

Tuesday 24th

Think for a moment about the staff at St Margaret's. They faithfully put out chairs, ensure the smooth running of the services, risk their lives in the car park (!) and answer the phone. Always helpful, polite and loving. Ask the Lord to bless them and thank Him for all they do for us.

Wednesday 25th

Remember the families of Family Support Work Children's Club which meets in the church hall today. Ask the Lord that everyone will feel in a safe place where help is available. Pray for anyone you know who is struggling with family problems – unhappy marriage, money struggles, difficult children etc. First session of the new Alpha course begins tonight. Pray that all attendees will feel relaxed.

Thursday 26th

Daytime Fellowship meets in Church for Bible Study and prayer this morning.



St Margaret's bell ringers now practice their skills every week. Ask the Lord to open their hearts that they will hear and respond to the Good News, they are spreading

Friday 27th

Not all marriages run smoothly. Ask the Lord to help those who are struggling in their marriage, especially if they are no longer happy. Pray for healing of the hurts and that those marriages will not just be repaired but made new in Christ. Ask for God's blessing on all who mediate.

Saturday 28th

Today there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall in support of our Mission Partners in Burundi. As the world becomes increasingly unsafe and difficult, ask the Lord that they can continue their work for Jesus.

Also Malcolm will be extolling the wonders of the church pipe organ with an interactive demonstration. This is lots of fun with an opportunity to 'have a go' but pray, too, that people will be drawn to the gospel as well.

Sunday 29th

Today is Mission Sunday. There will be a video from our mission partners in Burundi during the services. Ask for God's blessing as they share and that more people will commit themselves to pray for them at this difficult time.

Monday 30th

Pray for Bishop Hannington Church in Hove. They are showing a performance of 'Chariots of Fire' by the Searchlight Theatre Company at 7.15pm on the 4th October. All proceeds will go to a mission project in Zimbabwe. Ask God for a sell out and that people will be challenged to follow Jesus.

Lord, we want your kingdom to be established in our family, in our community, in our workplace and in our church.

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 October diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 17th October

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May your kingdom come, May your will be done.
Matthew 6v.10

Our Mission this Month: Our Mission this Month – Our mission partners in Burundi

Sunday 1st

We step back into routine today. Ask the Lord that although the format is familiar, the **11.30 service** will be an opportunity to meet with Him in a new and dynamic way.

As **Sunday Roast** returns, ask the Lord's blessing on all those who go, especially those who live alone. May those that give up their Sunday to serve be blessed as well.

At **Rooted** this evening, may the 14-18 year olds enjoy meeting to read the Bible and pray. Oh Lord, make the scripture live in their hearts.

Monday 2nd

Outbreaks of Mpox, a very dangerous disease, are spreading from DRC to neighbouring countries including Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya. Ask the Lord for protection for all Christian workers in Africa, and that the spread of the virus will be halted by effective vaccines to safeguard the whole population of these countries.

Tuesday 3rd

For those who have completed the two-year Sussex Ministry Training Course and Church Leaders in Bible-Teaching Ministries, John Woods will be leading studies through the Book of Proverbs at Cuckfield Baptist Church from 12th September. Ask the Lord that all who attend will be richly blessed by the teaching and be able to share the gospel more readily.

Wednesday 4th

Creating Company meet today. A chance to indulge in hobbies, games or simply to chat. Pray that they can find a way to welcome like-minded people from the village to join in.



The Church Prayer Meeting is tonight, on site or via Zoom. Ask the Lord to help us to look through the window of persistent prayer with the eyes of faith.

Thursday 5th

Thank the Lord for the diligence of our wonderful Weed Whackers – the volunteers clearing the grounds of church property. May they feel God's blessing as they keep brambles, nettles and overgrown grasses at bay.

Friday 6th

School prayer group meets today. In this increasingly secular society, pray that the children in St Margaret's school will understand that God is real and that He loves them. Ask the Lord to open their hearts. Also pray that our restless, angry and violent nation will realise there is more to life. May they find Jesus.

Saturday 7th

What could be better than being with like-minded people who will encourage and help you on your Christian journey? Ask the Lord that the Men's Contented Weekend will be just such a place. Pray that those who are struggling will be willing to open up and ask for help.

Sunday 8th

Some people struggle in the workplace. They may have overbearing bosses, a heavy workload or the job has simply lost its appeal. Pray that the Lord would bless them and help them to be salt and light even in difficult circumstances.

Men's Contented Weekend concludes today. Pray that our brothers will come back re-energised, enthused and excited about Jesus.

Monday 9th

Today there is a chance for all our under 18's workers to get-together, to share a meal and hear some helpful information about the new academic year. Ask God that the team will really gel and that firm friendships are created.

Tuesday 10th

On Tuesday 24th, the Sussex Gospel Partnership begins a one-year day time Training Course at Cuckfield Baptist Church. Ask God to draw all those who feel called to serve him. *'And I said, Here am I. Send me!'* Isaiah 6v.8

Wednesday 11th

For our mission partners in Burundi, life has now returned to normal with the resumption of their busy schedules; the children return to school on September 2nd. There is a plan rebuild the annexe in their garden to accommodate the many visitors they host. Thank the Lord that they are able to use some inheritance money to fund this project, and praise the Lord that they enjoyed family time together on holiday.

Thursday 12th

With the run up to Christmas looming, St Margaret's Knitters will be hard at work preparing to bless people in cold countries with warm gloves and winter woollies. Ask the Lord to give them a joy in their tasks and that the recipients will see their gifts as a gift from Him.

Friday 13th

Our wonderful cleaning team and flower arrangers will be working in church today. Ask the Lord to bless the work of their hands and that when they have finished even the most mundane task that they will feel His good pleasure.

Saturday 14th

Today there is a time for the women of the church to share breakfast, fellowship and be spiritually fed. Ask God that they can lay aside all other thoughts and pressing family matters to concentrate on Him. May Morag feel God's blessing as she speaks and ask the Lord that the women feel excited about the programme for the coming year.

Sunday 15th

Pray for the people of Angmering. St Margaret's is their church. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw their eye towards the building and when they come in that they will find the Master. Ask God to help us find new ways of reaching out to the village. *Jesus said, 'When I am lifted up I will draw all men to myself. John 12v. 32 . With the eye of faith, let us see Angmering as a Christian village!*

Monday 16th

People who have completed the two-year Sussex Ministry Training Course and Church Leaders in Bible -Teaching Ministries have another opportunity to learn more when David Jackman will be leading studies through the book of 2 Corinthians in Eastbourne from 19th September. In our confused world, the church needs strong Biblically based leadership. Ask for God's blessing and for increased numbers on these courses.

Tuesday 17th

'Do this in remembrance of me.' Luke 22v.19 There is a chance to share Holy Communion in church today. May all who attend meet with the Lord and may they realise afresh the tremendous sacrifice He made for all of us.



Wednesday 18th

Now that the older children are back at school, Come and Meet each Other (CAMEO) can get together again. Pray that the little ones will enjoy their play time so that the mums can concentrate on the message. May the tiniest baby soak up the atmosphere too.

Ask the Lord for His guiding as the Women's Together team meet this evening to look back over the previous year and to look forward and plan what is to come.

Thursday 19th

Amnesty International says, 'Burundi is under a 'wave of repression.' Pray for funding to address the challenges that Burundi faces and that the Africa Mobilisation Hub will be effective as East African missionaries are sent out with the gospel. Also, pray for the students who completed their training this summer that they will find placements in ministry.

Friday 20th

You will, of course, be glad to see the safe return of Mark and Susan by now. Thank the Lord for their much needed break and ask Him that as they settle back into their routine, they will feel the benefit of that break. Ask the Lord to bless them abundantly... and thank Him that we have such caring and selfless Bible believing leaders.

Saturday 21st

Today there is a tea for St Margaret's school Reception Class. Ask the Lord that all those who have just started school, together with their families will get to know one another – better still, to hear about God's wonderful plan of salvation.

Sunday 22nd

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. As we gather in person or on line, pray that everyone will feel the Presence of the Lord, for answers to prayer and good fellowship. May you and I be a blessing to someone who is feeling down today.

Monday 23rd

Once the summer holidays are over, it's easy to forget what was done and said at Summer camps. Pray for those who went to Brymore, New Wine, the camp in Northern Ireland and other Christian gatherings that the joy they had will spill over into their everyday lives. Lord help us all to rekindle our passion for Jesus.