

**January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

On this day off for most people, let us remember those who are working to sustain our way of life.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>. UNWRAP.**

Think of the unwrapping we have done over Christmas. Give thanks for the love and friendship these gifts represent.

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>. SCHOOL TERM BEGINS.**

We pray for a happy, fruitful and safe term.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Perhaps after Christmas we have an abundance of some things. Pray about what can go.

**January 5<sup>th</sup>. WRAP UP.**

If any thing went wrong over Christmas & New Year wrap it up and offer it to God.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. EPIPHANY.**

The Wise Men arrived after a long journey "following the star". Thank You for inspiration given by Christmas readings and books.

**January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Lord and his family were refugees from Herod's tyranny. Pray for

refugees and those persecuted for their faith.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Think of the groups we belong to for work or leisure. Some will be starting up again. Pray for good relationships.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>.** Our politicians are in discussion over Brexit. Pray for wisdom and courtesy. May our nation be reconciled in true peace.

**January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

What are our hopes for the coming year? Ask for guidance when making decisions.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>. WRAP UP.**

We may need to wrap up warm at this time of year. We pray for the Night Shelter. Also for those people unwilling or unable to come in out of the cold.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank You for all the medical provision in this country. Please enable supplies to come in without interruption.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>. Sunday.**

Pray for all who commit themselves to work and service in Christian

Communities, remembering the little community at St. Thomas'.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Catkins and snowdrops remind us of new growth and new hope. Thank You.

**January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

For all children being born into a world of confusion and conflict. Lord have mercy.

**January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

For our church and diocese: may we hear your call on our time and talents.

**January 17<sup>th</sup>.** May our elderly get through the winter months in good health and good cheer.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

An uncontrolled gap in the print. What are the gaps in our lives? How should we fill them, Lord?

**January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Please teach us to be "Barnabas"- the encourager to one another, so that gifts may be nurtured.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. John 2: 1-11**

As we remember the wedding at Cana we thank You for Mary the mother of Jesus and her wisdom.

**January 21st.**

Final Brexit decisions? Please heal our Nation.

**January 22nd.**

Please help all parents to know when to gently push and when to hold back.

**January 23rd.**

May those who live alone for whatever reason be certain of themselves and not lonely. May they never be patronised.

**January 24th.**

So many war-torn areas where homes smashed. Lord have mercy.

**January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank You for our homes. May they be places of welcome to You and our neighbours and friends.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

We pray for our town of Ipswich. May our young people always feel safe.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday.**

Jesus read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour".  
Wow.

**January 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Climate change is often in the news. Please help us to do our part in reducing waste of fuel and resources.

**January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We pray for our clergy: David, John and Keith, and for our Reader; Sarah that they may be sustained by You.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

For all the "behind the scenes" people in church and in the community: thank You. May their work be blessed.

**January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

# St. Margaret's Ipswich

## Prayer Diary

## January 2019.

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