

Friday 1st June: We pray for all the churches that make up the Ipswich Deanery as they seek to work in a more relational, inspirational, pastoral and missional way under our Bishops Martin and Mike and Area Dean Rev Nick Atkins.

Saturday 2nd June: We pray for Alice Pugh and Arthur Turrell being married in church today. We ask for God's blessing on the day and for their future life together.

Sunday 3rd June: We pray for the services taking place in our church today at 8 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 6.30 pm that your name will be glorified in our acts of worship.

Monday 4th June: **Praise:** O Lord our God how majestic is your name. You have set your glory above the heavens (Psalm 8 v 1).

Tuesday 5th June: **Confession:** God of healing and wholeness, I bring my brokenness, my sinfulness, my fears, my despair and lay them at your feet, seeking your forgiveness.

Wednesday 6th June: **Thanksgiving:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever (1 Chronicles 16 v 34).

Thursday 7th June: We pray for those in positions of civic leadership in our town, particularly for our MP, Sandy Martin, David Ellesmere, the leader of Ipswich Borough Council and Russell Williams, its Chief Executive.

Friday 8th June: We pray for all those in our church fellowship, particularly Phil and Heather, our Churchwardens, who give generously of their time in so many different ways in the service of God at St Margaret's.

Saturday 9th June: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so, I am helped, and my heart exalts, and with my song I give thanks to him (Psalm 22 v 7)

Sunday 10th June: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love (Isaiah 63 v7)

Monday 11th June: Festival of Barnabas the Apostle. Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service, Amen.

Tuesday 12th June: **Confession:** God of healing, God of wholeness, I hold out my heart and hands, my mind and soul to feel your touch and know the peace that only you can bring.

Wednesday 13th June: We pray for your blessing on the members of Mothers' Union holding their Garden Party this afternoon.

Thursday 14th June: **Thanksgiving:** Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4 vv 5-6).

Friday 15th June: We pray for the Head Teacher, staff and pupils of St Margaret's Primary School and for closer links and bonds of friendship between St Margaret's church and school.

Saturday 16th June: 4 weeks ago today, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were married in St George's Chapel, Windsor. We pray for them both and their future lives together as husband and wife.

Sunday 17th June: We pray for those participating in and stewarding the Orwell Walk today which raises funds for numerous local charities.

Monday 18th June: **Praise:** when I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them (Psalm 8 vv 3 &4

Tuesday 19th June: **Confession:** Lord God, you have shown me such love yet so often I fail to show that love to others or recognise its source. Forgive me for the times I have failed to see your love and failed to notice how much you care for me.

Wednesday 20th June: **Thanksgiving:** Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter then his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name (Psalm 100 vv 3&4)

Thursday 21 June: We pray for the Deanery Synod meeting this evening.

Friday 22nd June: We pray for the Growing in God Vision in this Diocese – “flourishing congregations, making a difference. God is with us gathering us as Christ-centred communities, calling us to make Christian disciples, sending us in loving service, empowering us by the Holy Spirit”.

Saturday 23rd June: On this date in 2016 the UK vote to leave the EU. We pray for all politicians involved in the Brexit process and for good resolutions to the remaining areas of dispute and disagreement.

Sunday 24th June: Festival of the birth of John the Baptist. Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Monday 25th June: **Praise:** Sing to the Lord all the earth, tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples (1 Chronicles 16 vv 23 &24)

Tuesday 26th June: **Confession:** When my faith is tested to the limit Lord and I stumble, forgive me, when my feet stray from the path and I wander, forgive me and when my neighbour is in need and I pass by, forgive me.

Wednesday 27th June: **Thanksgiving:** The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts; so, I am helped, and my heart exalts and with my song I give thanks to him (Psalm 28 v7).

Thursday 28th June: We pray for the Lighthouse Women's Refuge, for all those who work there and for those they help.

Friday 29th June: **Praise:** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place (1 Chronicles 16 vv 25-27).

Sunday 30th June: **Thanksgiving:** O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever (Psalm 107 v 1).

# St Margaret's Prayer Diary

## June 2018

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