

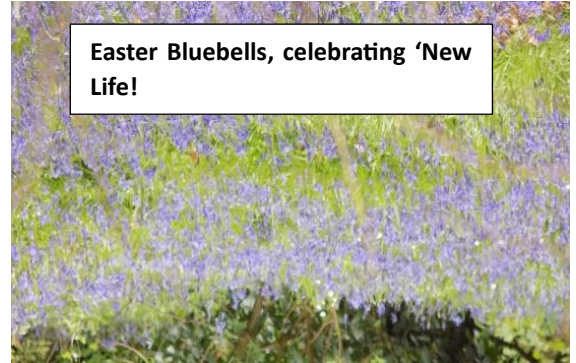
## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – April 2024

### Easter – Pentecost 1

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**'The Annunciation'**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**April**  
**Luke 1:26-38**  
**The Black Madonna**  
**symbolising that Jesus was born for all.**  
**Blackburn Cathedral**



**Easter Bluebells, celebrating 'New Life!'**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** 'We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others, but to those who are called, it is Christ the power and wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.'

*(from 1 Corinthians 1: 23-25).* Give thanks that you are called to be a 'fool' for Christ and pray for an opportunity and the power to do that today and every day.

**Come, let us celebrate Easter!**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 'Oh, raise a joyful shout! Clap your hands and dance, let your feelings out. O hear what it's about; Christ, the Lord, has come to set us free. *(Mark and Helen Johnson Refrain StF 299 refrain)* Say or sing in your head, or out loud the sevenfold Amen! For it is true **ALLELUIA!**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 'King of Glory! Soul of bliss! Everlasting life is this, you to know, your power to prove, thus, to sing and thus to love.' *(Charles Wesley StF298:5)* Lord teach me to sing your love!

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** 'I know that my Redeemer lives – what joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead, he lives my everlasting Head! He lives all glory to his name, he lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives! *(Samuel Medley StF 303:1,4)*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** 'The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung, Alleluia! On the third morn Christ rose again, glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain, Alleluia!' *(Francis Pott)*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** 'Lord Jesus, in the days of old two walked with you in waning light; and loves blind instinct made them bold to crave your presence through the night.' As this Holy Week ends, when night descends, I pray; O leave me not at close of day! Not this night only, blessed Lord, I, every day, and every hour, would walk with you Emmaus-ward to hear your voice of love and power; and every night would by your side look, listen and be satisfied. **Amen**  
*(James Ashcroft Noble H&P 645:1, 5)*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone, Byfleet, and Woking Trinity, and all who participate.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord:** Mary's gift, beyond all telling, was to give Christ room. She gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb. Who could guess the final story? Cross and Glory – empty tomb.

(Mark Earey StF 165:4) Give thanks for Mary's commitment to ensure Jesus could fulfil his mission of Salvation and Redemption for you. Pray that the risen Lord will enable you to share that mission.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Celebrate the beauty of Spring and its hidden treasures...**

'Daisies are our silver, buttercups our gold, raindrops are our diamonds and the morning dew, while for shining sapphires we've the speedwell blue and roses make the reddest rubies ever seen' (Jan Struther).

Give thanks to God for their beauty.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Loving Lord - make me bright as silver, and to shine like gold, fresh as springtime blossoms let my hearts unfold and keep me true to you. (ibid) **Amen**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** 'Yes, God is good in earth and sky, from ocean depths and spreading wood. Ten thousand voices seem to cry: God made us all and God is good. The sun that keeps its trackless way and downward pours its golden flood and nights sparkling hosts, all seem to say in accents clear that God is good'. (J H Gurney 363 H&P) **Amen**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** 'We hear it in the rushing breeze; the hills that have for ages stood, the echoing sky and roaring seas, all swell the chorus, 'God is good.' For all your gifts I bless you, Lord, but chiefly for my heavenly food. Your pardoning grace, your quickening word, these prompt my song, that God is good'. (Ibid) **Amen**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the ministry of Chaplaincy across the Circuit, in Hospitals, Care Homes, Schools, the University, other Colleges and locations. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and bless the Chaplains in their work.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Guildford St Mary's, Knaphill, Stoughton, and Sheerwater, and all who participate.

**The Message of Easter reminds us that we are called to serve a risen Saviour.**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Beside the keyboard on my desk should be a mat to put my hot drink on but it went missing.

However, tucked away behind some papers I found a new one. Sipping my tea, I looked down and saw twelve words each with an illustrative icon. They made me stop and think, and I realised they were the symbols of the 'Methodist Way of Life'. The three that caught my eye were – **Pray** – Lord, move me to pray at any time – to converse with you about anything or anybody who I need to pray for, including myself.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** The second: Loving, gracious Lord – remind me that **Worship** is not just for Sunday. As we explored last week there is so much of You to worship – take time today and talk to God in worship.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** The third: **Notice** – Abba Father help me to notice what you need me to do or say and reach out in love to those who need to know that they are noticed and loved.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Carrying on around the mat: **Open** – Lord Jesus make me open to you so that I can reflect your love at all times.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Learn:** Holy Spirit, as I read scripture give me insight to learn more about you God – Abba Father, Saving and Redeeming Son and empowering Spirit.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry of Clothes4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm, and Songs of Praise at West Horsley 7.00pm (for further details see page 26 The Way Forward).

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Cranleigh, West Horsley and Weybridge, and all who participate.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Care** – Lord, open my eyes and help me to care both physically and spiritually for myself, to enable me to care for others. Pray for the 'Street Angels' in Guildford and Woking and any others you know – thank God for their care and compassion to those in need, as they serve late at night.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Tell** – enable me to tell of your love, to **Share** in honesty and humility the story of my relationship with God, to enable others to find you, and to **Live** showing those experiences every day reflecting your love.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Challenge** – Lord help me to challenge, as Nehemiah did when he heard of the plight of those left behind. Encourage me to be bold and seek your help when faced with challenges. (*Nehemiah 2:1-8*)

**Thursday 25<sup>h</sup> Flourish** – Lord lead me in your ways, that I may flourish as did the seed the Sower cast, that fell on the good soil. (*Luke 8:4-8 and 11-15*)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Serve** – ‘From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve and give your life that I might live. There in the garden of tears my heavy load you chose to bear; your heart with sorrow was torn, ‘Yet not my will but yours’ you said to your Abba Father. So let me learn how to serve and in my life enthrone you, others needs to prefer, for it is you, Lord Jesus I am serving. You are my God, the Servant King, you call me now to follow you. I bring my life and love to you as an offering, to serve’. **Amen**  
(272 StF Graham Kendrick (adapted))

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the Ministry of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 noon.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Cranleigh, West Horsley and Weybridge, and all who participate.

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

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the other churches around your church, as together you seek to serve God in various ways.

I pray that God will be with you as you follow your calling to serve the crucified – now risen - Lord Jesus, your Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen**

Graham

