyone will put *2 Corinthians 9v.7* into practice. *Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Monday 16th

Aerial bombardments, ambushes and retaliatory attacks result in civilian casualties, displacement, and the loss of livelihoods. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres believes South Sudan is on 'the edge of a collapse into civil war.' Pray for the 60 strong **MAF team** working there. Ask God for wisdom and discernment as they consider how best to respond to the humanitarian challenges facing the country.

Tuesday 17th

Ask for God's blessing on all who meet in church for **Holy Communion** today. Tomorrow there is a Men's evangelistic event called **'Food for Thought'** at Bentley's cafe at 7pm. Please pray that those who are not part of church will be comfortable enough to come and ask the Lord's blessing on Nat as he shares the gospel.

Wednesday 18th

Thank the Lord for all those who help in **Evergreen** – from the people who give lifts, to the sandwich and cake makers and those who pour the tea. May they find joy in serving and pray that the people attending will feel the love of Jesus through their actions. Bring **'Food for Thought'** to the Lord today.

Thursday 19th

Did you know that today is **World Toilet Day**? No laughing matter! Apparently 4.2 billion people don't have access to safely managed sanitation- more than half the global population!! If you use the facilities in St M's you will know that we are twinned with a basic toilet in a 3rd world country. Pray that more people will have uncontaminated water and sanitation and that they can maintain their dignity.

Friday 20th

Bring our **Clergy,** Mark, Ben, and Nat before the Lord today. Pray for good health, that those with young families that they will have the right work life balance and pray for God's direction for Nat who will be thinking about the next step. Pray also for Joy H as she leads our 8am services, and plans Meet and Mingle.

Also include Chris, our **children and youth worker,** and our **Reader,** John whose family is going through some difficult times.

Saturday 21st

Bring everyone whose work is dedicated to **caring for life** before the Lord today: particularly doctors, nurses and those in the emergency services. Their work can be immensely demanding, often trying to help people who are stressed out, panicking and angry. Pray for them to be kept safe and ask for His blessing on their lives.

Sunday 22nd

It's a **Family Communion** today when the children will be with us. Pray that the children will remember these times and that when they are all grown-up, the memory will linger. There is also a **Baptismal service** at the Five. Ask the Lord to bless the family involved and that everyone will take the message which changes lives into their own hearts.

Monday 23rd



A true work of the Lord is built on prayer. That's our part! The **PCC** meet today. One of their duties is to help to promote the mission of the church. Ask the Lord to guide their thoughts and that their decisions will pave the way for many more people to come to faith.

Tuesday 24th

Angmering Grange provides residential, nursing and respite care for a variety of people with a variety of needs. Pray for Mark as he takes the Word of God to them today. Ask the Lord to give him good connections and that people feel comfortable enough to ask questions. It's not too late for them to begin their journey with Jesus.

Wednesday 25th

We live in a beautiful part of the world but when was the last time we thanked God? Today, take a look around you and thank Him for **his wonderful creation**.

Thursday 26th



Daytime Fellowship meets today. Pray for an all-inspiring study of God's word which will bring a blessing with it.

The **Women's Together Christmas Craft Evening** is today. It's an opportunity to gather together in fellowship and learn how to make Christmas crafts. Ask the Lord that friends and visitors listening to the talk will be impacted and accept a cordial invitation to the Christmas services.

Friday 27th

Next month we celebrate Christmas. A joyful time for some but a stressful occasion for others. Pray for those people who are **struggling financially** this year that they would not be persuaded to get themselves into debt. Pray they will have a good Christmas.

Saturday 28th

Sometimes when we ask God for something we have to wait. That's not easy. We live in a society which wants it and wants it NOW, so **waiting** can be very hard. If you are, or you know someone who is, having a long wait for an answer to prayer, bring them to God today. *Psalm 27v.14 & Isaiah 40v. 31(KJV)*

Sunday 29th

A lot of **preparation goes into every service**, from the sermon, to the music and the prayers. As everyone brings their contribution, ask the Lord to grace us with His Holy Spirit that everything will be done for His Glory and for our good. Think big and pray boldly, that today someone will actually begin their life long journey with Him.

Monday 30th

There are a great many **St M's resources on line** to help us grow in our Christian faith. Pray that our weekly services, the Contented Weekend ministry, Tim Ward's Church Weekend at Home talks and Women Together speakers will be a blessing not only to ourselves but also to the wider world. Who knows who might be listening in!