#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

At the end of January, Women Together had a breakfast with Emma Scrivener. May all attendees develop a genuine compassion towards those who suffering from mental health problems and those who support them. If you know someone who is struggling with mental health issues, bring them before the Lord now.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Bible says: As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27v.17 Bring the Worship Team before the Lord today. Ask that their times of getting together will not simply be singing songs but that it will be instrumental in making them strong, dedicated and fervent as they lead us all in worship.

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

St Margaret's has an excellent website. Not just for our own use although it is handv if you want to find a telephone number. Bring browsers, surfers and anyone else who might come across the site to the Lord. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the information was instrumental in helping someone begin life's most wonderful journey? Could that be possible? Check Eph. 3v. 20 before you answer! Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

The cost of living struggle goes on for many people. Please remember the local Food Banks today and pray that donations will not drop off. Ask the Lord that those who need help can find it. May they walk in the bounty of a loving and faithful God. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Isn't it wonderful to see all the children going to their meeting in the church hall. Did you know that the numbers of children in the C of E has declined sharply. 38% of churches have no children at all! Thank the Lord for all our little ones, pray for them and ask God to renew our passion so that they will be eager to make their own faith journey. Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

The members of the PCC meet tonight. In the main, they are charged with maintaining the mission of the church. Pray that they may find new ways to expand on that especially as we still face the cost of living crisis. Lord we thank you for your promise...

#### And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4v. 19 (NIV) Tuesdav 27<sup>th</sup>

We live in a society which is full of doom and gloom yet our church motto is Sharing God's Love. Ask the Lord for an opportunity to do just that today and for the courage to act upon it.

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Bring before the Lord church members who through age and frailty cannot attend the services and especially those who have no internet and cannot join us on-line. Perhaps after you've prayed you could send them a card so that they don't feel forgotten. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

At the time of writing, the trouble spots of the world are The Red Sea and Iran v. Pakistan. As you read this, there may be other places where peace has gone and people's lives are in danger. Name these places before God and pray that the gospel will go into ALL nations.

Today is a chance to meet for Bible study at the Daytime Fellowship Group. Please pray for those attending, that they enjoy this opportunity to meet up for a time to chat as well as to immerse themselves in the word of God.

> 'When it is hardest to pray, we ought to pray the hardest.' D. L. Moody

#### Sharing God's Love

It would be helpful if requests for inclusion in the March diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 16th February.

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Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Let's begin this month by thanking God for an answer to prayer. You may remember praying for Eoin (pronounced lan) who has been discharged after a month in hospital in Dublin. His vision and balance are improving and he is able to go to school for 2 hours a day. Ask the Lord for complete healing and no lasting ill-effects from this crisis. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

God's Word

The school prayer group meets this morning. Pray that they will be in tune with the Lord's plans.

ALSO: We have a few members who are in Care Homes. Pray for them that they will continue to follow Jesus all the days of their lives. Ask the Lord that the staff will remember to take them to any service which takes place in the care home. Saturdav 3rd

From 8am until 2pm the Sussex Gospel Partnership Bible Training Course continues in our church hall. Ask the Lord that all those taking part have no distractions and fully understand what they are being taught. May they feel the blessing of God and store up knowledge which will enhance their abilities to share the good news.



#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

An all age service at 10am is followed by the Monthly Morning Prayer service at 11.30. Thank God that we have a leadership team which offers so many ways of worshipping the Lord. Pray for His blessing on them and all who join in. Sunday Roast follows. Pray the Lord will open the hearts of those who are not church goers but come faithfully every month and ask Him to give those sharing their table an opportunity to talk about Jesus.

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

It's wonderful to have answers to prayer: Dave & Becky Waterman with MAF in Liberia are waiting for two pilots and two engineers, new team members, to join them later in the year! Thank you Lord! In the meantime, ask God to give them the strength to keep going despite a heavy work load.

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Most of us would like a

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life filled with hope, peace and purpose. The last session of the Hope Explored Course is today. Pray that those who come will fully understand that this is exactly what Jesus offers and that they will start the most exciting journey of their lifetime.

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Creating Company meet today from 2pm. Ask the Lord for His company too.

From 8pm the Church Prayer Meeting takes place either in person or by Zoom. 'Pray inwardly, even if you do not enjoy it... For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time your prayer is most pleasing... this is true of all believing prayer.' Julian of Norwich. May God make us a praying church.

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Whether they've been married six months or 40 years, whether they're in a good place or struggling, it's not always easy to understand each other's needs. As the Marriage course continues today, ask the Lord to help those taking part to appreciate how each other feels.

#### Friday 9th

Another chance to say thank you! We thank God for

the hospital treatment Alison Guinness had recently and her continuing recovery. Her parents plan to visit Burundi this month. Ask the Lord for a safe trip and a happy family reunion.

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Becca from the Family Support Work is making arrangements for an after school club at St Margaret's . Ask the Lord for enough volunteers and that she



can find a way to reach out to the families that could really benefit from this service. Thank the Lord for all helpers and volunteers, without whom some families might not stay together.

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Perhaps we'll have visitors in the service today, people who have come a long way to be among us. Or maybe folks from Angmering and the surrounding area are in church for the first time. They may not know it but this could be a Divine Appointment. Pray that they will meet with Jesus in the service and that they will experience something to last for all eternity. Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Did you know Women Together have a book

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club? They have been reading 'The Blessing of Humility' by Jerry Bridges. Ask the Lord that they will grasp this wonderful opportunity for Him to speak into their hearts and bring them into a deeper understanding of His love.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Burundi has one of the highest malnutrition rates in the world -No. 3 behind Angola and Zambia. Added to that, just recently Burundi closed its border with Rwanda because of increased tension and border attacks. Please ask the Lord that things will calm down, and that a solution can be found to the country's lack of fuel.

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

The Sussex Gospel Partnership (SGP) is looking for a new Director - someone who is passionate about training men and women to preach and teach the Word of God. They should be a person who loves the local church. Pray that the Lord will call someone into this role and that the SGP can move forward in these difficult and challenging times.

## Sharing God's Love

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

There are so many people in St Margaret's beavering away behind the scenes. Cleaners, youth workers, those running weekly get-togethers, giving folks lifts, making sure the heating is on and the lights are off... the list is endless. Bring those you can think of before the Lord today and ask Him to bless them in ways you can't.

#### Fridav 16<sup>th</sup>

Thank God for our leadership team. They give of themselves selflessly all the time. And don't forget their families who must often 'go without' so that their loved one can be of service. In this day and age, we are so blessed to have such Bible-believing, Godfearing people at the helm.

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has a global shortage of pilots and engineers. Ask the Lord to call Christian men and women to fill the many vacancies or to enrol on their Future Pilot Programme or Engineering Training Schemes, Matthew 9v. 38 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Remember the people who work on the sound desk today. They also enable us to watch services on-line yet their contribution often goes unnoticed (unless something buzzes when it shouldn't!) Thank God for them and their selfless ministry and ask Him that they might feel appreciated.

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Helen (Crosslinks, Castlebar N. Ireland) as she leads the youth with Sam and Dawn and for Women's group studying Grace and Prayer. As their Church building project comes to an end this year, (Praise God!) ask the Lord that Helen will be able to delegate some of the admin, giving her more time to pastor the women within the church and reach out into the community.

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Think of those who have recently been bereaved. Jesus said, 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' (Matthew 5v.4) Even though our loved ones are with Christ, grief can overtake when least expected. Pray that the bereaved always have someone to talk to and that they can adjust to a life which is changed.

There's Holv Communion in church today. May all who come have a blessed time at His table.