

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: At the beginning of this new month, we praise you God for new opportunities. Help us to walk closely with you in all that we do, think and say.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: We pray for all who have birthdays and anniversaries this month. Lord, help them to celebrate with joy!

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>: Please, Lord, help us to concentrate on stillness and quiet and turn away from the constant demands on our attention

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: For the world-wide l'Arche community, and especially their home in Warrington Road. Here people with intellectual difficulties are nurtured, and people from other nations and ways of faith take part in making a communal life of safety and mutual care in the spirit of Jesus

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>: We especially pray for Rev Sarah today.

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: Lord, we ask for your blessing upon all those who work in the emergency services. Be present with them as they deal with all sorts of situations to keep us safe and well.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>: We pray for our new Bishop Joanne, and for our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah.

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>: Renew us Lord in our endeavours to follow you, and show mercy on us when we fall short and need your forgiveness and encouragement.

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: We especially pray for Rev Helen today.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: Please help us to live our lives with courage and confidence, dear Lord.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: For all who work in prisons, especially those which are overcrowded, run down and violent, and for those who are constantly being moved about the country and find themselves far from their families. For the prison chaplains in their important role in running the penal system, and for all who try to help offenders to find a purposeful and fruitful life and faith for the future.

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>: Dear Lord, please open our eyes to the wonder of the natural world, where we find peace and beauty, and help us to always respect and preserve nature.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Lord, we pray for your peace in troubled minds. Calm those in distress and give compassion and strength to those who live alongside them.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>: St Valentine's Day. For all who are in love, that they be guided by the Holy Spirit to find deep relationship in care of one another, loyalty and sincerity. And for all who are seeking in marriage a loving foundation for lives shared with others and blessed by God.

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: We give thanks for the blessings we receive each day from encounters with

strangers who show the wondrous gift of your love for each one of us.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: Lord we pray for peace. Peace in our hearts, peace to our fellow parishioners, peace to those who have to make difficult decisions. Peace to those facing conflict and peace on earth for us all.

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>: The beginning of Ramadan and Chinese New Year. We pray for our brothers and sisters of different faiths – for unity and dialogue in our multi-faith society. We pray especially for Chinese Christians who cannot worship openly.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday. For all those who this Lent are seeking to deepen their faith through amending their lives and finding the strength and inspiration that God supplies. May God help us to put aside all that hinders our love for God and for our neighbour, and find a generous and Christ-like spirit of love in all we do.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>: We thank you for Churchwarden Margaret and for her longstanding and dedicated commitment to our church life. As she steps down from her role soon, we pray for discernment as to who should take over this vital role.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>: Dear Lord, please help addicted people find help with the problems they suffer, which led to their turning to addictive substances. Give them strength to regain control of their lives.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>: Lord, today we think of the homeless and those who live in sub-standard accommodation. Give courage and forbearance to agencies, charities and statutory authorities ensuring that everyone has a safe and secure home

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>: Lord, walk alongside those of little or no faith. Help them to see that you alone are the way, the truth and the life.

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: We pray for everyone awaiting medical results and those undergoing treatment. Lord may they feel the encompassing compassion of your love through those around them.

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>: We pray for Sarah and Phil Hall as Sarah is licensed as Vicar of Woolpit and Drinkstone benefice.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>: We pray especially for George our licensed Lay Minister today.

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>: We give thanks for the unconditional love our family can bestow on us without realising the joy it brings to our hearts.

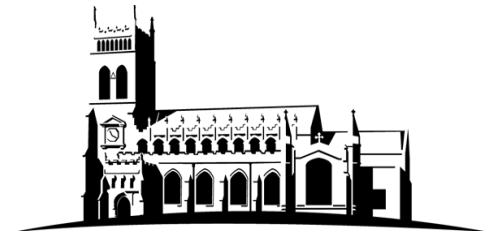
Fri 26<sup>th</sup>: For those, especially younger people, who have not yet found a calling in life, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to draw on God's inspiration for fulfilment in their existence, and be delivered from the frustrations and temptations of idleness and self-doubt. For all career advisors in schools and colleges, that they may have wisdom and discernment in their guidance of others.

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>: Lord instil in our hearts a desire to protect and nurture your creation. Give us a desire to enhance and improve the wellbeing of everyone.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup>: We praise you Lord for your never-ending and great love for us. Help us to see your goodness in all people, and to remember that we are all loved by you equally, regardless of the colour of our skin, our financial status, sexuality or intelligence.

# St.Margaret's Church

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## Prayer Diary

### February 2026

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