

These prayers follow on from the Feast of Pentecost on 24th May celebrating the birth of the church and follow a theme of 'Sharing the Church'.

Mon 1: Help us, Lord, to understand and appreciate that St Margaret's Church Ipswich is **Your** church not ours, nor the vicar's, nor the diocese's. May we always be mindful of our calling as *temporary* stewards of it.

Tues 2: Today, St Margaret's is 'shared' outside the church building by way of communion taken to the Norwood care home and Christchurch Court retirement accommodation. We ask your blessing, Lord, on all those who live & work there.

Weds 3: We pray today for the primary school with which our church is so closely linked and for its 400 pupils who come over to the church each Wednesday morning for a service. May we continue to 'share the church' with the school, finding exciting new ways to do so.

Thurs 4: Today the Church of England celebrates with thanksgiving the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) and we give thanks for all the opportunities at St Margaret's of sharing in the Lord's Supper together.

Fri 5: We rejoice in the architectural beauty of St Margaret's church, built to the Glory of God and as a place of gathering for His people.

Sat 6: A "Creative Retreat" is taking place at St Margaret's today and we pray for those running

it and those participating in it that our creator God will richly bless the creativity of the day.

Sun 7: We pray for all those attending the services at St Margarets church today, especially any visitors or newcomers and those struggling with the challenges of daily life, that all will find a welcome and a blessing from whatever service they attend.

Mon 8: On this, the first day of a new working week, we give thanks for all the businesses in our parish. May St Margaret's church be a place of prayerful support to all who work in the parish.

Tues 9: Today the Church of England celebrates the life of Columba, first century Abbot of Iona and missionary, and we pray, twenty centuries later, for the continuing missionary work of your church – especially at St Margaret's - that people will come to know the love of Christ.

Weds 10: This evening, St Margarets' new churchwarden, Bart, will be sworn into office at the aptly named St Bart's Church during the Archdeacon's Visitation. We pray for him and for Your guidance Lord in all he does in this important lay role.

Thurs 11: Today the Church of England celebrates the life of the Apostle Barnabas recognising that the Spirit 'gave him grace to encourage others'. The collect for the day includes these words: 'help us Lord to be

generous in our judgments and unselfish in our service'. May that be so with us, Lord.

Fri 12: We pray for all those in positions of leadership – lay and ordained – at St Margaret's. May they be inspired and encouraged by your Holy Spirit in all they do to serve You and the church in this place.

Sat 13: Former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, famously said 'the church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members'. Help us, Lord, to live that out at St Margaret's.

Sun 14: We pray this Sunday for our curate, Helen, currently on placement in the benefice of Lark Valley and North Bury and ask that you will bless her as she 'shares the church' during her time in the west of the county.

Mon 15: We pray for all those who will go past St Margaret's Church today, on foot or by bicycle, that they will have a sense of the church bearing witness to You over the centuries, in good times and in bad.

Tues 16: We pray for all those involved in the St Margaret's Growing Greener initiative and 'sharing the church' by doing so. May we forever be mindful of the need to protect your creation Lord and to live our lives in a more carbon neutral way.

Weds 17: We give thanks for the countless number of prayers – spoken and unspoken – which have ascended to heaven over the

centuries from St Margaret's church. We stand on holy ground!

Thurs 18: We pray for all those involved in our Church Centre 'across the road' from the church that it may truly be a place of service and outreach to the local community.

Fri 19: We pray for the 'mother church' of our diocese, St Edmundsbury Cathedral., its staff and people, in all that it does to 'share the church' in the county of Suffolk.

Sat 20: A twice-a-month St Margaret's men's breakfast takes place in the church centre this morning and we pray for all those attending it. May it continue to offer the opportunity for men to share with one another the joys and challenges of living life as a Christian in our predominantly secular society.

Sun 21: (Collect) "Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Amen."

Mon 22: The churchyard of St Margaret's offers an opportunity for us to share with those hesitant about setting foot inside church something of the peace and love of Christ. We pray for all who pass through 'God's Acre' from day to day - especially those who may use it for nefarious activities.

Tues 23: We give thanks for the ministry of our vicar, Sarah. Bless her in all she does in Your service,

Lord, especially when 'sharing the church' with those who don't have any involvement in it.

Weds 24: We pray for the Alcoholics Anonymous groups which meet in the Oak Room of the Church Centre and for all those struggling to overcome this addiction.

Thurs 25; 'God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking'. every day.

Fri 26: We pray for every person living in the parish of St Margaret's Ipswich, whether or not they know you, Lord. May we always be ready to share with our neighbour, whoever that might be, the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Sat 27: We pray for all those being ordained priest or deacon at St Edmundsbury cathedral today as they step out to serve you, Lord, and your church in this diocese.

Sun 28: You rested on the seventh day, Lord, from all the work of creation You had done yet we struggle to follow your example and, instead, make it another day of 'doing'. Help us to live simpler lives, so much better for sharing.

Mon 29: *Spend a few moments praying God's blessing on someone dear to you.*

Tues 30: We give thanks that St Margaret's church is open to all, physically and figuratively, and pray that we may play a part in sharing our church, **Your** church, with others. Amen.

St.Margaret's Church

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