



September Newsletter

If this is your first time with us or are visiting, we're happy you are joining us today! If you have any questions or would like to find out more about St Margaret's then please speak to a member of our welcome team, Churchwarden or Service leaders. We hope you will join us for after-service refreshments (we make a great cup of tea!)

Church News

Before the summer, the PCC and Leadership Team met a couple of times to discuss the purpose and values of St. Margaret's, so that we can more clearly articulate who we are as a church. We will have another away session on the 15th September, again facilitated by Jan from Futurekraft, where we will explore the question 'where are we going as a church?'. Following this meeting, we look forward to sharing our ideas with the congregation for further feedback and discussion. Please do pray for the PCC and Leadership team as we seek to discern God's will for the future of our church.

Hazel and the rest of the Kingdom Kids team met before the summer to explore how we can continue to disciple our children even better on Sunday mornings, and the team looks forward to trialing some new initiatives this coming term. This outline will give you a better idea about how Kingdom Kids will be structured;

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
ACTIVATE	MOTIVATE	UNITED	CELEBRATE & SERVICE SUNDAYS
A session to promote active and inclusive practice within our groups.	A session in our regular groups to explore the bible.	An all age service to engage our wider church family.	A fun and interactive session for all the kids groups.
A hands on session for kids age 3+ that centres around a practical /making/ creating activity.	A fun learning session to deepen group relationships. To include games, teaching crafts and prayer.	An inclusive session involving collective worship, teaching, activities and prayer.	A combined session to include all the kids in fun worship, play, teaching and time together.
Run by Hazel and Helen S and assisted by at least one helper. Sparklers under 3 in their usual space with two leaders.	Delivered in groups with usual team leader/s. Support needed in Ignite and possibly Sparklers when there are up to 10 children.	Run by various family / group teams throughout the year.	Run by Beth and Katherine with a possible helper. Sparklers to be in the same space with their leaders. Fusion to be in the service having signed up to a serving role that Sunday.

Services

Sunday 1st September - 10am: "God's tender faithfulness and resure"
Speaker: Jamie Dow

Sunday 8th September - 10am: Holy Communion. "The Lords power"
Speaker: Colin Wright

Sunday 15th September - 10am: United Service. "The Trustworthy God"
Speaker: The Thomassens

Sunday 22nd September - 10am: Holy Communion. "God's people are the hope of the world"
Speaker: Dale Barton

Sunday 29th September - 10am: "When God's people fail"
Speaker: Olau Thomassen

◀ Dates for your diary ▶

Sunday 1st September @ 7.45pm: Mens night at the Fox Pub, Shipley.

Wednesday 4th September @ 12pm for 12.30pm: Over 50's meal in the church hall.

Wednesday 4th September @ 5pm: Bring and Share Meal followed by Church Prayer.
Let's kick off the year by sharing a meal together and seeking God for the year ahead!

Thursday 5th September @ 2pm: Over 50's Meeting in the creche room.
Please come in through the bottom door on St Margaret's Road.

Monday 9th September @ 7.45 - 9.45pm: PCC (church hall)

Sunday 15th September @ 1-5pm: Joint PCC and Leadership Team Away Session

Regular Weekly Events

Tuesdays: 9.45-11.45am - PATCH

Wednesdays: 10am-12pm - Places of welcome cafe & knitting group

Thursdays: 10.15-11.45am Keep-Fit for the Over 50's Christ Church Windhill

Thursdays: 6.30-7.15pm -Homework club

Shipley Christians Together

Sunday 1st September @7.30pm: Live@Costa, Costa in Shipley.

Tuesday 10th September @ 12 noon: Pray for Shipley prayer walk.
Meet at the Shipley Sheep in the Market Square

Sunday 15th September @ 6.30pm: Shipley Christians Together
Joint Celebration Service, Christian Life Church

From the Diocese

Jesus in Galilee- What can we discover about life in Galilee in the time of Jesus - from the Bible, from archaeological discoveries and from contemporary records?

Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 09:30 @ St. Augustine's Church Otley Road Bradford BD3 0DR

Sharing Faith Naturally- Building confidence to talk to family, friends and neighbours about faith

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 - 19:15 @ St. John's Church, Neville Road, Bradford BD4 8TU

Silence Clinic - These evenings offer a small amount of input about silence-based prayer, have plenty of time for discussion, often offer different types of silence-based meditations to try and always include twenty minutes or more of time in silence together

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 19:45 @ Bradford Cathedral

Please see church noticeboard or speak to Olau / Pippa for more details on any of the above services & events

Prayer Space

St. Margaret's Mondays

We are continuing to use Mondays as a day to pray for our church together, throughout the course of our daily lives. We know there is power when we pray together, and God delights to hear, speak and answer our prayers! So, each Monday we'll have a focus for prayer on which we can join together to seek God. We'll use the prayer points below as a focus for each Monday of the month (though you can pray for SMCF however God leads), so please set a reminder for yourselves to pray, and let's see what God will do!

Week 1 (2 September): Leadership: Pray for clarity and unity during the second combined away session for the PCC and Leadership Team on the 15th September, where the focus will be on the future direction of the church. Pray also for Rev. Mark Watson as he continues to settle into ministry again.

Week 2 (9th September): Community and outreach: Pray for our outreach ministries as they start again this autumn. Specifically, pray for God to provide the resources needed for homework club to flourish. Pray also for the PATCH team as Kim has stepped down and they step into a new season.

Week 3 (16th September): Church ministries: As we step into a new ministry year, let's pray that God equips us for our various areas of ministry within the church. Pray for one another to be strengthened and encouraged as we use our gifts, that we will not grow weary in doing good but trust God's faithfulness.

Week 4 (23rd September): Discipleship and growth: Pray that as we encounter God through our study of Isaiah, through worship, and through other means, that God's glory and character would lead us to worship and love Him more. Pray that He would become greater in our eyes and lives!

Week 5 (30th September) Family: Pray that we will draw closer together as a community of faith, loving each other well and going deeper in our relationships with one another.

Also we continue to pray for all those suffering in body, mind, spirit or grief

Prayer Chain

Don't forget that the prayer chain is available to anyone who would like confidential prayer for themselves or a friend. Please use the blue box in church, or telephone Anne Ward on 01274 581061.



Missed a sermon? Listen again to all our sermons & talks via our website!

Have something for next months newsletter? The submission deadline will be **Monday 23rd September**. Please email items directly to our administrator, Amy Milner, on amy@amadmin.co.uk and copy in Olau on olau@smcf-church.org.uk.

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