

disciples to twenty-first century believers. Ask God that everyone will be brought together in the body of Christ.

Wednesday 22nd

This is always an anxious time of year for our GCSE and A Level students. Ask the Lord to give them His peace and that they will make sure they have enough sleep and relaxation before exams.

Thursday 23rd

One of the best ways to develop friendships and support each other is by belonging to a home group. We have a number of groups where people explore the Bible together, ask questions, share, and pray together. Pray for our groups and especially their leaders who open their homes and devote themselves to the people in their care.

Friday 24th

'We are all given talents but it's up to us to discover them, nurture them and maximize their potential.' Eric Liddell (Olympic runner and missionary). Bring our young people before God and ask that they will make the most of every opportunity. May they come to know Him and always be surrounded by encouragers.

Saturday 25th

We all love a wedding and today Amelia and Oliver are getting married. Pray that they have a wonderful day and that they build their marriage on the one sure foundation of Jesus Christ.



Sunday 26th

Pray that local people who may never have been to Church, or are not sure if it has much relevance or attraction to them, will find the courage to step inside St Margaret's today. Ask the Lord that they will find the life-changing, Spirit giving hope restoring Christ for themselves.

Monday 27th

As half term starts remember the parents struggling with the cost of living crisis which still hasn't completely gone away. Finding dinners for hungry children who normally have school meals may be difficult. Please pray for them and if you want to be practical too, why not support the local food banks and St Peter & St Paul Pantry..

Tuesday 28th

Remember again the ongoing work of Pioneers in

Arab speaking countries where believers are in the minority. Ask God's blessing on often isolated team leaders, their families and the small groups which they support. Pray for strength, stamina and for a sense of God's presence.

Wednesday 29th

Family Support Work Children's Club meets in the hall today. Pray that the children will make good friends; that the parents can relax in the presence of the Lord and not be afraid to ask for advice if they need it.



Thursday 30th

Daytime Fellowship is an opportunity to meet together for a short talk and then to share fellowship over tea/coffee. Ask the Lord that everyone will feel His blessing and that new friendships may be made.

Friday 31st

Feba is helping out with the Keswick Convention in July which will be exploring the theme of 'Resurrection'. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of attendees and that those ministering will be well prepared. *Proverbs 16:3*



Don't wait for the perfect conditions to start. Start now, with what you have, where you are.
Eric Liddell

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

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Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41v. 10*

Our Mission this Month – **Pioneers** who partner with local churches to make disciples and initiate church-planting among unreached peoples. They have 3,000+ members globally who build relationships and share the gospel in culturally understandable ways.

Wednesday 1st

We start this month's prayer diary with Creating Company meeting this afternoon. Ask God that they will not only enjoy what they do but will also meet with Him. This evening sees the church prayer meeting in person and on-line; perhaps the most important time of the month when we all gather with one voice to seek the Lord. Pray for good attendance and that we follow His lead at all times.



Thursday 2nd

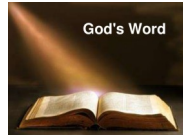
The Police and Crime Commissioners are using our church hall for their election today. Although this is purely secular, ask the Lord that the very atmosphere will encourage the people attending to seek answers to the needs in their lives.

Friday 3rd

The school prayer group meets in vestry hall to pray for our local schools. This is a time when the hearts and minds of children are being squeezed into the world's mould. Ask God for wisdom and pray that the children in Angmering will hear the gospel.

Saturday 4th

The Bible by the Beach is in full swing in Eastbourne until Monday. The theme is **God has Spoken**. Ask his blessing on Jonty Rhodes and Jason Roach (speakers) and that the people attending will have a real encounter with Jesus. Our mission partner Feba will be there too.



Sunday 5th

After the All Age service there is an 11.30 service when people will gather for Sunday morning prayers. When it is finished, the dedicated team will be hosting Sunday Roast today. Ask Our Father that it will be more than a just another service followed by a meal. Jesus said, *'I am the living bread that came down from heaven.'* John 6v.51 Pray they will grasp the Biblical truth that they need never be hungry or thirsty if they believe in Him.

Monday 6th

Please pray for Feba's seven volunteer speakers who faithfully travel to churches and Christian groups to talk about Feba's work and how they can share in the ministry. Also: Feba is looking to recruit several new members of staff. Ask the Lord to call His people to service.

Tuesday 7th

Adventurers for school years 5-8 meet from 7-8.30pm with a mix of games, challenges, activities and Bible input. The meeting is open to anyone. Pray that our own children will enjoy themselves and that non-church children will find a place of warmth, safety and friendship.

Wednesday 8th

Pray for the Pioneers Team focusing on Muslim-background believers in North Africa and the Middle East. As they run discipleship courses tailored to the local culture, ask the Lord to help with the real challenges people from a Muslim background face on their journey of faith.

Thursday 9th

CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other gather today with a baby area, toys, craft, stories, singing, drinks and snacks. Ask the Lord that the mums and carers will enjoy meeting each other and more importantly that they will meet with Jesus. Remember our Bereavement group who meet in the vestry hall today. May they find the peace of God.

Friday 10th

As Alison and Paul have returned to Burundi and pick up the threads of their ministry after their sudden bereavement, pray that they would be able to balance their work commitments with family life. Also ask God for complete recovery for little Grace, following her brush with amoebic dysentery and UTI infections.

Saturday 11th

The Sussex Gospel Partnership Course continues in our church hall. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Jesus of the Bible to them and that they will become confident in sharing the Good News.

Sunday 12th

Chris at 10am and Desiree at 5pm will talk about the Mission of the Month - Pioneers Also at the 10am service, little Isaac will be baptised. Jesus said: *Whoever welcomes this little child in my Name, welcomes me...Luke 9v48.* Pray that his baptism will be very special to Isaac and his family.

Monday 13th

Helen Sheridan from Castlebar says the most significant conversations about Christianity happen in the car on the way home. Questions about assurance, the place of good works, relationships, marriage, peer pressure, cost of following Jesus. Ask the Lord to use these conversations to reveal Himself. And while we think about it, what about the conversations we have in our cars?

Tuesday 14th

Men love curry! Tonight Boys, Balti's and Banquets meet for company, an excellent curry and a quiz. As they listen to Ben Martin talk about a king who



will dine with anyone and offers an invitation to the greatest banquet of all, pray that God will open their hearts to follow Him.

Wednesday 15th

There are some come to Evergreen who don't come to any other meeting. Today there will be friendship, sandwiches and a sing-along. Always popular. Ask the Lord to open their hearts and pray that they will not just listen to the talk but really **hear** it!

Thursday 16th

They say, being creative is not just a hobby, it's a way of life. Say a prayer for St Margaret's Knitters who meet today that their gifting will show practical Christianity to a needy world.

Friday 17th

Pray that Pioneers will maintain their passion to glorify God throughout the nations of the world, through obedience to the Bible and by living and proclaiming the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Saturday 18th

Whenever we face hardships and sometimes unbearable pain, it can raise big questions. Helen Thorne-Allenson will be speaking at The Vine this morning. As the women gather, ask the Lord to bring Extraordinary Hope into their hearts.

Sunday 19th

The Five is a service for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest. After gathering at 4.30pm to share tea and coffee together before the service begins, ask the Lord that everyone will enjoy hearing from the Bible and praising God together. After the service, Rooted, a group for teens, takes place. Pray that the young people will make a real commitment to follow Jesus.

Monday 20th

The members of the PCC have a meeting today. It is their responsibility to maintain the mission of the church. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decision making and that the Lord will make his plans and purposes for St Margaret's plain.

Tuesday 21st

'Do this in remembrance of Me.' Today there is a Holy Communion service in church – a chance to join with fellow believers, past and present in an ordinance which has stretched from the original

Women Together