

## Light up a Life services 2018

These are the confirmed Light up a Life services for this year.

St. Margaret's Hospice is holding services in:

- Yeovil, St. John's Church Sunday 2 December at 4pm
- Bridgwater, St. Mary's Church Sunday 9 December at 4.30pm (NB change of time from previous years)
- Taunton, St. John's Church Wednesday 12 December at 6.30pm

We are delighted that a number of other churches and a school are organising their own Light Up a Life/ All Souls service in support of St. Margaret's Hospice:

All Saints Church, Dulverton	Sunday 28 October at 6pm (Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones)
St. John's Church, Wellington	Sunday 4 November at 3pm (All Souls service)
St. Mary's Church, Huish Espiscopi	Sunday 4 November at 4pm (All Souls service)
Minster Church, Ilminster	Sunday 4 November at 6pm
United Reform Church, Street	Thursday 29 November at 6pm
Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury	Tuesday 4 December at 6pm
St. Decuman's Church, Watchet	Wednesday 5 December at 6.30pm
St. Leonard's Church, Butleigh	Sunday 9 December at 11am
St. Mary's Church, Chard	Sunday 9 December at 3pm
St. Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea	Monday 10 December at 7.30pm

## Open Gardens 2019 update

We recently held a thank you event at Brympton House, near Yeovil, for all of the gardeners and volunteers who made this year such a success — raising over £16,600!

Plans are already under way for next season, so please do let Susan know if you are aware of any lovely gardens, allotments, orchards or farms we can approach to open in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. We would also welcome St. Margaret's Volunteers to help in many of the gardens with selling entrance tickets, raffle tickets or serving teas.

There are many other ways to support the scheme, including plant sales, serving refreshments at local shows or planning a community scarecrow trail. We are also seeking local businesses who would like to advertise in our 2019 Open Gardens Brochure or donate a prize to the Open Gardens Raffle.

We are planning to launch the brochure in March 2019, and would welcome volunteers who can drop off batches in their local community or suggest local shops and businesses who would be able to stock them for us.

For more information and an informal chat, please contact Susan on 01935 709182 or email [susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](mailto:susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk).



## Fundraising Volunteer Newsletter Nov / Dec 2018

Registered Charity No: 279473

### Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

Another year has passed, and we would like to thank you all so much for the marvellous support you have given us throughout 2018.

It has been a very busy year, with some incredible highlights, such as our first ever Glitter Run, which raised over £100,000. As we go to print, we are looking forward to our first ever Up, Down & Dirty events, where brave competitors will be facing cold, wet and mud to help us raise the vital funds needed to keep our services available to the Somerset community.

We have also been successful in applying for grant funding from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative (blue tokens) in West Somerset, Shepton Mallet, Wells and North Petherton. We will be using these funds to recruit more local community groups, and provide training where necessary - look out for more information in the events section.

Wishing you a restful Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Best wishes

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## Fundraising staff update

We are delighted to announce that Victoria Poole, previously the South Somerset Community Fundraiser, has been appointed to the new position of Community Fundraiser Team Manager.

Kara Frampton, our Assistant Fundraiser, has also been promoted, and will be taking up the role of West Somerset and Taunton Community Fundraiser, from October 22, following the departure of Calista Renault, who is heading off to pastures new.

***We wish Victoria and Kara congratulations on their promotions, and best wishes and thank you to Calista as she takes up a new career path with the Civil Service.***

### Welcome to our new Volunteers

We are delighted to welcome **Jo Eddington** to our events volunteering team, where help is always needed!

The Open Gardens season will be much bigger next year, thanks to our new Open Gardens Volunteer Area Coordinators, **Alison Manuel, Alison Mayall, Kate Murdoch and Nigel Palfrey**.

Bridgwater numbers are being swelled thanks to **Sue Willoughby** and **Carole Sharpe**, with South Somerset volunteers receiving an amazing five new recruits: **Paul Palfrey, Frances Box, Ella Sky, Lisa Wiles and Pete Booth**.

Not to be outdone, three new volunteers have joined the team in Taunton — **Ella Waude, Natalie Coles and Christine Godber** — accompanied by **Pam Tolley**, who will be helping us in West Somerset.



Thank you to Ken Knight and fellow bikers for raising over £500 on Ride Out for Rosie



Upcoming events

We are looking for volunteers to assist at our fundraising events across the county.  
Please contact your local Community Fundraiser for more details.

SEDGEMOOR, SHEPTON MALLET AND WELLS

**Wednesday 7 November, Cake, Coffee and Community Morning — St. Margaret's Hospice Information Event**, Bridgwater Town Hall, High Street TA6 3AS, 10.30am. Come along and hear from our speakers about the retail arm of St. Margaret's Hospice, Community Fundraising Groups and meet your new Community Fundraiser, Kara Frampton.

**Wednesday 14 November, Fundraising Coffee Morning**, Mark Church Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mark, Highbridge, Somerset, TA9 4NN, 10am to 12pm. Tombola, Christmas cards. £1 entry. All welcome to come to the coffee morning and meet the volunteers and local Community Fundraiser.

**Thursday 22 November, Mistral Fashion Show in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice**, High Street, Wells, 7pm to 10pm. £5 entry. 10% discount on purchases.

**Sunday 25 November, Blackmore by Candlelight**, Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington, Bridgwater TA5 2NE, 12pm to 8pm. Festive event in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. Under 12's free, adults £5, to include mulled wine and a mince pie.

**Sunday 9 December, Festive Fun Run**, Bridgwater College, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4PZ, 9.30am. Joining details on our website.  
**Volunteers needed for marshalling, registration and merchandising.**

**Wednesday 12 December, Christmas Fair, Wells Town Hall**, 10am to 3pm. Christmas Fair run by the Wells Community Fundraising Group. Lots of stalls, hot drinks, filled rolls and cake. All welcome to come and meet the Wells Volunteers and local Community Fundraiser.

**Thursday 13 December, Wells Cathedral**, 7pm  
Mid Somerset Series Carol Service Carols and readings with children's choirs from local schools. Entry by ticket only, available in advance from Mid Somerset News & Media offices and the Cathedral Shop Box Office. **Retiring collection for St. Margaret's Hospice.**

**Friday 14 December, Morrison's Christmas Bucket Collection, Wells**, 9am to 5pm. **8 volunteers needed** working in pairs throughout the day in two-hour shifts. Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.

**Friday 21 December, Tesco Christmas Bucket Collection, Shepton Mallet**, 9am to 5pm. **8 Volunteers Needed** working in pairs throughout the day in two-hour shifts. Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.



The Ladies' Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show in East Coker raised over £17,000!

Please call your local  
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details:

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Upcoming events continued...

SOUTH SOMERSET STREET AND GLASTONBURY

**Friday 2 November, Cake, Coffee and Community Morning St. Margaret's Information Event**, 11am at the William Blake Hall, Market Square, St James' Street, South Petherton TA13 5BT. Please note the hall is situated on the first floor, with no lift access. Speakers include Alison Hodgson, Physiotherapist, and James Morrow speaking about his experiences of the hospice. All welcome.

**Wednesday 7 November, Barrington Charity Bridge Afternoon** in the Village Hall, 2pm. A delicious tea will be provided and all funds will be divided between the Beacon Centre and St. Margaret's Hospice. £50 per table. To book, please contact Hilary Scott on 01823 480010 / [hilary@mybtinternet.com](mailto:hilary@mybtinternet.com) or Lesley Jones 01460 53234 / [lajsorry@gmail.com](mailto:lajsorry@gmail.com).

**Saturday 24 November, Bucket Collection at Tesco Glastonbury**, 9am to 5pm. **8 volunteers needed** working in pairs throughout the day in two-hour shifts. Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.

**Sunday 9 December, Yeovil Santa Dash, Goldenstones Leisure Centre, Ninesprings**, 8am to 1pm.  
**Volunteers needed** for registration and merchandising. To book a place for the Santa Dash, please visit the St. Margaret's website.

**Sunday 9 December, Military Wives Concert, Westland's Yeovil**, 7.30pm. Tickets £16.50 from Westland's Box Office: 01935 422884. **Volunteers needed for bucket collection.**

**Friday 21 December, Morrisons Yeovil Christmas Bag Pack**, 8am to 6pm. **Volunteers needed all day in shifts of two hours.**

TAUNTON AREA

**Friday 7 to Sunday 9 December, Morrison's Taunton Christmas Bucket Collection.** **Volunteers needed** 10am to 6pm on Friday (two needed) and Saturday (four needed), and 10am to 4pm on Sunday (three needed). Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.

**Saturday 22 December, Taunton Tesco Christmas Bucket Collection.** **Volunteers needed** 10am to 4pm. Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.

WEST SOMERSET AREA

**Friday 7 and Saturday 8 December, Dunster by Candlelight**, Dunster, Minehead, TA24 6SF, 6pm to 9pm. Festive event with proceeds donated to St. Margaret's Hospice. **Volunteers welcome and also donations of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola.**

**Saturday 15 December, Farmer John's Christmas Tree Event**, Secret Valley, Cobbs Cross Farm, Goathurst, TA5 2DN, 10am to 4pm. Festive event. There will be a hospice stall selling Christmas merchandise. Entrance fees will be donated to the hospice.

**Thursday 20 December, Tesco Minehead Christmas Bucket Collection.** **Volunteers needed** 10am to 4pm. Must be able to stand for two hours, or please bring a small folding chair.

Coming soon....

Spring Fundraising Volunteer Coffee Mornings:

- Friday 8 March — East Somerset Volunteer Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Yeovil Academy.
- Friday 15 March — West Somerset Volunteer Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Taunton Academy.

**Saturday 11 May 2019—Yeovil Hospice Fete**



Thank you to Natural Meats in Somerton for arranging a music night which raised over £750.  
  
Our patron Michael Eavis popped in for a photo shoot!

