

Monday 21st

Bank holiday Monday is often a family time when the generations get together. Ask God to bless those times and that good, happy memories will be created. Remember also those for whom such times are lonely – maybe family live far away, they have lost their spouse or they have no family. The Lord has promised that He will never leave us (Hebrews 13v. 5b). May they be very aware of His presence this Easter.

Tuesday 22nd

School term starts today. Pray that the children of St Margaret's school will settle back into their class routine quickly. Ask God's blessing on those who go into school to help with reading.

This evening the 5-8year olds in **Adventurers** meet. They enjoy a mixture of games, challenges and activities with a Bible input too. How great if they discovered the ultimate adventure of following Jesus. Ask the Lord to use Adventurers to bring them closer to Him.

Wednesday 23rd

Spring time is a wonderful time of year. Take time today to thank God for the **wonders of his creation** which he so faithfully repeats year after year. It's one of the first promises in the Bible: Genesis 8v. 22. Pray for those involved in conservation that they will succeed in turning the tide of man's destruction of the planet.

Thursday 24th

Daytime Fellowship meets today. Pray that they will be drawn closer to Jesus. Also for **St Margaret's Knitters** as they share their skills and companionship with one another.



Friday 25th

Have you thought of praying for your **colleagues in your workplace**? Ask the Lord to bless them today and pray that He will kindle their interest in something more than this life and making money. Ask God for opportunities to talk to them about Jesus. If you are retired, think about your neighbours and pray for them in the same way. Lord help us all to become true ambassadors for Christ.

Saturday 26th

Today there is an **AWM Pioneers Breakfast** and talk about Discipling Believers. The speaker champions oral training in the Middle East and North Africa. Ask the Lord that the talk will inspire, inform and enthuse the listeners to support the work. Please pray for the speaker for safe travel and stamina. Also ask God to raise up potential leaders to train and teach new groups.

Sunday 27th

Pioneers-AWM has been our Mission of the Month for April and today is **Mission Sunday**. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire the speaker at the 10am and 5pm meetings. May we too, glimpse something of the joy of the Lord which is so evident in those who find God through Pioneers.

Monday 28th

Tonight there is a PCC meeting. Thank God for those who have taken up this responsibility. Pray for wisdom for those attending and that they may know the will of God as they make plans for the future.

Tuesday 29th

Think again of the large numbers of people being drawn to Angmering under **new housing schemes**. A move to a new place is always full of promise. Oh Lord, help us in our mission to reach those who don't know Christ. May their move not only be to a new house but into a faith in Christ which will last both now and for all eternity.

Wednesday 30th

We are told in scripture that intercession and thanksgiving should be made for everyone – for **kings and those in authority**... (1Timothy 2 v, 1&2). We shall probably never meet them but the people in government are daily making decisions which impact us all. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them as they try to cut the levels of debit and borrowing in the country. Pray for the Christians in parliament, that their influence is not snuffed out.

*My questions may not be answered, but
His Presence removes all doubt.*

***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 19th April

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Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit
Galatians 5v. 25

Our Mission this Month – Pioneers-Arab World Ministries. Using 354 teams, PAWM serves in 104 countries to reach Muslims in the Arab speaking world.

Tuesday 1st

PALM (Preparing Arab-world leaders for Ministry) is the training arm of AWM (Arab World Ministries) the organisation equipping believers to train and support existing and future leaders. Bring these people before God today, asking for safety, wisdom and courage as they serve the Lord in risky situations.

Wednesday 2nd

Everyone loves a party! Today **CAMEO** are having an Easter celebration. Pray that the babes and toddlers will enjoy it and that mums will take home the real message of Easter.

Creating Company meet to share and encourage each other. Ask the Lord to help them find ways to use their creative skills to spread the word.

Church Prayer Meeting is tonight. Corrie ten Boom said, 'Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable and receives the impossible.' Ask God to give us the faith that moves mountains as we pray.

Thursday 3rd

Earlier this year, **MAF** pilot Chris was involved in a head-on collision with a stolen car as he travelled to work at Gove Airport in Arnhem Land, Australia. He was killed and another MAF pilot was injured. Please pray for Chris' family (he had a wife and three small children)

and ask the Lord for healing for the other pilot, who although not seriously injured, must be traumatised.

Friday 4th

The Christian life is a battle: It could be internal, eg. temptation, fear, anxiety. It could be to do with health, finances, relationships or maybe suffering periods of opposition and criticism. David says the key to winning battles is to put your trust in the Lord. If you're feeling off kilter today, realign yourself to God's word. (Psalm 34). Or bring someone else who is fighting a battle before the Lord in prayer.

Saturday 5th

Saturday morning prayers take place today. Ask the Lord to bless their prayers.

Fed up with the depressing news on the BBC? Tired of horror stories in your newspaper? The **Sunday services** are a golden opportunity for you to invite someone to come and hear the best news in the world! Bring a name or two before the Lord and pray for an opportunity to speak to them.

Sunday 6th

Our Father, please bless the **Family Service** today. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to produce **Sunday Roast** which follows 11.30 **Morning Prayer**, so ask for God's blessing for those who give up their Sunday so that others may have a good time – the cooks, waiters, those laying the tables and washing up. Jesus said, 'whatever you did for one of these... you did for me.' Matthew 25v. 40

Monday 7th

Every child in the land will be delighted that it's **school holidays** but for low income families it may mean added stress. Pray that hard pressed parents will be able to put food on the table and that they can find cheap or no cost things for their children to do. Remember **food banks** and ask the Lord that their donations will continue.

Tuesday 8th

After decades of political instability and unrest, Burundi remains



among the poorest countries in the world. Please pray for churches to bring hope and healing to once-divided communities through **Tearfund's Transforming Communities** programmes. Remember also **Paul and Alison**, our mission partners, who are working in the same country.

Wednesday 9th

The **Lent course** continues during which we have been encouraged to pray for two minutes every day for someone we know to come to the Lord. If you can't find the right words to say, why not use one of the lovely

prayers in the Bible and make it personal for them. Ephesians 1v.17-18a : Colossians 1v. 9-11 : Ephesians 3v. 16-19.

Thursday 10th

This coming Saturday (April 12th) **Angmering Chorale** will be holding a concert in St Margaret's, the first with its new musical director. Many of the items are rich in scriptural content. Pray for God's blessing on the last rehearsals and the event itself and ask Him to use this material to transform the lives of the performers and audience alike.

Friday 11th

Calvary Church, Northern Ireland are desperately looking for a male leader for their youth group. The group is made up of mostly boys but there is no one within the congregation able to help. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the field.

Saturday 12th

Up with the lark to join **Mission Prayers** at 8.30? Pray for God's blessing on all who attend. Statistics tell us that 3,500 churches in this country have been made redundant – turned into mosques, warehouses or housing. We are so blessed in St Margaret's that the people keep coming. Thank the Lord for **our ministry team**, Mark, Ben, Nat, Chris and others who faithfully preach the gospel week by week. Ask God to bless them and their families.

Sunday 13th



At 8am the Holy Communion is taken from the 1662 traditional prayer book. At 10am All Age Service, we will be looking at *"What is the Purpose of His Journey?"* reflecting on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Ask the Lord to enable everyone understand what that means for us in this day and age and how they can walk in His footsteps.

Monday 14th

Dave and Becky ask us to pray for wisdom, as they start having conversations regarding what to do next. Becky says everything feels a little unsettled at present. Ask the Lord to give them peace and a clear sense of direction for their future. As the designated engineer Dave has already travelled to Germany and USA to inspect a new plane that will be joining the MAF fleet.



Tuesday 15th

As the folks meet for **Holy Communion** this morning, ask the Lord to make his presence known to them. Lord, may they return to their homes full of your blessing and with the sure knowledge that you have promised, no matter what our circumstances, you will never leave us or forsake us.

Wednesday 16th

As the men and women in **Evergreen** meet today, pray that they will be very conscious of God's presence. Remember, especially, those who come month by month yet still have no connection with the Lord. May the Lord put heaven in their souls before He puts their souls in heaven.

Thursday 17th

Maundy Thursday Supper: As people share a simple meal together this evening, pray that everybody reflects on the events of the Last Supper and embraces Jesus' command to love and serve one another. Believe God for great things (!) and pray that some will want to know how to become a Christian.

Friday 18th

Good Friday – in the 10am All Age Service today the question is *"Who is Jesus?"* Pray that the Holy Spirit helps everyone to discover who Jesus is and what His death means for each of us.

2.00pm - 3.00pm Last Hour at the Cross: a time of quiet reflection. Ask the Lord to speak into people's hearts that it will a precious and intimate time with Him. Pray that this Easter we have the joy of knowing that there are some in St Margaret's who have made a new and real commitment to follow Christ for the rest of their lives.

Saturday 19th

Society is only just beginning to realise the greater impact COVID and the lockdown had on young children. Today bring the nation's children to the Lord as they struggle to make sense of the skills they missed out on because they were unable to socialise during that time.

Sunday 20th

Easter Day As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and answer the question, *What does resurrection mean for us?* pray that the Lord will send his Holy Spirit so that people understand that it is a living truth that answers our deepest longing for purpose, meaning, and victory over death. **At 5pm** pray that the **Easter Celebration** will continue the theme of new life, faith, and the promise of eternal life through Christ's resurrection. Pray that those on the periphery will be compelled to enter in to all that God has for them.

