

Sat 1 August:

At Easter, Peter and June asked us to write this Prayer Diary. Jesus is alive and we praise God for how sweet the name of Jesus sounds.

Sun 2 August:

The Astronauts who flew in Artemis II in April to the moon, remind us of the saying "They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Let us ask that we will be given such strength in times of challenge.

Mon 3 August:

Sometimes we look at old photographs and are reminded of people we were close to. Let us be thankful for the memories of those who have passed on, and occasionally we have the pleasure of meeting up with those who are still with us, or even the surprise of meeting people we know well in unexpected places.

Tue 4 August:

We thank thee O Lord that you are a comforting presence in times of distress, physical or mental pain. Help us to remember this and trust in You for healing and peace of mind. And for people we do not know who may be in difficult times, You do know them, so please give them strength.

Wed 5 August:

We pray for our Ministry team at St Margaret's – Rev Sarah, Rev Helen, Rev Keith and George. Give them wisdom and encouragement in their activities. We also thank you that Rev Helen was able to engage in ministry elsewhere recently.

Thu 6 August:

We thank You O Lord for the pleasure and companionship of pets and animals in our lives. We pray also for vets who look after these creatures when unwell.

Fri 7 August:

Doctors, nurses and health workers are very busy in their professional activities that sometimes they may neglect their own mental health. May they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and feel encouraged as faithful servants to the Lord.

Sat 8 August:

Whatever the weather may be this August, whether sunny and warm or rain, let us all feel refreshed by holidays and time out, whether going away or quiet times at home or garden.

Sun 9 August:

Let us pray for the many local and national charities doing such wide and essential work in so many spheres. Whilst many people may find their personal finances stretched, we ask that charities will find the income sources they need to prevail.

Mon 10 August:

We thank the Lord for the beautiful parks we have in Ipswich and the amazing coast and countryside around Ipswich.

Tue 11 August:

Psalm 8 says "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" We praise you O Lord for our contemporary scientific understanding of the universe around us and acknowledging at the same time it is Your Creation.

Wed 12 August:

Let us pray for the needy people in our Parish who may be needing support. We ask that many of them will find our Church a welcoming place.

Thu 13 August:

For young people getting their A-Level Results today, we ask that You will help to guide them as they consider future job or educational prospects.

Fri 14 August:

We thank You Lord for the professions of people we often do not consider much such as bus and train drivers taking us around the country, and HGV drivers, delivering goods day and night, night time milk deliverers, postal staff and roadworks engineers.

Sat 15 August:

We praise You Lord for the gift of music and song and thank you for the rich and varied musical talents we have at St Margaret's Church.

Sun 16 August:

We shall pray for our PCC and Church Warden Bart and others involved in ministry and administration here. We ask that You will encourage more volunteers to help out in our church community.

Mon 17 August:

Care workers carry out many tasks in people's homes or in sheltered or nursing accommodation. We keep them in our thoughts with gratitude.

Tue 18 August

We thank You Lord for our beautiful and historic church building and the many hundreds of craftsmen, who over the years, have maintained its status.

Wed 19 August:

In the countryside and town, there is much hidden and visible wildlife. Let us be respectful of all of God's creatures.

Thu 20 August:

Teenagers will be getting their GCSE results today- Whether they do as expected or not, be with them as they plan their next steps in education.

Fri 21 August -

We pray for those trying to bring about peace within our troubled world, that You will give them Your strength & encouragement to carry on, even in difficult circumstances.

Sat 22 August:

Emergency service personnel put themselves at risk of injury every day when they go to work. Let us be grateful for their dedication and service, helping to keep us safe.

Sun 23 August:

We so appreciate the visitor and leisure attractions in our town that generate tourism. We thank you for our civic heritage and historic buildings both ancient and newer.

Mon 24 August:

As the Lord said to his disciples, "Let the little children come unto me." We thank You for when children help to take part in services in our church.

Tue 25 August:

When Lord we are in solitude by forced rest or illness, or when we are travelling alone, grant us transformation as we meditate on You.

Wed 26 August:

Let us pray for people suffering from mental health issues and those living with addiction problems, and for those charities and local organisations offering them support.

Thu 27 August:

Let us think of farmers of Suffolk as they prepare to bring in their harvests in the next month or so, that their hard work over the year will be fruitful for them. We pray that our farmers have had a successful year despite all the challenges their industry faces.

Fri 28 August:

With gratitude, we pray for King Charles and Queen Camilla in their unstinting work leading our country. We also ask that national and local government members will undertake their leadership work with integrity and professionalism.

Sat 29 August:

We are grateful to former members of this church who have provided legacies to fund projects and purchases after they have gone, and in particular the acquisition of the new Hymn Books.

Sun 30 August

We value time and space for holidays, to refresh our souls and bodies from hectic everyday life styles many of us have. So, thank You O Lord for this holiday period coming to a close.

Mon 31 August

The children who attend St Margaret's School and other Christian-based schools are blessed so we ask that in the coming term, the pupils and staff will feel uplifted by faith in You.

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