

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Tomorrow we shall be meeting for our **Church Weekend at Home**. The Gospel never changes but we do and our village is changing too, so we need to be equipped to meet that challenge. Ask the Lord to prepare every person coming so that they hear the Word and are ready to act upon it.

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

With talks entitled, *Rooted in God's Love, Building Each Other Up and Reaching Out*, pray for Mark, Ben and Nat who will speaking today. Ask the Holy Spirit to enthuse everybody attending the **Church Weekend at Home** and that serving Jesus will be the focus of everyone's heart.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

The last day of the **Church Weekend at Home**. Pray that everyone will have new impetus in their Christian walk and that the whole weekend brings fruit for the kingdom.

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

The **PCC** meets tonight. Ask the Lord to help them maintain the mission of the church as the country continues to struggle through difficult financial constraints. Thank God for their dedication, their commitment to Christ and to St Margaret's.



## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Sometimes there seems to be no end to the humanitarian crisis in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**. The country has known decades of violent conflict, with millions abandoning their homes and now there is renewed fighting and fear. Please pray that TearFund's efforts to respond and show His love will have a real impact and that God will raise up peacemakers.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Father, thank you for everyone whose work is dedicated to caring for life: please encourage doctors, nurses, those in the emergency services, police, armed forces, campaigners for justice, providers of support and counselling and especially Christian initiatives reaching out with the gospel as well. If you know someone working in these fields personally, pray for them today.

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

The **Daytime Fellowship** meets today in church at 11am. Many see this as an opportunity to worship mid-week when they share a short talk and enjoy fellowship over coffee. Thank the Lord for each person and ask Him to make their coming together special.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

Thank God for all the **young families** he has brought into the church. Pray the parents will discover how wonderful God is and grow to love Jesus the friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18v.24(b). Ask the Holy Spirit that the children will make strong friendships and love coming to the house of God.

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

A group of people will be meeting in church to make posies for **Mothering Sunday** tomorrow. As they give of their time, ask the Lord to bless the work of their hands.

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Mothering Sunday. **Thank God for mothers**. Some have small children, others are grandmothers. Sadly some of us are without our mothers and not everyone's experience with mother is a happy one. Bring to mind some childhood memories and pray over them. Ask the Lord for a special blessing on those who long to be mothers but for whatever reason are unable to have a family.

Remember before God, the 14-18 year olds who meet to read the Bible and pray in **Rooted** this evening.

## Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

Pray for those struggling with depression; the downtrodden, those who wrestle with long term illness or loneliness and the destitute. Bring those struggling under the weight of debt and homelessness to God today.

The **Under 18 Leaders** have a social today. Pray that even during a time of fun, they will grow in the knowledge of God.

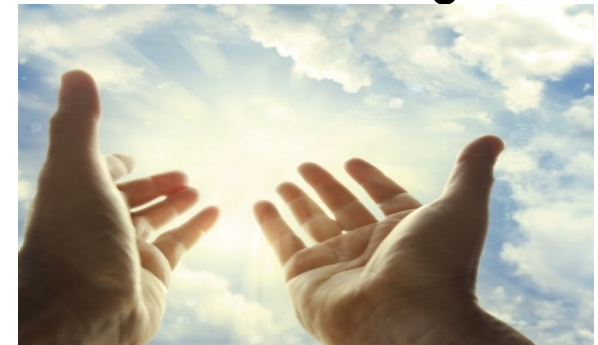
*'Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is the power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.'*

*Corrie ten Boon.*

***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 19th March*

# MARCH 2025



Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Jeremiah 33v.3

Our Mission this Month – **Family Support Work**

supports children and families through the difficult times in their lives including low income and poverty; mental or physical ill health; disability; learning difficulties; school non-attendance and exclusion; bereavement; family break-up and domestic abuse.



## Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

We begin the month with **Saturday morning prayers** in the Vestry Hall. Also it's the **Men's Breakfast** today. Ask the Lord that as the speaker, Ed, continues the series on the fruit of the Spirit by looking at 'Patience' and 'Self-control', everyone will feel the Lord's presence and that real friendships will be formed.



## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today we have our regular service at 10am, and the young people will be attending their groups. Pray that a lasting and firm foundation will be laid as we all meet to worship our loving God. At **11.30 Morning Prayer** brings together those who enjoy a slightly more traditional service and afterwards there's **Sunday Roast**. May all who come be filled with the joy of the Lord.

### Monday 3rd

It has been said that the best marriages are often those where both partners are wholly committed to making their other half happy. Ask the Lord to be present as the **Marriage Course** continues today and that the couples attending will have time and space to focus on this wonderful gift God has given them.

### Tuesday 4th

From 5.30-7pm children will be taking part in the **Pancake Olympics** in church. A fun-filled evening of pancake themed games, crafts, and plenty of delicious treats. As the children enjoy themselves, pray that they, their parents and carers will discover the One who is the real champion, Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the World.

### Wednesday 5th

For those who enjoy craft, **Creating Company** meets today for 2 hours when people can bring their own crafts, model making, knitting, painting, colouring etc. Ask the Lord that all will receive warm welcome. This evening it's down to business as the monthly **Church Prayer Meeting** takes place both in church and on line. The Bible tells us that just a mustard seed of faith can move mountains. Ask God to make us bold in our asking and that we can all believe Him for the impossible!

### Thursday 6th

**The church in Castlebar N. Ireland** is looking for help with admin and building tasks, and someone to take on oversight of the building. Ask the Lord to send more workers into the field.

### Friday 7th

Today is the **World Day of Prayer**. Our service at St Margaret's is at 1.45pm and will be led by members of St Margaret's, Angmering Baptist Church and Immanuel. This year the service has been prepared by Christian women of the Cook Islands. Ask the Lord that everyone will be conscious of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe. To God be the glory!

The **School Prayer Group** also meets today. Ask for wisdom and direction as they bring the children's needs before God.

### Saturday 8th

Recently we have been blessed to see visitors and new families in the church. Ask the Lord that they will discover this as their spiritual home and that by their regular attendance they are growing. Pray that those



who have yet to receive Christ will make that commitment. Loop in all our mission partners and ask that Christ will build his church worldwide.

### Sunday 9th

Stephen from St Margaret's will be speaking alongside his Tanzanian colleague to churches in Sweden 10-15 March about **Tearfund's**

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**Transforming Communities Programme.** Please pray for safe travel, good communication and for other partnerships to help grow this transformational work with churches around the world. Clive and Margaret have recently taken over as church representatives for **TearFund**. Ask for God's blessing in this ministry and that they will be filled with the joy in the Lord as they do it. Give thanks to God for all those who keep us informed about mission.

### Monday 10th

FEBA have requested prayer for their projects in Northeast Africa (NEA) Feba UK partners with a variety of media projects where programmes are produced to address the spiritual, social and physical needs of audiences in remote communities. Please pray specifically for Feba's partners sharing the gospel via shortwave radio among the Sparrow people in NEA.

### Tuesday 11th

The two talks from the 'Autumn Women Together Evenings' have been uploaded onto the website. These include the lives of faithful women in the past, Mary Muller, Anna Spafford, Esther Edwards Burr and Susie Spurgeon. Pray that everyone who finds them will be challenged and inspired by these women and that their example would bring them to Christ.

(See for yourself: <https://www.stmargaretsangmering.church/396/Teaching-Series>)

### Wednesday 12th

Hebrews 13v.7 Think about the Christians who have exhibited godliness, warmth, conviction, kindness, insight, joy and compassion towards you. Thank the Lord for them and the example they've shown. As the **Our Lent Course starts**—pray that these sessions will be thought provoking, leading up to Holy Week.

### Thursday 13th

Death can seem cruel and unfair, especially when you feel someone has died before their time or you have suddenly lost the plans you had for your future together. As the **Bereavement Group** meet today, ask the Lord to help everybody to find a way through their turbulent and painful experience.

### Friday 14th

Established in 1890 by a group of churchwomen in Chichester, Family Support Practitioners visit families at home to provide one-to-one emotional and practical support. Pray for practitioners as they listen, give parenting advice and sometimes help struggling parents to manage their money. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and that their actions will show families that God loves everybody.

### Saturday 15th

**Sussex Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course** continues today. Ask the Lord to bless their studies and that each person will have a greater grasp on the Word of God.

### Sunday 16th

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it... Pray that our meeting in church will be a joyous occasion when we really do connect with Jesus and hear his voice in the sermon and the reading of His Word.

### Monday 17th

**Zambia** is experiencing a humanitarian crisis because of a drought affecting 1 million households and crippling energy needs. Pray for wisdom and guidance for leaders as they seek alternative solutions to address the power shortages. Praise God that supporters of Chengelo school have installed solar panels to provide their power.

### Tuesday 18th

Holy Communion is a chance to do just that... a coming together to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Ask the Lord that when **Holy Communion** is celebrated this morning, that people will really connect with what Our Lord did for us on the cross and as they worship they will share true Christian fellowship.

The **Adventurers** meet after school. Pray that they would discover what a great adventure it is to follow Jesus and that they will bring their friends along too.

### Wednesday 19th

**Evergreen** meets today. The dictionary definition of Evergreen is: always seeming fresh and vital or remaining popular. Ask the Lord that this will be the portion of our older folk and that they will stay faithful to Him for the whole of life's journey.

### Thursday 20th

Helen in Castlebar N. Ireland asks for prayer for a man to lead/teach the Youth, during the **Jesus to captivate our Youth, and Youth Weekend Away** which they are planning 25-27<sup>th</sup> April. Ask for a sound Bible-believing Christian who can enthuse and lead young people towards a lasting and eternal faith.