

Tues 19 : Matthew 1.18-end : Joseph of Nazareth -
"do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.."
Hold Joseph and Mary in your thoughts, as we think
of the meaning of their story in our lives today.

Wed 20 : John 8.31-42 : *"..the truth will make you
free.."*
Pray for truthfulness and discernment in a World
where "Truth" is so often just opinion and,
sometimes, deliberate deception.

Thur 21 : John 8.51-end : *"...before Abraham was,
I am...."*
Pray for the Children of Abraham, Jews and
Palestinians, and for lasting peace between families
of nations divided by war.

Fri 22 : John 10.31-end : *"..the Father is in me and I
am in the Father.."*
Pray for parents and parenting and the experience of
family love. Pray, too, for children and adults, raised
in lovelessness.

Sat 23 : John 11.45-end : *"..it is better to have one
man die than the whole nation destroyed.."*
Pray that the message of Your Passion will conquer
the convenience of Power that condemns those who
speak against injustice. Pray for the work of
Amnesty.

Sun 24 : Mark 11.1-11 : Palm Sunday : *"..Blessed is
the one who comes in the name of the Lord!.."*
As crowds sang your praise then bayed for your
blood, help us to be an enduring blessing to You and
our neighbours in our words and deeds.

Mon 25 : John 12.1-11 : *"..Mary took a pound of
costly perfume..anointed Jesus' feet.."*
Pray for value and values that enrich the human
spirit and lead us into Love for You and one another.

Tues 26 : John 12.20-36 : *"..If you walk in the
darkness, you do not know where you are going.."*
Pray for people who lack physical or spiritual sight.
Pray for vision, guides, guidance and understanding.

Wed 27 : John 13.21-32 : *"..when he had dipped the
piece of bread, he gave it to Judas.."*
Lord, as You loved Judas, despite all that that meant,
Love me.

Thur 28 : John 13.1-17, 31b-35 : *"..everyone will
know that you are my disciples, if you have love for
one another.."*
As we share bread and wine, in memory of You, pray
for those in our World today who are hungry and
thirsty in body or spirit, and the means to help.

Fri 29 : John 18.1-end of 19 : Good Friday : *"..It is
finished..he bowed his head and gave up his
spirit.."*
Pray for comfort for those who mourn as we give
thanks for the lives of those no longer with us.

Sat30 : Matthew 27.57-end : *"..go, make it as secure
as you can.."*
Pray for anyone whose freedom is blocked by mental
or physical barriers to life, or fear. Pray that their
stones can be rolled away.

Sun 31 : John 20.1-18 Easter Day : *"...I have seen the
Lord.."*
Celebrate the Joy of Easter – HALLELUJA!

St.Margaret's Church

I P S W I C H



Prayer Diary March 2024

Prayers by Tim Lockington
inspired by the Gospel
lectionary readings for March,
through Lent and Holy Week.

Fri 1 : Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46 : the vineyard -
“...They will respect my son..”
Hold in prayer the world of work, our relationships,
the contracts we make and the respect and duty we
show for one another.

Sat 2 : Luke 15.1-3, 11-end : The prodigal son -
“....and no one gave him anything...”
Thinking of people disconnected from family,
friends, work, or down on their luck: pray for
reconnection, support and new beginnings.

Sun 3 : John 2.13-22 : “..stop making my Father’s
house a market-place..”
Pray for places of worship and prayer, that they be
places of God-connection in our busy consumer
world. Pray for God-connection through the giving,
life and heritage of our Church.

Mon 4 : Luke 4.24-30 : “..no prophet is accepted in
the prophet’s home town..”
Pray for mission and missionaries, home and away,
and hearts of welcome for friend and stranger.

Tues 5 : Matthew 18.21-end : “..I forgave
you...should you not have had mercy...”
Pray for a deep understanding of the value and
challenge of forgiveness between people and
peoples, the abused and the abuser.

Wed 6 : Matthew 5.17-19 : “..whoever does them
and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom
of heaven...”
In our media world of influence and influencers,
help us to be the best role models for Christian
values and care that we can. Pray for Teachers, for
Christian leaders, leadership and pastoral care.

Thur 7 : Luke 11.14-23: ‘..Every kingdom divided
against itself becomes a desert...’
Pray for Christian unity and respect for the
differences that can divide us. Pray for people in
politics; for the words that are chosen, and the
service of care.

Fri 8 : Mark 12.28-34 : “..You shall love your
neighbour as yourself...”
Lord, show me how to love myself as you love me,
that I can truly love others as you love them.

Sat 9 : Luke 18.9-14 : “..for all who exalt themselves
will be humbled..”
Help us to give as we can, with the gifts that we
have, that giving is seen as a natural thing and
boasting about it, absurd!

Sun 10 : John 3.14-21 Mothering Sunday : “..those
who do what is true come to the light..”
Pray for parents, families and friends, that, in the
dark places of life’s journey, children can grow in the
joy and light of Christ.

Mon 11 : John 4.43-end : “..The man believed the
word that Jesus spoke to him..”
Pray for the use of words that heal, not harm. Pray
for healers and carers and strengthen our Faith in
the power of the Word that began all things.

Tues 12 : John 5.1-3, 5-16 : ‘..Who is the man who
said to you, “Take it up and walk”?..’
Pray for people experiencing disability of body or
mind and for those who can help lighten such
burdens. Pray for carers and enablers.

Wed 13 : John 5.17-30 : ‘..I can do nothing on my
own...’
Pray for faithful partners and partnership, for trust in
one another and in Him, the best Partner of all.

Thur 14 : John 5.31-end : “..How can you believe
when you accept glory from one another..”
Help us to worship in a holy way, praising You and
encouraging others. Protect us from the worship of
false Gods that would command our ears and ideas.

Fri 15 : John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30 : “..when the Messiah
comes, no one will know where he is from..”
Lord, help us always to be open to You, in the life we
lead, the things we do and the people we meet.

Sat 16 : John 7.40-52 : “..So there was a division in
the crowd because of him..”
Lord, as Christians, help us to listen better and argue
less, to seek common ground and purpose in the
diversity of our traditions.

Sun 17 : John 12.20-33 : “..Sir, we wish to see Jesus..”
Help us to see in our Hearts what we cannot see
with our eyes, the Word made flesh, and give thanks
for the lives of those whom we have loved but can
no longer see.

Mon 18 : John 8.1-11: “..Now, in the Law, Moses
commanded us to stone such women..”
Pray for Justice, Law and lawmakers, and for victims
of persecution. Pray for protection from the justice
of crowds and mobs. Pray for Prisoner Officers,
prisoners and for families broken by criminal harm.