

Sunday 1st Advent begins and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. We thank You for the work of Vicar Sarah, Helen, Keith and all who enable us to take part in our inspiring services.

Monday 2nd God of peace, help us to stand against injustice of all kinds and be peacemakers for the earth and all who dwell in it.

Tuesday 3rd Lord, we thank You for the fellowship at St Margaret's Church and all those who make it possible.

Wednesday 4th Thank You Father for those who run the weekly Toddler Group under the leadership of Margaret Llewellyn. We ask for Your blessing on all the adults and children who attend.

Thursday 5th Our prayer today is that world leaders will invest in early childhood helping to tackle global poverty and inequality.

Friday 6th Thank you Lord for our changing seasons and the glorious colours in the natural world. Help us all to find the best way to protect the fantastic world You have created.

Saturday 7th Dear Father, be with those who suffer domestic abuse here and abroad and are forced to flee their homes to save their lives.

Sunday 8th Lord, may I always remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle.

Monday 9th In our prayers today, we thank You for the dedicated volunteers who give their time to inspire and guide young people through the uniformed groups and sporting organisations.

Tuesday 10th As we celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we remember those for whom human rights do not exist.

Wednesday 11th We pray for a more equal world where the rights of disabled people are recognised and their needs taken into account allowing them to live happy and fulfilled lives.

Thursday 12th We ask for Your blessing on everyone affected by dementia and their loved ones. Thank You for the many efforts being made to find a cure.

Friday 13th Mary was a young woman, barely more than a child. We ask for Your enfolding love on those young women who find themselves unintentionally pregnant.

Saturday 14th Jesus, may Your light shine upon the Holy Land, Ukraine and other regions of the world in conflict. May Your peace reign in every heart.

Sunday 15th Lord, we ask for Your blessing on the Royal Family. We pray that the King and the Princess of Wales will continue their recovery and that You will give them, their family and friends, your comfort and peace.

Monday 16th Father, guide those in government to work for the good of all.

Tuesday 17th Please be with those whose homes, in many parts of the world, were flooded or destroyed. We ask that they will receive the long term help they require.

Wednesday 18th Today we pray for the charity Crisis which gives hope to the homeless. May we follow the lead of the Prince of Wales who is spearheading an end to the rough sleeping on the streets of our towns and cities.

Thursday 19th Father, we ask You to be with all those for whom this is a busy time and ask that You will give them time to rest and recuperate after their busy schedule.

Friday 20th Lord, we pray for a safe and happy school holiday for children and staff remembering the children who, through circumstances, will not enjoy the break. We ask for Your blessings on them.

Saturday 21st Winter Solstice. Lord, on this the shortest day of the year, heralding the beginning of winter, we ask for Your comfort for those who find the dark winter months difficult.

Sunday 22nd May this evening's service of Nine Lessons and Carols inspire our love for You.

Monday 23rd As we remember Mary and Joseph desperately seeking a bed for the night we think of people everywhere who have no permanent home.

Tuesday 24^t Carols by Candlelight. "O Holy night, the night that Christ was born" be with women giving birth and give them Your reassurance.

Wednesday 25th We thank You Father that You sent Your only son into the world to be an example to us and lead us to You in heaven. Thank You for the joy of Christmas.

Thursday 26th Lord, we pray for those in the field of sport and entertainment who bring pleasure to so many.

Friday 27th Guide us to walk alongside the suffering in solidarity, with those demonised for wanting a safe home and with every victim of violence and war.

Saturday 28th Saviour, we thank You for the tremendous work carried out by the Town Pastors who seek to serve and help wherever there is a need in our town centres.

Sunday 29th We pray for everyone in our parish, of all faiths and none, that they may lead healthy, happy lives.

Monday 30th As we look back on 2024 we give You thanks for the many benefits we have received and the opportunities we have enjoyed. Lord, we look forward with hope for a more peaceful and just world in 2025.

Tuesday 31st Give me, Lord God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You, faithful perseverance in waiting for You and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen.

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Prayer Diary

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