

Wednesday 1st

When we were first asked to prepare this August prayer sheet, it was the first day of Advent. We thank you Lord "To everything there is a season!"

Thursday 2nd

We so appreciate the visitor attractions in our town that generate tourism. We thank you for our civic heritage and church buildings both ancient and newer.

Friday 3rd

Jesus promise of healing the sick can be a comfort when we either visit in hospital or in homes. May we hold onto the steadfast promises that Jesus says I will be with you always, my peace I leave with you.

Saturday 4th

We pray for understanding for those with sensory and learning disabilities; those mentally unwell and substance misuse victims.

Sunday 5th

We are so thankful for our church school. Sometimes Lord, you needed a time to get away from the crowds, so please be with families in the holidays. We thank you for the teaching staff and their nurturing the children within a Christian setting. Thank you Lord.

Monday 6th

We pray for doctors, nurses, managers, chaplains and all those involved in the caring profession in hospitals; GP surgeries; nursing homes and those who quietly look after families in their own homes. May they hear the Lord's words "well done!"

Tuesday 7th

"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small." Thank you Lord for the freedom to care for animals and birds, and in return to have the joy of their affection.

Wednesday 8th

Dear Lord when we mislay important items, like keys and debit cards, please help us to keep calm and pray, instead of getting so agitated that we upset our families and friends.

Thursday 9th

Lord, may the hymn "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me," remind us of a lovely feeling rain has after a heat wave.

Friday 10th

As the Lord said to his disciples, "Let the little children come unto me." We thank You for when the school children help to take the service in our church.

Saturday 11th

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries and for all those preparing for their big day in this church, especially Kieran Long and Amy Seaman today.

Sunday 12th

At this time of year, homeless people are often overlooked. We thank you Lord for church members who helped to show God's love to them in the bitterly cold winter months in the town's Night Shelter. As Jesus said to Peter, "I washed your feet go, and do likewise."

Monday 13th

When we phone or message someone and do not get a reply, thank you Lord that You are always listening to our prayers with no interruptions.

Tuesday 14th

"O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made." Thank You Lord for Your wonderful world.

Wednesday 15th

When Lord we are in solitude by forced rest or illness, or when we are travelling alone, grant us transformation as we meditate on You.

Thursday 16th

As young people get their A-Level results, give them wisdom as they plan the next phase of their lives, whether it is university, local college or work.

Friday 17th

Lord, please remember those who now no longer attend worship due to frailty, ill health or moved away. Sometimes those who have taken a step back in their church duties, we also hold dear for their generosity with their time and effort in the past, now relinquishing responsibility.

Saturday 18th

We pray for all churches in our town, and that between our diversity, we can serve the needs of local people & bring more to faith.

Sunday 19th

As rain refreshes the earth Lord, please may our dear ministers Rev David, Rev Keith, and Rev John experience afresh thy gift of the Holy Spirit.

Monday 20th

The Middle East has not seen much peace. Let us pray that You will direct these nations to work together in harmony.

Tuesday 21st

The wonderful gift of music brings so much peace and joy. Lord, thank you for our Director of Music, our choristers and musicians.

Wednesday 22nd

Let us thank You Lord for the gift of science which enables us to have modern gadgets and better health. Let us use such technologies wisely.

Thursday 23rd

We pray for students who are receiving their GCSE results today- may they be guided in their next steps, whatever they are.

Friday 24th

Thank you Lord for our numerous parks, especially Christchurch, and other lovely green spaces. May we not take such areas for granted, and appreciate Your creative hand in our environment.

Saturday 25th

May the prayer of grace "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful" be our daily prayer: Help us to recall blessings that we have already received from Him.

Sunday 26th

We thank you Lord for our local rural communities in Suffolk, for their ability to give us time for refreshment and relaxation away from the busy-ness of the town.

Monday 27th

Dear Lord, we so appreciate our lay readers; especially the dedication of Sarah – not forgetting our previous lay reader Ian Hartley who faithfully served this church.

Tuesday 28th

Thank you Lord, for the work done in this church, and may visitors know and feel something special when they leave this tranquil place.

Wednesday 29th

We pray that the school staff have had a relaxing holiday and come back refreshed for the new term.

Thursday 30th

During the summer, we have experienced some very hot weather and more typical rainy days, and as we move into a new month, we pray that people will be able to cope with our common weather challenges.

Friday 31st

Twenty one years ago on the 31st August 1997, when Princess Diana passed away people can still remember where they were. Let us not forget that our Lord was crucified 2000 years ago, died and rose again surrounding us once more, with the blessing of his unchanging love.

St Margaret's Ipswich

Prayer Diary

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