

Fri 1 May: Father God, we pray for all your people throughout the world, that they may proclaim the risen Lord.

Sat 2 May: Lord hear us as we pray for your creation, for an end to the destruction of the natural world.

Sun 3 May: We pray for communities who are watching their land become parched as their rivers dry up. Show us how to act and help.

Mon 4 May: May we hear the cries of those who are marginalised in our world and may we speak up with them for a more equal and just society.

Tues 5 May: Gracious God, you gather all of creation together in love; enlighten our hearts so that we may perceive the hope to which you have called us.

Weds 6 May: As your children, may we grow into your likeness, filled with compassion and desiring justice.

Thurs 7 May: Embolden us to live out our calling and put faith, hope and love into action.

Fri 8 May: Thank you for those willing to serve our community as local council members. We

pray for them to act with wisdom, integrity and courage.

Sat 9 May: We pray for a just peace where there is conflict, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in Sudan.

Sun 10 May: We give thanks for all those giving, acting and praying this Christian Aid week. We pray for all those whose hope overflows into action.

Mon 11 May: May each of us seek to serve our global neighbours in whatever we can.

Tues 12 May: Make us witnesses, proclaiming your Kingdom as we watch in hope for the Lord.

Weds 13 May: We pray for communities around the world living in poverty or suffering violence and displacement.

Thurs 14 May: Ascension Day. Lord, today you returned to your Father and our Father and we thank you for your promise to be with us for ever, to the end of time.

Fri 15 May: We pray with thanksgiving for peacemakers and changemakers. Strengthen those working for peace and to protect human rights.

Sat 16 May: We pray for children everywhere who have insufficient food and who cannot attend school through poverty or illness.

Sun 17 May: Lord, you welcome us when we are heavy laden with sorrow or pain: thank you that in you we find rest.

Mon 18 May: We pray for those known to us who are sick or suffering, remembering particularly

Tues 19 May: Thank you that you are with us throughout our lives and will be with us at the end.

Weds 20 May: We pray for those who grieve, especially for those who do not know you or find it hard to seek help.

Thurs 21 May: Hear our prayer Lord for those who find their work stressful or over-whelming. May they find ways to let go.

Fri 22 May: We pray for those seeking meaningful work and for those who see no hope ahead. Give them trust and hope dear Lord.

Sat 23 May: We pray for those in our town who have come here as refugees, seeking safety and

freedom from persecution. May we always be ready to welcome the strangers amongst us.

Sun 24 May: Pentecost. Loving God, we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us to pray as we ought.

Mon 25 May: We pray for all the staff and the pupils of St Margaret's School. May their half-term break provide them with an opportunity for rest and renewal.

Tues 26 May: Thank you Lord for all who give their time to our church of St Margaret's to enable us to worship you together and serve our community.

Weds 27 May: We pray for all those with leadership roles in the church, for our new Archbishop and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

Thurs 28 May: We pray for the work of FIND and all the Ipswich Top Up shops. Bless and strengthen all who give their time to collect, to sort, to deliver or to help in other ways.

Fri 29 May: We pray for Christians anywhere who suffer injustice or persecution because of their faith. Give them the assurance of your love and courage and strength to face all their difficulties.

Sat 30 May: We thank you Lord for our abundant blessings. Help us to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, our God.

Sun 31 May: Loving and faithful God, give us hope and send us out to serve you, this day and every day.

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary

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