

**Monday 1 April**

Dear Father, as we start this month we commend ourselves to your unfailing love. Keep us close, Lord, as we seek to do your will.

**Tuesday 2 April**

We pray for any we know who are isolated and alone in their own homes. Help us to be aware of their needs and to offer support if possible.

**Wednesday 3 April**

We thank you for all who enrich us with their music in church, for choir members, the music group and for our bell ringers. Thank you for their commitment and dedication.

**Thursday 4 April**

We thank you, Father, for our loved ones who care about us, help us when we are in need and are looking out for us each and every day.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Thank you for our beautiful Christchurch Park in our town, for the joy of nature and the soothing of troubled minds which happens in outdoor spaces.

**Saturday 6 April**

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come! Darkness covers the earth and its people, may the radiance of God's Light burn away its shadows, illuminate the smallest corner, and herald in the start of a new dawn.

**Sunday 7 April**

Keep us refreshed, Lord, in your service. Allow us time to rest and reflect on what you would like us to do for you.

**Monday 8 April**

We thank you for the signs of spring which are all around us. We praise you for your creation. Help us to be good custodians of our world.

**Tuesday 9 April**

We pray for our church finances, for all to prayerfully reassess their giving, so that we can serve our community better

**Wednesday 10 April**

We pray for our PCC who meet tonight. Guide their discussions, help them to pray through any issues and come to wise decisions.

**Thursday 11 April**

We pray for the homeless of our town and thank God for the work of the Selig and other organisations which help to provide basic needs as well as encouragement.

**Friday 12 April**

Please be with all those who are bereaved. Help them to know your comfort and that you are always with them.

**Saturday 13 April**

We pray for our church leaders – Rev Sarah, Rev Keith, and also for Helen and George as they continue their training

**Sunday 14 April**

As we take time to rest this Sunday, help us to value your presence and the true rest that you give us.

**Monday 15 April**

We pray for teachers and pupils at St Margaret's School, as they start the new term. Guide their thoughts and actions, and help them to know you are their friend and guide.

**Tuesday 16 April**

Let us praise the Lord for his goodness and loving kindness to us on this day and for evermore.

**Wednesday 17 April**

Lord, help our leaders and all those in authority in government to become better people spiritually, mentally, and physically so that they may serve the nation effectively.

**Thursday 18 April**

We thank you Lord for the dedication of those who work in our church and community, for our clergy, our churchwarden, the PCC and all who serve you in this way.

**Friday 19 April**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

**Saturday 20 April**

We pray for our Deanery Conference being held today, that all who attend may feel uplifted and encouraged to do your work.

**Sunday 21 April**

We pray for the work of Inspiring Ipswich. We thank you for the many initiatives which have been set up to further your work in our town.

**Monday 22 April**

We pray for the residential care homes in our parish. We thank you for the dedication of staff helping those who need extra support.

**Tuesday 23 April – St George’s Day**

We pray for courage and selflessness, as shown by St George – our national patron saint.

**Wednesday 24 April**

We pray for the new Ipswich Garden Suburb as building continues on the edge of our parish. Help us to understand what our involvement might be to help your church to grow and to bring people to faith.

**Thursday 25 April**

We rejoice in your presence God. Open our eyes to the beauty of your world and help us to know that you are near us always.

**Friday 26 April**

Lord help us to welcome others into our church, whether they attend a service or just come to see our rich church history. Help them to feel your presence in our beautiful building.

**Saturday 27 April**

We praise you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life. Help us to know that you are near us each and every day.

**Sunday 28 April**

We pray for our annual church meeting (APCM) which is being held today. Be with any seeking election so they might humbly follow your will.

**Monday 29 April**

Help us to know your joy in our hearts Lord and to feel your loving kindness and care for each and every one of us.

**Tuesday 30 April**

As this month draws to a close, thank you for being close to us through times of hardship as well as joy, help us to walk closely with you each day.

# St.Margaret’s Church

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# Prayer Diary

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