

time spent with them enjoyable. Ask the Lord to bless them in ways the attendees can't.

Thursday 20th

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is **Dorcas**); she was always doing good and helping the poor. *Acts 9v. 36*. Thank our Lord for the skill of St Margaret's Knitters as they meet today, like Dorcas doing good and helping the poor. May the work of their hands be a blessing and comfort to many.

Friday 21st

Helen Sheridan says, 'Give thanks that the paperwork for the new church building went to the Engineer and the Council at the end of May. Pray that the project will be signed off and that Calvary Church can begin to meet there very soon.' The new building will provide many opportunities to engage with the local community in Castlebar, caring for and teaching them about Jesus.

Saturday 22nd

After many years of preparation and study, our new Curate, Nat, has his Ordination in Chichester Cathedral. Ask the Lord to guide him, Jesus to bless him and the Holy Spirit to fill him with renewed passion for the gospel. Pray also for his family as they share his journey.

Sunday 23rd

After the service this morning, there's an opportunity for us to welcome the Gillett family! As we bring our picnic baskets, blankets, and chairs to the Rectory, pray for fine weather (!) and that Nat and his family will feel welcome.

Monday 24th

The PCC meets tonight. Ask the Lord to help them to maintain the mission of the church. Thank God for their dedication and commitment to Christ and St Margaret's.

Tuesday 25th

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen and ongoing conflicts in the region continue to impact Yemeni citizens. Ask the Lord to help Feba as they broadcast across the Arabian Peninsula, providing practical advice and helping listeners to consider social and spiritual change. May the Holy Spirit prepare the hearts of listeners so that the seed goes into well prepared ground.



Wednesday 26th

The Family Support Children's club is in our church hall today. Pray that the families who come will know it is a safe place which can offer help when needed. Ask the Lord that friendships can be made and that families under strain will be kept together.

Thursday 27th

The Daytime Fellowship meet today. An opportunity to gather and hear a short talk and to have fellowship together over tea and coffee. Ask the Lord for new members to come and pray that existing members will not only learn something but also enjoy being with God this morning.

Friday 28th

Today is preparation day for the Fun Day tomorrow. Ask the Lord to help everyone to remember the important things, to be tolerant with each other and above all, to enjoy the task. *Colossians 3v.17 & 23* And don't forget to pray for good weather!

Saturday 29th

The moment we've all been waiting for! It's St Margaret's Fun Day. Pray that all who come to Fletcher's Field will sense there's something different about the day. Ask God for safety, especially for the children, good weather and that we shall be bold enough to speak of Jesus, that many will begin their personal journey to faith.

Sunday 30th

A special day for three sisters – Amelia, Layla and Edith - who will be baptised at the 10am service. Ask for God's Richest Blessing on their lives and that they will be encouraged to know more about Jesus. Remember in prayer the children in your own families too - your children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren. May they come to know the King of Kings for themselves.

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 July diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 19th June



JUNE 2024



The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. *Zephaniah 3v.17*

Our Mission this Month – FEBA works across Africa, Asia and the Middle East to bring the gospel, friendship and practical help via radio.

Saturday 1st

Dave & Becky Waterman (MAF) really need rest and relaxation. They are on holiday leave in the UK until mid-June. Jesus said, '*Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.*' *Mark 6v.31*. Ask the Lord to make this break really special for them.

Sunday 2nd

Jesus is our role model. He went to worship His Father with others. He knew the importance of sharing God's Word with fellow believers. *Luke 4v.16 He went to Nazareth... and on the Sabbath day he went to the synagogue...* As we gather to worship today ask the Lord to help everyone to really meet with Jesus.

Monday 3rd

As we go to the polls next month, pray that the new government will consist of people who have the good of the nation in mind rather than their own wealth and fame. Ask God to call more Christians into parliament. Pray for Women Together who meet for the first of three Bible studies tonight.

Tuesday 4th

Whenever you come to church on a Sunday chances are that you will receive a warm greeting and a smile from one of the welcome team. First impressions are important. Ask the Lord to bless members of the team especially as they meet and greet people who are new to St Margaret's.

Wednesday 5th

The three 'C's' today.

CAMEO: for the tots with their parents this morning.

Creating Company: for crafters and gamers this afternoon.

Church Prayer Meeting this evening. Our Father, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thursday 6th

The Weed Whackers team will be working in the rectory garden this morning. Keep them in your minds as they work together.

Because it's the 80th anniversary of D-Day today, some relatives may come to the church yard and church. Remember in your prayers, people like Tom and Hazel who were around at the time and are still with us.

Friday 7th

Some tasks seem to go unnoticed. We forget to say thank you. Thank the Lord for the cleaning team who give of their time to make sure the church is fresh and tidy in time for the services on Sunday. May they find joy in what they do and feel the Lord's good pleasure as they work.



Saturday 8th

Imagine living in a place where there's severe flooding, landslides, loss of life and livelihood, very limited petrol/diesel for sale, a bicycle ban and economic ruin. This is what's happening in Burundi and yet the people find things to praise God for in their daily lives. Lift our brothers and sisters living in Burundi to the Lord today and ask for his blessing on their lives.

Sunday 9th

On our website it says the morning service is a lively, contemporary, family-orientated service with kid's groups. Sounds attractive, but ask the Lord that people who come will not only enjoy being with us but that they will find answers to the deeper questions of life and meet with the Saviour.

The young people face the challenge of taking the service at 5pm today. Ask the Lord to fill them with joy and that they will feel the Holy Spirit guiding them.

Monday 10th

Alison and Paul Guinness are thankful to see an improvement in their daughter Grace's health, but her immune system needs further prayer, following amoebic dysentery, (an infection caused by a parasite which causes cramps and diarrhoea). They would also be grateful if we joined with them in praying for her ability to communicate in French which would enable her to develop friendships at school.

Women Together meet for the second Bible Study tonight.

Tuesday 11th

There are many grandparents in St Margaret's. Ask the Lord that they will be able to speak to their grandchildren about Jesus and enable them to understand the good news. Also: even if you can't name them, pray for the children in our children's groups and the various clubs, those who have been baptised in St Margaret's and those from the school. And, at a time when many churches don't have any children, thank God that we have so many!

Wednesday 12th

Although since Pentecost we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, there's a lot we don't know. As the staff meet for prayer today, ask the Lord that they will be open to his promptings so that they fully grasp the Lord's plan for St Margaret's.

Thursday 13th

No matter how old you are, it's never easy losing a parent. At the service being held today to celebrate Pam Standen's life, pray that Mark and his family will find comfort and blessing. Give thanks to God that she had a life well lived and is now with the Saviour she loved. As it happens, the Bereavement group meets together today. May they be aware that the Lord is near to all those who mourn.

Friday 14th

The flower arrangers will have already spent time buying and preparing their gift to the Lord before they come to create their arrangements today. Their displays always look beautiful and they take a lot of time and effort to do. Ask the Lord to bless them today.

Saturday 15th

A special day for Esther & Jon as they get married in St Margaret's today. Ask the Lord that they not only have a wonderful wedding but that they also start their marriage with Jesus at the centre of their relationship.



Sunday 16th

Jesus said, 'Where two or three come together in my Name, there I am with them.' As we come to church this morning, may we all be aware of the Lord Jesus Christ standing with us, strengthening us and inspiring us. Pray that any new-comers will feel the presence of God. May it be a *kairos* (opportune) moment.

Monday 17th

A Friend in a Wilderness is a daily radio programme produced by FEBA in Northeast Africa to help a people group of 1.5 million. Pray that many will hear the radio and turn to Christ and, that despite their nomadic lifestyle, they will get the teaching they need to be His disciples.

Women Together meet for their third Bible study tonight.

Tuesday 18th

There is a Holy Communion Service today. Ask the Lord that those coming will enjoy spiritual nourishment, a sense of community with other believers and a strengthening of their faith. Pray for our leaders; Mark, Ben, Nat and Chris. Thank the Lord for their commitment and their love of the Lord. Remember too, their families. It must be hard to constantly share your husband/daddy with 300+ people. Pray for Chris as he and Zillah get married soon. May God bless them as they prepare for their wedding day and the rest of their lives together.

Wednesday 19th

At Evergreen people from Wave Music Therapy will be speaking and bringing along instruments to try. The Evergreen team go to great lengths to make the

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