

Wednesday 1 May: We remember Philip and James as true followers of Jesus. They preached the hope the resurrection brought to us all. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit to give hope to each other.

Thursday 2 May: We pray everyone involved in local elections have the welfare and needs of the community at the forefront of their service.

Friday 3 May: We give thanks for our PCC and the new members who have been elected. Fill them with wisdom and clarity in their decision making.

Saturday 4 May: Lord your creation has brought us spring flowers and fauna. Stunning countryside, rivers and seas. Let us appreciate the gift you have given us.

Sunday 5 May: On this Rogation Sunday we seek your blessing Lord on all the people living in our parish and our whole town that your light will shine upon them giving safety and protection.

Monday 6 May: Lord we give thanks for this day of rest on May bank holiday that we can be STILL.

Tuesday 7th May: 1 Corinthians 15 v7 "Then he appeared to James then to all the apostles". We pray we seek to see Jesus in everyone we meet and love them as he loves us.

Wednesday 8 May: We give thanks for Julian of Norwich. "Pray even if you feel nothing, see nothing. For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God".

Thursday 9 May: Ascension Day – O Christ God you have ascended in Glory with the promise of the Holy Spirit that you are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Friday 10 May: We pray for messy Vintage, the work the team from St. Margaret's do in visiting care homes. Vital work in keeping people happy and active.

Saturday 11 May: Let us recognise and thank our volunteers who keep St. Margaret' running smoothly, the list is endless. Lord bless them in this ministry.

Sunday 12 May: With the knowledge of the promise of the Holy Spirit to come, help us to look up to seek and serve you Lord with all our frailties.

Monday 13 May: Our thanks to our pastoral care team, for ever looking out for people and the giving of their time and support.

Tuesday 14 May: We remember St. Mathias Who replaced Judas as one of the disciples . We give thanks for his faith and ministry. Encourage us to strengthen our faith.

Wednesday 15 May: We pray for our town of Ipswich and be ever mindful of peoples' financial struggles and hardship in these difficult economic times.

Thursday 16 May: Lord we bring before you those suffering with illness both physical and mental, let us not forget them in our prayers and give comfort in any way we can.

Friday 17 May: We pray for all the vital work carried out by hospitals with very committed doctors and nurses and their life saving skills. We pray for their wellbeing in this stressful environment.

Saturday 18 May: We remember today those who have lost loved ones and those who are trying to come to terms with their loss. May you Lord comfort and strengthen them in these difficult times.

Sunday 19 May: Pentecost Sunday – Lord come and bless us and fill us with your Holy Spirit to equip us for the work which you have given us in your name.

Monday 20 May: We pray for hope, peace and reconciliation in all the warring countries around the world where so much damage is being done.

Tuesday 21 May: We pray for the Government and its advisors, for wisdom, care and diligence with truthfulness for integrity to be believed.

Wednesday 22 May: We give thanks for our differences that make us unique to you. Let our individualism be recognised and appreciated.

Thursday 23 May: We pray for the work of the foodbank for people in need and the generosity of volunteers and those who support it.

Friday 24 May: We remember John and Charles Wesley whose hymns include Love Divine All Love Excelling. Let us lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving to our Lord our God.

Saturday 25 May: We pray for our vicar Sarah and those in leadership roles. Sustain and bless them through your Holy Spirit.

Sunday 26 May: As we celebrate Trinity Sunday deepen our understanding of the three in one, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Celebrating God's love for us.

Monday 27 May: As St. Margaret's school breaks up for half term holiday, may they enjoy the time away with their families and return happy and refreshed.

Tuesday 28 May: Let us remember the people of Ukraine still suffering from the continuing war. Lives lost, families separated. Let us hold them up with our prayers lest they not be forgotten.

Wednesday 29 May: May we acknowledge our own sins and ask for forgiveness and strength to change our ways in the knowledge of Christ's love for us.

Thursday 30 May: We give thanks for the encouragement young people are given by the dedicated leaders of the uniformed groups.

Friday 31 May: Instil in us the humility and obedience that Mary showed and feel the joy and comfort of Elizabeth at their meeting.



Prayer Diary

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