

Saturday 1st: Bore da, which is Welsh for Good morning. Today is St David's Day. His last words were: "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things you have seen me do". May we have the courage to be joyful witnesses too.

Sunday 2nd: We pray for the 42 million children who have been displaced from their home, particularly for those who have lost their family and must live rough on streets.

Monday 3rd: May those in physical or mental pain see something positive today, even if their situation seems desperate. Father, touch them with your healing hand and give them peace.

Tuesday 4th: Shrove Tuesday. As we prepare for Lent we give thanks that we live in a part of the world where we have eggs, milk and flour, lemons and sugar to make tasty pancakes.

Wednesday 5th: Ash Wednesday. We embark on our Lenten journey together. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust: the cross on our forehead is a reminder of our mortality, the need to repent and to ask God for forgiveness.

Thursday 6th: A prayer for Lent: "Create in me a pure heart o God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me" Psalm 51 vv 10-11

Friday 7th: World Day of Prayer: may we feel a stronger connection to our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide, especially our Mission partners. Help us to find ways to make a positive difference to the lives of people nearby and further afield.

Saturday 8th: Jesus was in the desert for 40 days. Fasting. Praying. As we continue our journey through Lent may it be a time to review, renew, refresh our Christian faith.

Sunday 9th: Today we give thanks and pray for our Vicar Sarah, Rev Helen and Rev Keith. Lord protect them. Grant them strength and resilience to continue the work you have called them to do. Give them wisdom and discernment to enable them to make decisions that are according to your will.

Monday 10th: Lord, point us to someone we could bless today, perhaps with a thoughtful note or text, a kind gesture or an offer of practical help

Tuesday 11th: Lord, pour healing over your troubled world. Teach us to respond to hatred with love and use us as peace makers. Remind us to cherish one another in our homes and communities.

Wednesday 12th: The pupils, teachers and all the staff of St Margaret's School have their weekly service in our church this morning. We celebrate our connection and pray that it will continue to grow and blossom.

Thursday 13th: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4: 6-7

Friday 14th : A prayer for our world: Dear Lord, you are the Prince of Peace. With so much unrest, war and suffering, we pray that you will grant world leaders wisdom to use resources wisely, to make laws to protect freedom, and to enable nations to live in peace with one another.

Saturday 15th: In Neurodiversity Week let us focus our prayer on recognising and celebrating the skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals so they may feel welcome and included.

Sunday 16th: Father help us to break down any barriers we have created that separate us from you, so we can grow in faith.

Monday 17th: Thank you, Lord, for our beautiful church and church centre. May they be a beacon of light for those in need of support and a peaceful refuge from the storms of life for all who visit.

Tuesday 18th: Lord, we pray you into whatever is difficult for us in this moment... Help us to trust that you will always give us what is needed.

Wednesday 19th: Thank you, Father, for the gift of a new day. We pray for those without hope. May they be aware of your constant presence and love.

Thursday 20th: “Together”, our new worshipping community, has its first meeting today. Lord bless the leaders and all who attend.

Friday 21st: Forgive us Father, for the times when we pursue our own ideas and feel that we are right when we are just wrong. Teach us to be humble and wise and to acknowledge you in every aspect of our lives.

Saturday 22nd: Earth Hour: If we turn our lights off for an hour at 8:30 we help to create “the Biggest Hour for our Earth”. We give thanks for every light switch and bulb in our home, being mindful of those less fortunate.

Sunday 23rd: On the last day of Food Waste Action Week, we pray that we will be more discerning when we buy food, so we contribute to reducing 60.000 tonnes of food waste each year. Lord make us ever mindful that you have entrusted us with the care of the beautiful world you created.

Monday 24th: “Search me God, and know my heart” Psalm 139, v 23. Lord, when we struggle against parts of our character which need to change, help us to turn our face to you so we can follow you more closely.

Tuesday 25th: Lord may everything I do this day be pleasing to you.

Wednesday 26th: Thank you Lord for our friends and for everyone who loves and supports us.

Thursday 27th: Our lives are busy and rushed. We pray for opportunities to make contacts outside of our usual relationships and routines.

Friday 28th: The Toddler Group meets this morning. We give thanks for the people who are in charge. May their love for you and their care for those who attend be an inspiration to all and draw them closer to you Lord.

Saturday 29th:
Lord, you made us all uniquely different. Help us to be forgiving of each other’s little quirks, and honest about our own.

Sunday 30th: Mother’s Day.
Lord we give you thanks for our mothers and/or significant women who shaped our lives. We pray especially for those who find this day difficult.

Monday 31st: We thank you Father, for bringing us to the last day of this month. While we take time to focus on the unfolding of nature, the budding of branches and flowers, help us to appreciate at a deeper level the wonder of your creation and our place in it.

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