

Prayer Diary for June 2020

- 1st July** We pray for all who are struggling with Covid-19 in our care homes and hospitals and for all those who continue to care for them.
- 2nd July** We pray for our government as they continue to ease the restrictions on social distancing and find the correct balance between safety and social and economic wellbeing.
- 3rd July** **Thomas the Apostle.** We remember Thomas and we pray that we may be able to deal with our own doubts and strengthen our faith.
- 4th July** We give thanks for Charles and Susan who at these times of movement restrictions have managed to bring communal worship into the safety of our homes.
- 5th July** We pray for all those who are alone and struggling with mental health issues.
- 6th July** We give thanks for all key workers who continued to work during the pandemic to care for the sick, provide food and provisions, protect the public, and keep essential services running.
- 7th July** We pray for all those working on cures and vaccines to help us fight the Coronavirus.
- 8th July** We pray for all who are at risk of losing their jobs as a result of the pandemic.
- 9th July** We pray for the Inspire Ipswich team and the Learning Communities as they search for new ways to reach new disciples and grow our churches in depth, breadth and diversity.
- 10th July** We pray for all members of the PCC as they grapple with our church's current financial difficulties and find ways to resolve the situation.
- 11th July** We remember St Benedict the founder of the Benedictine monasteries and the Patron Saint of All Europe. We pray that as we prepare to leave the European Union we continue to maintain friendly relations and maintain peace with all its members.
- 12th July** We give thanks for the work of Christopher our Music Director and the choir as they continue to find innovative ways to be together and provide music to our services.
- 13th July** We give thanks for our environment and the resources it provides for us. We pray that we continue to search for more sustainable ways in which to use it and live in it.
- 14th July** We pray for your presence in our lives and we give thanks for your love and grace.
- 15th July** We pray that like St Swithun, Bishop of Winchester we receive the inspiration and the wherewithal to restore and grow our beloved church at St Mary-Le-Tower so we too can welcome the poor and disenfranchised into our church family.
- 16th July** We pray for the Emergency services as they respond to people in need.

- 17th July** We pray for each other as we find new ways to connect with one another and be the body of Christ whilst we are still unable to meet and worship together under one roof.
- 18th July** We pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones, may they find comfort and strength in your love.
- 19th July** We pray for churches in parts of the world where Christians are persecuted for their beliefs and we pray for peace and harmony around the world.
- 20th July** We remember Saint Margaret of Antioch who in the face of torture remained resolute to her Christian beliefs and the promises she had made to God.
- 21st July** We pray for help and inspiration for the Tower House project. Help us to make a success of it whilst maintaining focus on our mission for our town of Ipswich.
- 22nd July** **Mary Magdalene.** We remember Mary Magdalene who lived on the fringes of society and yet was the closest and most beloved apostle of Christ. Help us dear Lord to remember and consider how we can help those who find themselves in similar situations.
- 23rd July** We remember Saint Bridget of Sweden who founded the Bridgettine Nuns and Monks who cared for the poor and the sick.
- 24th July** We pray for farmers and food producers as the season of harvest approaches
- 25th July** **James the Apostle.** We remember James who with his brother John did not hesitate to leave his family and livelihood to follow Christ.
- 26th July** We pray for Lifeguards and the Coastguard Service as they keep everyone safe at our beautiful beaches.
- 27th July** We give thanks for all the work carried out by volunteers at St Mary-Le-Tower and we pray that you give them faith, strength and focus.
- 28th July** We pray for those who care for our parks and open spaces as they are transformed into safe meeting places for friends and families.
- 29th July** We remember Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany who loved Christ and always welcomed him and his disciples into their home.
- 30th July** We remember the social reformer William Wilberforce and the anti-slavery campaigners Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson and pray for a world where everyone is treated with justice, integrity and respect.
- 31st July** We pray for your guidance, grace and inspiration in everything we do and pray that we remain focussed on our mission.