

Thurs 1 April **Maundy Thursday** On this special day in Holy Week and at the start of a new month, let us pray for hope throughout the world and for an end to this current cruel pandemic.

Fri 2 April **Good Friday**

“He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good, That we might go at last to heaven, Saved by his precious blood.”

We thank you Lord for this wonderful truth.

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> On this Bank Holiday weekend we pray that after months of isolation people may start to enjoy mixing responsibly with family and friends outside.

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> **Easter Day** Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia. We praise you Lord that you triumphed over death and have risen to eternal life. We know that one day we will be with you in heaven for ever.

Mon 5th **Bank Holiday Monday** We give thanks for the opportunities to enjoy our gardens, parks and walks in the local countryside.

Tue 6th Father we give thanks for the wonders of modern science that have enabled vaccines to be produced to give protection from the virus. Inspire countries around the world to share out the vaccine so all can benefit from this amazing development.

Wed 7th **World Health Day** Let us remember to give generously to ensure everyone has access to things we take for granted like clean water and toilet facilities. Bless the organisations who work to realise this ambition.

Thurs 8th Father it is time to get together as families and as a nation. Help us to forget our differences and work together to overcome our problems. Praise, honour and glory be unto you alone forever.

Fri 9th Dear Lord, we thank you for your many gifts to us on our Perfect Planet. Grant us authority, wisdom, knowledge and understanding to care for our beautiful world.

Sat 10th My faith and my God are such a blessing. Even in the darkest hours He makes a way.

Sun 11th We are often drawn by uncertainties and fear instead of living with integrity and standing up for injustice. Father we need the presence of your Holy Spirit to cleanse and renew us once more.

Mon 12th Thank you Lord for the gift of life. When I wake up in good health I say “Thank you.”

Tue 13th We pray for children and young people around the world, often forced to grow up by themselves and pray for their protection in often dangerous and unloving environments. Thank you for those who work tirelessly to educate all the millions of children unable to access learning.

Wed 14th We particularly remember the young girls sold or given away in marriage by parents desperate to feed their other children. Let them know they are loved by You.

Thurs 15th Dear Lord, may everyone have adequate food and a place to call home. Today we pray for all who suffer as a result of war, drought or the greed of other nations and companies.

Fri 16th At this time we pray for urgent improvements in our social care and mental health provision. We ask your blessing and support for all the disadvantaged members of our society and those who have struggled when they were unable to see loved ones and friends.

Sat 17th We pray that our communities may extend God’s justice and love to everyone.

Sun 18th Gracious God we worship you and thank you for all your blessings.

Mon 19th We welcome God’s presence in and with us. May He guide us, restore us and heal the nations. “Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”.

Tue 20th We pray for those affected by the violence and conflict in Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia. South Sudan, Nigeria and Myanmar. Be near them Lord and help those who work to find peaceful solutions.

Wed 21st **The Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.** We pray for the Queen and her family and thank you for their resilience and work in raising public awareness of climate change and its effect on life on this planet and their encouragement to the nation during this difficult year.

Thu 22nd We ask that you be with those living in places prone to natural disasters, hurricanes, cyclones, tsunami and volcanic eruptions.

Fri 23rd **St George’s Day.** Let us thank God for all the people throughout history who have fought bravely to uphold freedom and justice in the face of evil.

Sat 24th Father help us to concentrate on the present day, not living in the past or future, so we can appreciate and utilise the time you have given us.

Sun 25th We pray that we can live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity. Bind us together in love, peace and joy.

Mon 26th As work begins on the Northern Fringe housing development we pray that the new district will provide good homes in which residents can lead happy and productive lives.

Tue 27th We pray for Ipswich, for all the churches in our town, their congregations and the clergy who serve them.

Wed 28th Dear Lord we pray and give thanks for David's ministry here at St Margaret's. We pray for Keith and Sarah and everyone who contributes to the life of our church community.

Thurs 29th "When you educate a girl or woman, you don't educate a person – you educate a nation". We pray for all nations to realise girls' education is at the heart of the pandemic recovery. Worryingly, in the UK too, more girls are taking on extra household chores leaving them with less time for schoolwork.

Fri 30th As we enter another month, "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that You and I together can't handle".

# St.Margaret's Church

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## Prayer Diary

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