

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – September 2024

The Themes for this month are ‘Some Needs of our World, Education, The Holy Cross’

Bible references are from the NRSVA, unless otherwise stated – Hymns are from Singing the Faith – StF, Hymns and Psalms – HP, The Methodist Hymn Book – MHB, other sources are as noted.

‘As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed knowing from whom you learned it, for all scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching and training in righteousness, so that all who belong to God may be proficient and equipped for every good work’ (from 2 Timothy 14-17)

‘On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame. I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.’

Rev. George Bennard



*The cross from Rocher de Naye towering over Montreux and Lake Geneva. Images: G Warr*

‘Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand; and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am. For Hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me ‘Come.’ Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.’

*Keith and Kristyn Getty StF 442*



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> First Day of the Week and Month:** Pray for God’s blessing on our Circuit activities of worship and mission across our communities.

Pray for God’s blessing on our new Minister in the Circuit, Rev. Shaun Sanders and his Ministry, and the Welcome Service, for him, 3.00pm at Walton-on-Thames.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Godalming 10.30am, and Walton-on-Thames, 10.00am, and all who participate.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Chaplaincy across the Circuit. As the Academic as well as Connexional year starts this month, pray particularly for chaplaincy and mission work in Schools, Colleges, and the University. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work through the chaplains as they also reach out to serve the needs of others in their care, in hospitals, care homes and prison.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** As the season moves from Summer towards Autumn and the approach of Harvest, pray for those areas of the world where there is drought and water pollution, and for the farmers and growers that their crops may grow and flourish.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the work of [All We Can](#), [Water Aid](#), [Oxfam](#) and other organisations you know who are working to support those in need of a regular supply of fresh, clean water.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for world peace in all those areas where there is violence and war. That there will be a recognition by world leaders of what the scholar Erasmus wrote - *'If men could start a war, they should also stop it'*. (From P6 How to Read Church History Volume 2 Comby and MacCulloch, SCM1989 )



Picture title: 'I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world.  
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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Pray for world governments that they will serve their people with honesty and integrity. That the words of the Prophet Micah be laid on their hearts: *'It's quite simple, Do what is fair and just, be compassionate and loyal in your love and service'*. (From The Message - Micah 6:5)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning in aid of the [KSS](#) air ambulance trust, at Knaphill 10.00 am – 12 Noon. Also, the Cream Tea at Godalming in aid of the Gambian Ophthalmic Project 2.00pm-4.00pm

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Education Sunday.** We remember in prayer all our local schools, colleges and the University. We ask God's blessing on them all, particularly for those who have recently received exam results - that God will guide them and be with them as they move on. We pray for those associated with the Circuit who are involved in any form of Education.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at West Horsley 10.00am, Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am and all who participate.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray this week for the development of your spiritual education, following the simple words from - 272 'The School Hymn Book of the Methodist Church':

*Saviour, teach me day by day, loves sweet lesson to obey; a sweeter lesson cannot be, than loving you who first loved me. With a childlike heart of love, at your bidding may I move; prompt to serve and follow you, by loving you who first loved me.*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** *Teach me all your steps to trace, strong to follow in your grace; Learning how to love from you by loving you who first loved me. Love in loving finds employ in obedience all her joy. Ever new that joy will be by loving you who first loved me.*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** *I will rejoice to show that I feel the love I owe; singing till your face I see by loving you who first loved me: and yes, sing to yourself or out loud – 'Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me all of us to him belong we are weak, but God is strong – Yes! Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so AMEN!'*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning in aid of MAF at Merrow 10.30am-12 Noon

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Heritage Weekend – Hope, Heritage and more at Guildford St Mary's. (Full details on Page 14 of The Way Forward ) Pray for all those working to enable those in their care to learn and develop new skills, confidence and a positive outlook and self-image

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Day** – Using the quotations and pictures at the top of the Prayer Diary; reflect on them and talk to God about what the Cross of Jesus that Holy Cross, means to you in your everyday life; and pray as led by the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Knaphill 10.00am, Guildford St Mary's 10.30am, Sheerwater 10.30am, Weybridge 10.30am.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Reflections:** 'Jesus keep me near the cross there a precious fountain free to all, including me, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. *(Fanny Crosby alt)*

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** 'Sacred hands of Jesus, they were bound for me; wounded hands of Jesus, stretched upon a tree. Ever interceding, mercy and forgiveness is their plea. Their effectual pleading brings grace to me. Redeeming grace to me'.  
*(Albert Orsborn)*

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** 'On the mount of Crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and glorious tide. Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above and heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love'. *(Robert Lowry)*



Giessbach Falls Switzerland. Photo D Warr

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Bible Study at Merrow 7.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford and Woking and any others you know of – thank God for their care, compassion and commitment to those in need. Keep them safe as they serve late at night.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist** Give thanks for the example of Matthew in his writings and mission.

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Merrow 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30am - Chinese Congregation 1.30pm - Foundry 6.00pm (fortnightly), and all who participate.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> A time for silence** – Loving Lord the Scripture says, ‘There is a time for silence and a time for speech.’ (*Ecclesiastes 3:7b*)

As an element of spiritual learning – Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, wisdom, love, perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. (*From an unknown 16<sup>th</sup> century author*)



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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Lord teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of you, my God. (*Ibid*)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Chat at Woking Trinity 10.30 am – 12 noon every week.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at Guildford St. Mary’s 10.00am-12 Noon.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church (incl. hot meal) aimed at any children from Nursery up to year 4/5 at Woking Trinity 5.00 pm– 7.00pm each week in term time.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 noon

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the Ministry provided by our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Technicians, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all Congregations, and any others who enable Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> The end of the month** - Lord Jesus, I thank you for your steadfast love and mercy expressed through the Holy Cross of Calvary. Amen

God bless you all and may you feel the power of the Crucified, Risen Lord through the Holy Spirit refreshing you, in your work, witness, prayer time and walk with God. Amen

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