

ADVENT

Saturday 1st Now, is the time to wake out of sleep, for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Rom 3. 11

Sunday 2nd Advent Carol service

“While shepherds watched their flocks”

Make us watchful and keep us faithful, that he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service.

Monday 3rd Help us Lord in the midst of all the stress of the activities and preparations, to keep calm. Give us your peace in our hearts.

Tuesday 4th “No crib for a bed.” Mary was young and away from home we pray for all those who will have their babies in war torn countries refugee and asylum camps.

Wednesday 5th Communion. We remember today, those who are sick, infirm and elderly in their own homes and institutions who may feel abandoned and alone at this festive time.

Thursday 6th May the old see how many of the young are trying to set up your kingdom on earth and may the young realise that the old may be wiser than they.

Friday 7th St Margaret’s School Carol Service
Carols old and new will be sung and we rejoice that Christmas will be celebrated around the world.

Saturday 8th The Night Shelter will be open and we pray for all the guests, realising that the shepherds, hard working men looked down on by society were the first people to hear the “Good News”

Sunday 9th You came to bring freedom to all people. Be now with those in prisons surround them with you love and support their families and friends. Help us to find ways of forgiving.

Monday 10th Ipswich School Carol Service
“Hark the herald angels sing” ...may we hear The song of the angels and keep it in our hearts throughout the year.

Tuesday 11th 16 days of Activism against Gender based violence.
We denounce domestic violence and injustice in all forms. Give us all a lively concern for all women who are inhumanly treated. Show us how we can help

Wednesday 12th Northgate Carols
“See Him lying on a bed of straw”. We pray that those attending may experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Thursday 13th Mothers’ Union met yesterday Thank you for Mary Sumner our founder her prayer was “All this day Lord let me touch as many lives as possible for thee”

Friday 14th Jesus was born into a family. We thank you that you have created us into families so that we may live, play, work, rejoice and grieve together.

Saturday 15th At a time of year when relationships can be strained, keep us from unkind or angry words and give us patience and understanding.

Sunday 16th Thanks be to thee my Lord Jesus Christ for all the blessings thou hast given me for all the insults thou hast borne for me O most merciful redeemer friend and brother, May I know thee more clearly love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly day by day

Monday 17th Lord Jesus we commit to your care all who are ill at this festive time. Take their fears and grant them courage healing and strength

Tuesday 18th For the bereaved for whom Christmas is particularly difficult. Part of the Apache prayer
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer and I in return will comfort you and hold you near. And never, never be afraid to die, for I am waiting for you in the sky

Wednesday 19th End of term service

Christmas holidays God be with us on our travels. Help us to meet Him wherever we go.

Thursday 20th We ask you to be with all who have to work this Christmas, the police, armed forces, fire service, lifeboat service, doctors nurses and of course clergy.

Friday 21st Jesus who healed the sick in mind as well as the sick in body. Be with those who have issues with food and drink and do not enjoy social gatherings. Give them your peace.

Saturday 22nd “Ding dong merrily on high in Heaven the bells are ringing”. Here too in Ipswich all the church bells will ring out to remind shoppers of the meaning of Christmas

Sunday 23rd The glory of the Lord shall be revealed :and all mankind shall see it.
Isaiah 40. 5

Monday 24th Christmas Eve
To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name will be called the Prince of Peace
Isaiah 9. 6

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.” May we reflect and rejoice in the Word made flesh, today and every day throughout the coming year.

Wednesday 26th “on the feast of Stephen”
Remembering the first Christian martyr we pray for all persecuted Christians who have not been able to celebrate Christmas openly.

Thursday 27th As we clear up left over food let us give thanks that we have had plenty and pray for all those who have had little or none

Friday 28th Gifts. Lord it is wonderful to know you have given each one of us gifts. Show us clearly, how to use them to serve you.

Saturday 29th “In the bleak midwinter”
Many will be cold and alone today,
Let our hearts never be hardened to their plight. With love and tenderness may you restore hope to their souls

Sunday 30th God’s love for us was revealed when God sent his only son into the world so that we could have life through him
1 John 4.9

Monday 31st God of the past we offer our praise for your constant love and guidance throughout this year and pray you will be with us in the year ahead

St. Margaret’s Prayer Diary

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