

Thurs 1 February: Thank you Father God for sending your Son Jesus to bring salvation to all. Help us to remember that we do not have an exclusive claim on Him.

Fri 2 February: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the True Light. Help us to live in your light, to make it our own and to kindle it in others.

Sat 3 February: Father of all, you know the secrets of our hearts before we open our hearts to you. Forgive us our sins and help us to follow you more nearly.

Sun 4 February: Hear our prayers Lord for those in our parish and town who are in any kind of need. Bless and prosper the efforts of all those seeking to help them.

Mon 5 February: Thank you for the beauty of the varying seasons, even the very coldest weather.

Tues 6 February: Almighty God, we cannot understand the mystery of your creation of all that is, but we praise you for your outpouring of love that reaches every one of us.

Weds 7 February: We acknowledge our share in maintaining the inequalities and the unfairness in our society. Forgive us and inspire us to work for change.

Thurs 8 February: Loving Father, we ask you to send your blessing on those suffering from illness of mind or body. May they know your peace, especially those approaching the end of their lives.

Fri 9 February: We pray for those who make decisions on behalf of us all. May they deliberate and act with honesty, integrity and compassion.

Sat 10 February: Thank you Lord for volunteers. Thank you for the many people in our church, our neighbourhood and our town who give their time to serve others.

Sun 11 February: We offer you our worship not only in our prayers and our songs of praise but in our daily lives.

Mon 12 February: Sometimes we fail to speak out when we encounter injustice. Forgive us for our weakness and may your Spirit strengthen our will.

Tues 13 February: Shrove Tuesday. We pray for all those involved in producing food - for farmers and fishermen, factory workers and lorry drivers, for shop workers and all who prepare and cook our meals.

Weds 14 February: Ash Wednesday. As Lent begins, may each of us turn back to you with our whole heart.

Thurs 15 February: Thank you for our families and for all those who love and support us, in our homes or far away.

Fri 16 February: Everlasting God, Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, we offer you our praise and adoration in humble thankfulness for all that you are.

Sat 17 February: We confess that we have sometimes been self-satisfied and proud and we fail to acknowledge that you are the source of all that we can do. Forgive us and save us.

Sun 18 February: We pray for all the staff and the pupils of St Margaret's School. May their half-term break provide them with an opportunity for rest and renewal.

Mon 19 February: We pray for Christians anywhere who suffer injustice or persecution because of their faith. Give them the assurance of your love and may they be given courage and strength to face all their difficulties

Tues 20 February: Thank you for our church of St Margaret's; for Sarah our vicar, for all who lead or contribute to our services, for all who serve on the PCC and in other ways and for all who worship here.

Weds 21 February: Guide our praise and worship Lord. May we always seek to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Thurs 22 February: We are not always the people you mean us to be. We focus too much on our own wants and too little on the needs of others. Forgive us Lord.

Fri 23 February: We pray for those in our town who have come here as refugees, seeking safety and freedom from persecution. May we be ready to welcome the strangers amongst us.

Sat 24 February: We lift before you those suffering because of war and conflict, especially those in Ukraine and Gaza. We pray for all agencies working to provide relief.

Sun 25 February: Thank you for the blessing of our NHS, and particularly for all who work so hard to keep us well and to care for us and heal us when we are ill.

Mon 26 February: You are the one true and loving God and we adore and praise you. You are our protector, our provider and our deliverer and we worship you.

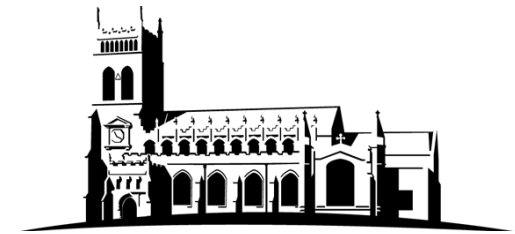
Tues 27 February: We have too often listened to the clamour of the world and listened too little to your still, small voice. Forgive us and help us.

Weds 28 February: We pray for the work of FIND and all the Top Up shops in our town. Bless and strengthen all who give their time to collect, to sort, to deliver or to help in many different ways.

Thurs 29 February: Hear our prayers Father in the name of your Son Jesus and help us each day to love you more.

St.Margaret's Church

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Prayer Diary

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