PRAYER DIARY

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Young people love to spend time together and enjoy lively discussion. They begin with a meal, then they look at Biblical topics and play games. Pray that their understanding of the scriptures will expand and that good and lasting friendships will be formed.

Monday 22nd

During school term time the Adventurers meet on Tuesdays with their leader Chris Wilson in the church hall from 7-8:15pm. They enjoy a mixture of games, challenges, activities and Bible input. Why not take this opportunity to ask God to send new children along, and that He will bless Chris as he prepares for tomorrow's session.

Tuesday 23rd

Hope Explored is a three-session course that shows how Christianity is all about real hope - a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which change everything about the present. As this course begins today, ask the Lord to help those who come to feel relaxed, able to ask questions and as they start this journey, that they will come to know Jesus.

Wednesday 24th

Some of us are facing significant health issues. We pray for people week by week but perhaps you know someone who is not on the list, or maybe a member of your family or circle of friends who is having a hard time. Ask the Lord that they will be aware of His presence and be bold enough to ask for healing.

Thursday 25th

The Daytime Fellowship meets today. An opportunity to meet for fellowship and worship in church. The Marriage Course starts tonight.

Participants will share a candlelit meal after which they have a talk and an opportunity to talk privately. Pray that those taking part in both activities will really meet with Jesus and be blessed.

Friday 26th

Give thanks that over in Ireland, Helen has been able to step in to care for the Pastor's three children, while Eoin has been in hospital. Ask the Lord for a complete recovery and a return to normal. Pray for on-going building work that the new church can be completed soon.

Saturday 27th

Women Together Breakfast

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with Emma Scrivener. Married to Glen Scrivener, the evangelist, Emma will be sharing her testimony about God's grace and how it helped her through her mental health struggles. Ask God that after the talk, her listeners will be better equipped to support and pray for people with mental health struggles.

Sunday 28th

There are three different services today. A traditional and reflective Holy Communion, morning worship online & onsite, and the Five. Something for everyone. Pray that everyone will be encouraged, blessed and have a real encounter with God. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak into the hearts of those who are still seeking so that the Gospel becomes crystal clear.

Monday 29th

Winter is beginning to bite. Pray for those who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, perhaps having to decide between eating and heating. Thank God for the work of Food Banks and agencies like Turning Tides who work with the homeless and ask the Lord that they will always have the resources to help.

Tuesday 30th

Alison and Paul Guinness are so grateful for the prayers for Richard Evans who was leading the research in Mission Training. It brought encouragement to all those attending and they made a clear decision to work together to equip the church for the task ahead. Ask the Lord to help them to continue with their new-found resolve.

Wednesday 31st

God's Word

Did you know the church is on Instagram? You can also see past events on YouTube. Ask the Lord to use these modern ways of communication, and others, to reach a much larger audience. Pray for his blessing to be lavish.

'Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.' - George Herbert

Sharing God's Love

It would be helpful if requests for inclusion in the February diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 18th January **JANUARY 2024**



I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

1 Timothy 2v.8

Monday 1st

2024

Our Father God is the God of new beginnings. As we start 2024, let's ask for a fresh anointing and that we shall see His plans and purposes for ourselves personally and St Margaret's come to fruition in the days that lie ahead.

Tuesday 2nd

A few groans as the alarm clock goes off this morning because the new school term starts today. Ask the Lord that the children will quickly settle back into their routines and that teachers will not become stressed. Remember especially those children who find the classroom a hostile place and struggle with their lessons.

Wednesday 3rd

The folks who enjoy craft and the challenge of tackling new ventures meet in Creating Company this afternoon. Ask God that they will not only enjoy what they do but make new friends and meet with the Lord. This evening sees the church prayer meeting on-line and in person. Perhaps the most important meeting because the Bible says, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.' (Ps. 127v.1) Pray for good attendance and that we follow His lead at all times.

Thursday 4th

Did you know that one command is repeated 365 times in the Bible. Fear Not! That's one for every day of the year. Do you have a fear? Bring it to the Lord right now, leave it at the foot of the cross and ask Him for the grace to help you obey this commandment.

Friday 5th

Alison and Paul tell us that for the last two years there has been an ongoing chronic fuel crisis in Burundi. Before Christmas there was no fuel available anywhere and the country was grinding to a halt. Just imagine, no public buses, no food being delivered and all in a country where bicycles are still banned. People are angry and totally frustrated. Please pray for justice, good governance and a way through this problem which preserves peace and allows people to eat.

Saturday 6th

Sussex Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course continues. Travelling from Genesis to Revelation, students get a bird's-eye view of the Bible. Everyone finds it very exciting and informative as they learn how it all fits together from Creation to New Creation. Providing a vital foundation for a full understanding of each of the individual parts of the Bible, pray that everyone will be blessed as they continue with the course.

Sunday 7th

Today our Sunday Roast team will be hard at work, serving lunch to approximately 50 people. Nothing



beats a home-cooked Sunday roast. The crunchiest roasties, fluffy Yorkshire puds and gorgeous veg surrounding a show-stopping centrepiece – and not forgetting the gravy! This meal is such a blessing, not only because of the food but also because people are made to feel that somebody genuinely cares about them. Please ask the Lord to fill everyone with the warmth of His Love and that they will seek the friendship of Jesus.

Monday 8th

Staff and wardens' away day. In the military sense, a retreat means the withdrawal of troops. We are all in a battle and our leaders are at the forefront of that battle. Ask the Lord that this day will give the staff and wardens much needed time to relax in His

presence, to hear His Voice and to come back refreshed and revitalised.

Tuesday 9th

With Christmas well and truly over, ask the Holy Spirit to remind the 400+ people who came to the various services of what they saw and heard. Pray that they will take a step of faith, come again and that Jesus will become real to them.

Wednesday 10th

Thank God for responses received since Gift Sunday in November which have enabled the PCC to move forward with the appointment of an Associate Vicar in the New Year. Help that person, Lord, as he prepares to say 'goodbye' to old friends and we ask that he and his family have a smooth transition to Angmering and settle happily in their new surroundings.

Thursday 11th

The Bereavement group gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern their next steps. Please pray that those for whom the world has stopped turning, will find a divine companion to help them through the awfulness of the moment.

Friday 12th

Most of us have neighbours. Today spend a few minutes praying for the people who live to the left of your house and then those on the right. Ask the Lord to open their eyes to the wonders of the Gospel and that He will give you an opportunity during 2024 to speak to them.

Saturday 13th

A survey has found that if a child becomes a Christian, there is a 3.5% probability everyone else in the household will follow. If the mother becomes a Christian, there is a 17% probability that everyone else in the household will follow. However, when the father is first, there is a 93% probability everyone else in the household will follow. A good reason to pray for our Men's Ministry.

Sunday 14th

Because they may be infirm or ill, some of our church family can only meet with us on-line. Pray that even though they are not able to be in church in person, they will still feel part of us and that they can enter into the services. If you know of someone in that

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position personally, pray about sending them a card or making a phone call. It may make all the difference.

Monday 15th

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God.' (Matt. 5v.9). Our world is full of conflict and confusion. Pray that the Lord will send genuine peacemakers into these situations and bring with them the light of the gospel.

Tuesday 16th

Holy Communion is the most religious service in the Christian church, in which people share bread and wine as a symbol of the Last Supper and the death of Christ. As people meet today, ask the Holy Spirit to make the presence of Jesus very real to them.

Wednesday 17th

Cameo (Come And Meet Each Other) meets today from 10am until 11.30 am. Ask the Lord that while the babies will enjoy the toys, craft, stories and singing, their carers will make lasting friendships. May the seed of the Gospel fall onto good ground.

Thursday 18th

Please remember Helen Sheridan and the Childs family following ten year old Eoin's admission to hospital mid-December with a bleed on the brain. Pray for his recovery and that there will be no lasting damage to his body. May the Lord keep the whole family in his care.

Friday 19th

'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you ... with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Eph 3v.16). The prayers in scripture come from the heart of God. Today, why not use this verse and fill in the names of some people you care about where the dots are.

Saturday 20th

Today there is a men's breakfast. The speaker is Neil Giles, an ex-high ranking police officer. His talk *Men and Discipling* will touch on his work to counter human exploitation and trafficking with STOP THE TRAFFIK. Ask God that those listening will be challenged and encouraged to walk alongside fellow Christians as they follow Jesus.

Sunday 21st

From 6pm on Sunday, Rooted, our group for school years 9-13 (14-18 years old) meet in the church hall.