

Thursday 1st May: *'We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord'*

For millions of people today is a celebration of labour. We pray for everyone who works for our communities and in Your service.

Friday 2nd May: *All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.* We thank you, O Lord, for the beauty of the full flowering blooms and crops emerging from the ground.

Saturday 3rd May: *To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all powers therein.* We praise you and thank you, Lord, for the beauty of bird song.

Sunday 4th May: *To thee, cherubim and seraphim continually do cry.* We give thanks for the music group, choir and organist of St Margaret's; for all of the song which raise praise and thanks to You.

Monday 5th May: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.* We thank you Lord for the inspiration and talent of sacred music writers and performers.

Tuesday 6th May: *Heaven and earth are full of the glory of the majesty of thy glory.* Let us look around at the sky, the countryside and the buildings in our town; appreciate and give thanks for all that they give to us.

Wednesday 7th May: *The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.* We give thanks and praise for all who plan and lead our services.

Thursday 8th May: *The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.* We remember today, 80 years from VE Day, the service of all military personnel and pray for peace in Europe.

Friday 9th May: *The noble army of martyrs praise thee.* We pray for the souls of families and friends who are no longer on this earth.

Saturday 10th May: *The holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge thee.* We pray for all of the denominations and people of Faith across our town.

Sunday 11th May: *The Father of an infinite majesty.* In this Christian Aid Week, we pray for all who are hungry and displaced in our town, country and across the globe, and that we may give generously to their aid.

Monday 12th May: *Thine honourable true and only Son.* We pray for families in every form they take, that they may be bound by love.

Tuesday 13th May: *Also, the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.* We pray for Counsellors and all who work in our mental health services. We pray too for all those who support our physical and emotional fitness and wellbeing.

Wednesday 14th May: St Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) – Patron Saint of Carpenters, Tailors and those who preserve and hope. We pray for all those who build our homes and tradespeople who work across our town to enable us to live well and safely.

Thursday 15th May: *Thou art the King of Glory O Christ.* We pray for King Charles and all members of the Royal family.

Friday 16th May: *When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.* We pray for mothers and midwives and the Mothers Unions across our country.

Saturday 17th May: *When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death.* We pray for all those who mourn and commit ourselves to be compassionate to their needs.

Sunday 18th May: *Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.* We pray for undertakers and all funeral staff who serve our communities with dignity and respect.

Monday 19th May: *Though thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.* We give thanks and praise for medical staff and all who support them in our GP practices, hospitals and pharmacies.

Tuesday 20th May: *We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.* We pray for all those involved in making and exercising the Law – grant them wisdom.

Wednesday 21st May: *We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.* We pray for carers – paid and unpaid – for their kindness and devotion.

Thursday 22nd May: *Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory and everlasting.* We pray for social workers and charities in our town who support the most vulnerable that Lord, You may grant them strength and grace.

Friday 23rd May: *O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance.* We pray for the abused that we may support them to find comfort and healing. We pray too for their abusers that they might seek forgiveness and find new hope.

Saturday 24th May: *Govern them and lift them up for ever:.* We pray for local councillors that they may have patience in their listening and wisdom in their decision-making

Sunday 25th May: *Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name, ever world without end.* We pray for international bodies that they may work collaboratively for justice and the wellbeing of people and planet.

Monday 26th May: *Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.* Lord, we say sorry for all that we have done which is unkind, unjust and hurts You.

Tuesday 27th May: *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.* Let us reflect and confess; so bringing us closer to God.

Wednesday 28th May: *O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.* We pray for all those who have been affected by natural disasters and those who help recovery. Dear Lord, we pray that you give them healing.

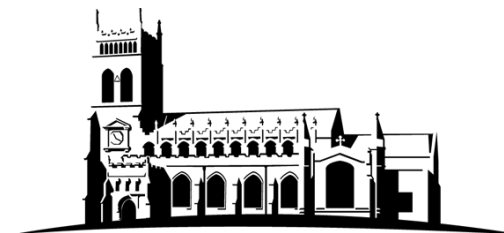
Thursday 29th May: *O Lord, in thee have I trusted.* We pray for all those who depend on our trust to support their needs.

Friday 30th May: *Let me never be confounded.* We pray for all those who work in the media that they may seek the truth to share.

Saturday 31st May: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary May 2025

Prayers based on the *Te Deum*,
Thee God We Praise!
prepared by Dad and Daughter,
John and Maddie