

Saturday 1 January

Dear Father, as we start this New Year, we commend ourselves to your unfailing love. Keep us close, Lord, as we seek to do your will.

Sunday 2 January

We pray for those who are alone at this holiday time. Surround them with your presence, Lord, and comfort them.

Monday 3rd January

Keep us refreshed, Lord, as we move into the New Year. Allow us time to rest and reflect on what you would like us to do for you.

Tuesday 4th January

We pray for Alpha courses beginning this month in several churches across Ipswich. Prompt those who are searching for you, Lord, to seek out a course to help them as they learn more about you.

Wednesday 5th January

We pray for teachers and pupils at St Margaret's School, as they start the new term. Guide their thoughts and actions, and help them to know you are their friend and guide.

Thursday 6 January

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Darkness covers the earth and its people, may the radiance of God's Light burn away its shadows, illuminate the smallest corner, and herald in the start of a new dawn.

Friday 7 January

We thank you, Father, for our loved ones who care about us, help us when we are in need and are looking out for us each and every day.

Saturday 8 January

Let us pray for those who are lonely and isolated. Wrap your loving arms around them, Lord, and help them to feel loved by you.

Sunday 9 January

We pray for all University and College students as they prepare to start a new term. Keep them safe from harm and help them to know you.

Monday 10 January

As the dark days continue, we pray that God might bring light to our lives through his love for us all.

Tuesday 11 January

We pray for the homeless of our town and thank God for the work of the Night Shelter which helps to provide basic needs as well as encouragement.

Wednesday 12 January

Please be with all those who are bereaved. Help them to know your comfort and that you are always with them.

Thursday 13 January

Let us praise the Lord for his goodness and loving kindness to us on this day and for evermore.

Friday 14 January

We pray for the new River Church which started in Key Street last September. We pray for the clergy and those coming to faith through this new church plant.

Saturday 15 January

We pray for any who we know who are isolated and alone in their own homes. Help us to be

aware of their needs and to offer support if possible.

Sunday 16 January

As we take time to rest this Sunday, help us to value your presence and the true rest that you give us.

Monday 17 January

Lord, help our leaders and all those in authority in government to become better people spiritually, mentally, and physically so that they may serve the nation effectively.

Tuesday 18 January

We thank you Lord for the dedication of those who work in our church and community, for our clergy, churchwardens and all who serve you in this way.

Wednesday 19 January

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Thursday 20 January

We thank you for all who enrich us with their music in church, for choir members, the music group and for our bell ringers. Thank you for their commitment and dedication.

Friday 21 January

We pray for the work of Inspiring Ipswich. We thank you for the many initiatives which have been set up to further your work in our town.

Saturday 22 January

We pray for the residential care homes on our parish. We thank you for the dedication of staff helping those who need extra support.

Sunday 23 January

We rejoice in your presence God. Open our eyes to the beauty of your world and help us to know that you are near us always.

Monday 24 January

We pray for the new Ipswich Garden Suburb as building starts on the edge of our parish. Help us to understand what our involvement might be to help your church to grow and to bring people to faith.

Tuesday 25 January

We pray for St Margaret's School Governors as they prepare to meet tonight. May they make wise decisions and govern with sensitivity and integrity.

Wednesday 26 January

Lord help us to welcome others into our church, whether they attend a service or just come to see our rich church history. Help them to feel your presence in our beautiful building.

Thursday 27 January

We praise you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life. Help us to know that you are near us each and every day.

Friday 28 January

Thank you for our beautiful Christchurch Park in our town, for the joy of nature and the soothing of troubled minds which happens in outdoor spaces.

Saturday 29 January

Help us to know your joy in our hearts Lord and to feel your loving kindness and care for each and every one of us.

Sunday 30 January

Thank you for our families, for the joy they bring and the comfort they give in times when we are struggling.

Monday 31 January

As this month draws to a close, thank you for being close to us through times of hardship as well as joy, help us to know your presence each day.

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary

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