Tue 1 October:

All things Bright and Beautiful, the Lord God made them all." Thank you, O Lord, for all living creatures, great and small.

Wed 2 October:

Let us pray for those who are these days house-bound, and their carers and loved ones who also have to provide constant support.

Thu 3 October:

When we may feel lonely if our friends are not around when we need them most, we know Lord, You were abandoned in the Garden of Gethsemane, so You understand how we may feel.

Fri 4 October:

World Animal Day is observed today in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals and was thought to have a very special connection with animals, with claims that he was even able to communicate with them. Let us ask for the protection of endangered species across our planet.

Sat 5 October:

We were asked by Peter and June to write these prayers on Easter Sunday so let us praise the Lord for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, sealing the salvation of believers.

Sun 6 October:

Music is sent by the Lord as one of his special gifts to help and bless us. Let us enjoy and be comforted by it.

Mon 7 October:

"For thou will light my candle, the Lord my God will nlighten my darkness." Psalm 18:28.

Tue 8 October:

Let us allow time for God to speak to us, to reveal his will for our lives as we wait in patience.

Wed 9 October:

Thank you O Lord for our beautiful building of St Margaret's and for the craftsmen who recently carried out the essential works to keep it in good form and many hundreds of them in previous years who have maintained its beauty.

Thu 10 October:

Today is World Mental Health Day. May everyone learn to recognise the signs of anyone having problems around them.

Fri 11 October:

Tonight starts Yom Kippur -the Day of Atonement - in the Jewish Calendar, their most sacred day. We can also look back over the last year and ask God's forgiveness for our wrongdoing.

Sat 12 October:

Let us prayer for farmers of Suffolk as they bring in their harvests, that their hard work over the year will be fruitful for them. We pray that our farmers may have had a successful year with the reasonable weather.

Sun 13 October:

We thank You O Lord for the lovely wide open spaces and parks in our town, where we can come and go as we please, and relax and unwind.

Mon 14 October:

We thank you O Lord for the delight of hearing and seeing birds and other wildlife in the Park and elsewhere. In our stressful lives, let us remember that we should not worry, as the Lord provides to all.

Tue 15 October:

We think of people who may be sad, distressed or lonely. May they find Your comfort to help them in their troubles.

Wed 16 October:

We are all stewards of this Church and Parish. We ask that financial resources will be forthcoming from parishioners and members to help balance the books.

Thu 17 October:

We thank You for the ministry and the writings of the Apostle Paul. Without him, the New Testament and our understanding of our Christian Faith would be so much diminished.

Fri 18 October (St Luke's Day)

We thank thee o Lord for carers in our community, hospital staff, from porters, doctors, nurses and support staff. May they find fulfilment in their vocations and roles.

Sat 19 October:

Jesus asked us to Love our Neighbours. May we find practical means to follow this command in everyday living, and opportunities to witness to people around us.

Sun 20 October:

Let us pray for people across the globe suffering from natural disasters and warfare. We pray for those trying to bring about peace within troubled nations, that You will give them Your strength & encouragement to carry on, even in difficult circumstances.

Mon 21 October -

May the mind of Christ surround those who have difficulties in expressing themselves due to autism; other learning difficulties; substance misuse; homelessness and mental health issues.

Tue 22 October:

As the United States gears up for its imminent Presidential Election, we pray that the candidates will campaign with respect and dignity.

Wed 23 October:

We pray for the music group, choir & band in their time of preparation for services as they lead us in different traditions of worship.

Thu 24 October:

United Nations Day is celebrated today, the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Charter, in 1945. Let the organisation be able to bring help bring peace.

Fri 25 October:

Dear Lord, we pray for families who may be distressed about lost or sick animals and pets. We thank you for the knowledge of vets to make animals better.

Sat 26 October:

We ask that anyone going on holiday will enjoy their break and enjoy their period of relaxation.

Sun 27 October:

We pray for anyone worrying about the forthcoming winter and charities like FIND who will be supporting the vulnerable. May they have the resources needed to support their clients.

Mon 28 October:

May the teachers, other staff & pupils of St. Margaret's enjoy this refreshing half-term week and feel invigorated to go back to school next week.

Tue 29 October:

We pray for our Vicar, Rev Sarah, and Curate, Rev Helen, and Rev Keith Jones, that they will feel uplifted in their ministry to us. We also thank you for the former ministries of Rev John Elliston and Rev David Cutts in this place, and you will continue to bless them in retirement.

Wed 30 October

We pray for Bishops Martin and Mike as they both prepare to move on from their current roles. We ask that you will bless them in their future ministries.

Mon 31 October

On this Halloween, we know that many families may be participating in seemingly innocent fun activities in the streets tonight. We pray O Lord that it will remain just that, and that the risks of evil will be overcome by our prayers of spiritual strength upon our Parish and town.

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