

Wednesday 1st

On All Saints & All Souls Day we remember those we have loved who have died in the faith. May we and they have a share in God's eternal kingdom.

Thursday 2nd

As we look back over the year we give thanks for those who worked to keep the church functioning smoothly during the vacancy.

Friday 3rd

We remember with joy the appointment of Revd Sarah as she settles into her ministry among us.

Saturday 4th

Remember, Remember the 5th of November. As people celebrate over the weekend we pray for their safety.

Sunday 5th

This is my body. This is my blood. Do this in remembrance of me. As we celebrate communion may it be a reminder that we are one body because we share one bread.

Monday 6th

We remember the couples who were married here and pray that they will continue to be aware of Your presence in their lives.

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Tuesday 7th

We give thanks for those who were welcomed into the church family through baptism. May they and their families grow to know more about You, Lord.

Wednesday 8th

In sadness we remember the loss of family members and friends who have died in recent months. Father, support their loved ones in their grief.

Thursday 9th

As we approach Remembrance Day we think of a red poppy petal which reminds us of the blood shed by so many. We give thanks for their sacrifice.

Friday 10th

A poppy petal also reminds us of the violence in so many current conflicts. We pray that leaders and governments will work to end the despair and find peace.

Saturday 11th

On Remembrance Day we pray that the seeds stored in the centre of the poppy will be seeds of peace in every heart and nation

Sunday 12th

The green leaf of the poppy is a sign of hope that peace will be restored and the world will be filled with your glory, Lord.

Monday 13th

We remember all who serve in the armed forces and ask for Your protection over them.

Tuesday 14th

On the birthday of King Charles III we recall his coronation and pray that he will show wisdom and strong leadership in the tasks ahead.

Wednesday 15th

Help us to be aware how we can use our time and skills to serve the work of the church. May we know a sense of belonging so that we can extend Your love and care to each other and those in the community.

Thursday 16th

We thank you, Lord, that you love us without question. May we do the same in responding to the needs of those we find difficult to identify with.

Friday 17th

We give thanks for Your faithfulness to us. We rejoice that whatever our situation, we can be assured of Your love and care for us.

Saturday 18th

We reflect on promises not kept and opportunities missed to help others. Give us strength to be more caring.

Sunday 19th

We thank you for the Eucharist that by sharing we may be reminded of the sacrifice of Your Son Jesus Christ and the hope he has given us.

Monday 20th

Help us to take time to appreciate the beauty of Creation all around us and to work together to preserve it for future generations.

Tuesday 21st

We reflect with gratitude on happy times spent with friends and family.

Wednesday 22nd

We give thanks for those who work in developing countries, especially for Geoff Spiller's work with Mission Direct and the success of the school building programme.

Thursday 23rd

We thank you, Father, for your continued love. Forgive us our failings and fill us afresh with your Spirit.

Friday 24th

We give thanks for the dedicated staff in our schools and colleges who work for the benefit of all students in their care, sometimes in challenging situations.

Saturday 25th

We pray that politicians will bring hope to people struggling financially and will resolve to serve in a fair and just manner.

Sunday 26th

We give thanks for Sarah Hall, Helen Prior Townsend & George Woodward who have committed themselves to your work. Be with them in their training.

Monday 27th

As we begin to reflect on the significance of Advent, we pray that we will be aware of your presence, Lord, in the busyness of Christmas preparations.

Tuesday 28th

We remember those who face Christmas with apprehension knowing it may be a time of financial hardship, loneliness or suffering.

Wednesday 29th

We give thanks for our church fellowship providing pastoral care, support through prayer and social events.

Thursday 30th

As winter approaches we give thanks for the changing seasons and the beauty of Your creation.

St Margaret's Ipswich

Prayer Diary

November 2023

On a theme of remembrance

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