

Sat 1 May: We pray for those with birthdays or special anniversaries this month.

Sun 2 May: International Dawn Chorus Day. Thank you, Lord for the wonderful variety of birdlife we enjoy. Help us to treasure their precious song.

Mon 3 May: We continue to pray for the Queen and Royal Family following the death of Prince Philip.

Tues 4 May: Thousands have died from Covid with no public recognition. They are known to you though, Lord. Please comfort their families and friends in their sorrow and grief.

Wed 5 May: We pray for those who suffer with long Covid. May treatments be found which help to alleviate their symptoms.

Thurs 6 May: Local elections take place today. We pray for wisdom, integrity and fairness – that the councillors selected will be hardworking and put first the best interests of those they serve.

Fri 7 May: We give thanks for the Covid Vaccination programme. We pray for its continuing success and ask that you will bless those who continue with research. We especially pray for those areas of the world who are still waiting for vaccines.

Sat 8 May: We pray for our non-Christian friends and family members. May we always be good witnesses for you, Lord.

Sun 9 May: Today is Rogation Sunday. We pray for those who work on the land and produce our food. We thank you for your bountiful provision in our lives, and we pray for those who do not have enough.

Mon 10 May: We pray for our Mission Partners in Bangalore, the Clouston family. For Eric and Rhena, Kitty and Sam and all those they work amongst and minister to.

Tues 11 May: We pray for the future of our church post-Covid. Lord, please guide those who make decisions: our clergy, wardens and PCC, inspiring them with a vision which is pleasing to you.

Wed 12 May: Today is the end of Ramadan, and we pray for Muslims everywhere. We ask for greater understanding and respect between different faith groups.

Thurs 13 May: Ascension Day. “Life imparting heavenly Manna, stricken Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship Thee, the Lamb who died. Hallelujah! Risen, ascended, glorified!”

Fri 14 May: We thank you for Christchurch Park. Lord, we are so blessed to have this beautiful park on our doorstep. Help us to enjoy it wisely.

Sat 15 May: Lord, help us to embrace change, however hard it may be for us at times.

Sun 16 May: “So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him, each other’s needs to prefer, for it is Christ we’re serving.” Lord, give us servant hearts we pray.

Mon 17 May: We pray for babies, new parents and those who support them in the early weeks and months of new life.

Tues 18 May: For young children. For tired parents who need extra reserves of patience and understanding.

Wed 19 May: We pray for teenagers and young people, that they would find good role models who provide strong moral guidance.

Thurs 20 May: For young adults challenged by financial difficulties post-covid. For those who cannot see a clear path ahead or have no-one to turn to for support.

Fri 21 May: For the middle-aged getting used to changes in their circumstances, appearance and energy levels. For endurance and wisdom as they support other generations of the family.

Sat 22 May: We pray for older people, that they would feel respected and valued. We ask particularly for your blessing on those who live and work in care homes in our parish.

Sun 23 May: Pentecost. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire. We thank you for your precious gift and ask that you would fill us daily with your Holy Spirit.

Mon 24 May: May is National Walking Month. We praise you Lord, for the joy of our local countryside and the ease with which we can get close to nature in this beautiful county of ours.

Tues 25 May: We thank you, Lord, for the companionship of our pets; and for the skills of vets who care for them.

Wed 26 May: They say laughter is the best medicine. We pray for those who entertain us and who make us smile at our own absurdities!

Thurs 27 May: Lord, if we can see, help us to see you well. If we can hear, to hear you well. If we can do neither, to feel your presence.

Fri 28 May: We give thanks for the community of God's church and pray that we will make it inclusive of all.

Sat 29 May: The school half-term holidays begin today. We pray for children, young people and school staff, that they would enjoy a refreshing break.

Sun 30 May: Trinity Sunday. Lord, we do not claim to understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we thank you that you are the eternal loving God whom we can trust and depend on, regardless of our intellectual capacity.

Mon 31 May: On this Spring Bank Holiday, we give thanks for the opportunity to take a step back from our busy lives; to rest and to enjoy all that God provides us with.

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary

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