

**Sunday Mar 1** : John 3.1–17, “...*What is born of the flesh....and what is born of the Spirit....*”

Pray for parents, children & newborn Christians, & for people who have lost a child or their faith in God.

Mar 2 : Luke 6.36–38, “*Forgive, and you will be forgiven*”

Forgiveness is not always easy, teach us how to forgive and how to respond when we are forgiven.

Mar 3 : Matthew 23.1-12, “...*you have one teacher....*”

Teach us how to listen, discern, learn your truth and find peace amid the raucous noise of instant opinions.

Mar 4 : Matthew 20.17-28. “..*their great ones are tyrants over them, it will not be so among you...*”

As tyranny grows in our world pray for transformational change in the hearts of oppressors and protection and empowerment for the oppressed.

Mar 5 : Luke 16.19-end, “...*at his gate lay a poor man.*”

Pray for the relief of homelessness, hunger and poverty in Ipswich and those who work to make a difference.

Mar 6 : Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46, “*The stone that the builders rejected.....*”

Teach us how to respect one another and build value into our relationships with family, friends & neighbours.

Mar 7 : Luke 15.1-3, 11-end, “*he was lost and is found!*” *And they began to celebrate....*”

Pray for people who have lost purpose and direction in their life. Pray for addiction services and rehabilitation in prison. Pray for reconciliation in divided families

**Sunday Mar 8** : John 4.5-42, “...*They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman.....*”

Free us from the careless assumptions that we make when we meet people who are different to ourselves.

Mar 9 : Luke 4.24-30, “*there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah....*”

Amid the brokenness and cruelty of war strengthen all who grieve. Guide us in the ways of peace.

Mar 10 : Matthew 18.21-end, “...*the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt...*”

Pray for economic justice in our uneven world, free those who have little from the prison of poverty, and those who have much from the prison of greed.

Mar 11 : Matthew 5.17-19, “*Do not think that I have come to abolish the law...*”

Pray for Lawmakers and those who defend our laws. Pray the international rule of Law, fashioned to defend us from the unspeakable horrors War between nations.

Mar 12 : Luke 11.14-23, “*Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert.....*”

Pray for Christian Unity, that the diversity of Christian worship in Ipswich is fashioned in the image of Christ, and not the other way round.

Mar 13 : Mark 12.28-34,  
...and to love one’s neighbour as oneself.....”

Pray for people who struggle to love themselves. Teach us to love in the ways of the Spirit and not the things that separate us from our love of God and neighbour.

Mar 14 : Luke 18.9-14, “...*all who exalt themselves will be humbled.....*”

Pray for Social Media Influencers and people seeking something or someone to follow. Help them to find You in the connections they make.

**Sunday Mar 15** John 9 “*Surely we are not blind are we?*”

Our gender, colour, or physical appearance are nothing to You, help us to see that we are all one in spirit.

Mar 16: John 4.43-end, “*The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him.....*”

Pray for healthcare workers, that their words and work are enriched by empathy and care. Help us to be trustworthy in our words and deeds.

Mar 17 : John 5.1-3, 5-16, “*See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more....*”

After bad things have been made well, pray for change that endures and that our Church is a resource for lasting change in damaged lives.

Mar 18 : John 5.17-30, “...*the Son can do nothing on his own.....*”

Pray for isolated lonely people and also for people who have all the answers and to whom no-one else matters!

Mar 19 : Matthew 1.18-end, “...*unwilling to expose her... he planned to dismiss her quietly...*”

Pray for safeguarding in our church, our safeguarding leaders and our own contribution in ensuring that St. Margaret’s Church is a safe, supportive community.

Mar 20 : John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30, *"..Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill..?"*

Lord, your loving care was a threat to those who conspired to take your life. Pray for all victims of radicalisation, conspiracy theories and terrorism.

Mar 21 : John 7.40-52, *"..Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing..."*

Pray for nations where people are condemned for their religion or political beliefs and for prisoners of conscience and for the work of Amnesty International.

**Sunday Mar 22** : John 11.1-45, *"..Lazarus, come out....."*

Give thanks for the gift of Life. Pray for people whose lives have become a burden to them that they may be freed to experience life in all its fulness.

Mar 23 : John 8.1-11, *"...and he sat down and began to teach them..."*

Pray for Teachers listeners and learners. Pray for St.Margaret's School, the teaching ministry of our Church and the opening of minds to hear Your word.

Mar 24 : John 8.21-30, *"you are of this world, I am not..."*

Pray for responsible stewardship of nature and ecology. As our time here foreshadows our passing, pray that we become worthy of the life to come.

Mar 25 : Luke 1.26-38, *"...Mary said to the angel..."*

Lord, in the narrow places of our lives where miracles happen, help us, like Mary, to say "Here am I... let it be with me according to your word".

Mar 26 : John 8.51-end, *"..though you do not know him. But I know him..."*

Pray for the ministry of Sarah, Helen and George and for Bible study that helps us know You better

Mar 27 : John 10.31-end, *"..It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy"*

Pray for Christians facing persecution for the Faith they hold. Pray for people in Iran, and Afghanistan. Pray that the works of God can bridge the words that are used to condemn people of faith.

Mar 28 : John 11.45-end, *"it is better..to have one man die..than to have the whole nation destroyed"*

Pray that our nation (and all nations) can learn to accept our differences in our shared humanity

**Sunday Mar 29** : Matthew 21.1-11, *"The crowds that went ahead of him.....were shouting,*

Hold in your thoughts the "Hallelujahs" of the crowds on Palm Sunday and the "Crucify him" on the road to Calvary and what this means for us.

Mar 30 : John 12.1-11, *"the great crowd...came...to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.."*

As we journey into Holy week and as life and death walk hand in hand in the mystery of your sacrificial ministry, walk with us on our journey in Faith.

Mar 31 : John 12.20-36, *"Now my soul is troubled....."*

Pray for people burdened by anxieties, depression, broken hopes, and loss. Bring healing to broken minds and insight and skill to those who can help.

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## Prayer Diary

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