

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

# December 2019

The Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, Bethlehem



- 1 On Advent Sunday pray in joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus once again
- 2 Meditate on Isaiah 53.5, especially the words “by his wounds we are healed”
- 3 Pray that children might hear the story of Christmas and Christ’s birth at school this term
- 4 Remember Reverend Keith and Hilary Beckingham and their family in your prayers today
- 5 Pray that all will be fed at St Mary’s Advent Reflections/bread and soup lunch
- 6 “Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free”: STF 169 Charles Wesley
- 7 Pray that many come to the concert/Carol Praise at Byfleet and West Horsley
- 8 Advent 2: Thank God for John the Baptist, Elijah and all God’s prophets
- 9 Pray for the carol singers at Walton Station that they have a good response from commuters
- 10 Pray for Reverend Sydney Samuel Lake and his family
- 11 Pray for light for people who find the dark evenings difficult and the winter depressing
- 12 Pray for the people of the UK to be full of grace towards each other as voting takes place
- 13 Give thanks for charities which give shelter and food to the homeless at Christmas
- 14 Pray for all those who find Christmas difficult, and those who do not see Jesus in the festivities.

- 15** Advent 3: pray for sensitive ways of explaining the nativity to those of other faiths
- 16** Offer prayers for expectant mothers, newborn babies and small children
- 17** Light a candle and meditate on Jesus the light of the world
- 18** Pray for time in busy preparations to contemplate the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.
- 19** Pray for visitors and church members at Night Vision, for listening and conversation
- 20** Hold schoolchildren, teachers and parents in prayer as schools break up for Christmas
- 21** Give thanks for the Clothing Banks and pray for the welfare of those who need them
- 22** Pray for enough rest for shopworkers, delivery drivers and others working long hours
- 23** Advent 4: join with Mary in joy and rejoicing and in the expectation of the Messiah
- 24** Praise in prayer with the angels singing alleluias at Jesus' birth tonight
- 25** Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Pray for all to know Jesus Christ as Saviour as families celebrate Christmas Day together. Remember those who are alone.
- 26** On Saint Stephen's Day pray for justice and relief for those persecuted for their faith
- 27** Pray in the words of STF 224 verse 1 "may we evermore be led to thee"
- 28** On Holy Innocents day pray for an end to abuse and violence against all children everywhere.
- 29** Pray for the church services at Byfleet, Merrow and Walton.
- 30** Jesus was a refugee in Egypt. Pray for rescue for children in refugee camps and for all refugees
- 31** Pray for yourself, your hopes and dreams for the future, giving thanks for the past and present.

## January 2020



- 1 Pray praises of Jesus at the beginning of a new year
- 2 Bring to God in prayer your family and friends, their needs, concerns and their joys
- 3 Give thanks for the dedication of everyone who keeps church activities running week by week
- 4 Pray for more effective Christian witness to people who use our church premises
- 5 Pray for a deepening of personal faith and commitment on Covenant Sunday
- 6 “A charge to keep I have: a God to glorify” Charles Wesley STF 658
- 7 Pray for your neighbours by name
- 8 Give thanks for the work of All We Can striving to help all those in most need around the world
- 9 Pray for good attendance at Merrow’s coffee morning for The Leprosy Mission
- 10 “Praise the Lord O my soul”: pray praise in the words of Psalm 104
- 11 Pray for an end to racial and religious discrimination and better interfaith understanding
- 12 Remember Christ’s baptism today and pray for all new Christians
- 13 Give thanks for all local preachers and worship leaders
- 14 Pray for those sleeping on the streets in the cold, that they might be offered shelter
- 15 Hold in your prayers all commuters and workers who travel daily to work

- 16** Give thanks for Reverend Asif Das, his ministry and pray for him and his family
- 17** Pray for better provision for young people with mental health issues
- 18** Join the Circuit Prayer Vigil. Pray for Christian Unity.
- 19** Pray that someone new walks into your church service this morning, and stays
- 20** Remember nurses and health professionals in your prayers today
- 21** Give thanks for the Foundry initiative at Trinity Woking and for Reverend Jackie Case
- 22** “pour out your Spirit we pray” STF 405
- 23** Give thanks for the witness of Methodists all around the world and our global fellowship
- 24** In your prayers ask for Jesus’ healing love for all those suffering in body, mind or spirit
- 25** On the day of Paul’s Damascus road conversion, remember in prayer your own conversion
- 26** Meditate on Jesus’ call to repentance in today’s reading from Matt 4.17
- 27** On Holocaust Memorial Day, remember the suffering of the Jews and other minorities
- 28** Pray for sensitive and helpful teaching on the Bereavement Course at St Columba’s Woking
- 29** Keep Reverend David Faulkner wife Debbie and children in your prayers today
- 30** Pray for discernment for Godalming and Woking churches as they seek new ministers
- 31** Give thanks for the supernumerary and other ministers attached to Wey Valley Circuit

## February 2020

St Martha's Church, Chilworth



- 1 Pray for fun and friendship for children, parents and volunteers at Godalming's Messy Church
- 2 Ask the Holy Spirit to be powerfully present in our church services today
- 3 Light a candle in grateful memory of all those whose lives have been as shining lights to us
- 4 Acknowledge your own need for prayer and offer this up to God
- 5 Give thanks for all organists and musicians whose gifts enhance worship
- 6 Pray for the well-being of all carers, including devoted relatives and professional carers
- 7 Praise God for his generous love, grace and forgiveness
- 8 Keep praying for those who have no faith to see Jesus in you
- 9 On Racial Justice Sunday, pray that discrimination and racism are defeated
- 10 Are you or someone you know being called to a new vocation within the church? Pray about this.
- 11 Offer prayers of encouragement for tired and busy parents, doing their best for their children
- 12 Pray for a fairer sharing of resources across the world and equal pay for all
- 13 Pray for vision and radical thinking for the Circuit Mission Group meeting tonight

- 14** Pray for comfort, care and the compassion of Jesus for the poor, widows and orphans
- 15** Give thanks for the work of Action for Children
- 16** Prayerfully consider 1 Cor 3.9: “..... you are God’s field, God’s building”
- 17** Hold in your prayers the issues surrounding climate change
- 18** Pray for the Christian witness of prison chaplains, and the hope Jesus brings to prisoners
- 19** Give thanks for the ministry of John Wesley and the hymns of Charles Wesley
- 20** Pray for an end to knife attacks and violence between young people
- 21** Meditate on: “The name of the Lord is a strong tower” Proverbs 18.10
- 22** Pray for world peace and for comfort for victims of war, oppression and violence
- 23** Pray for Breeze and those coming to Pudding and Praise at Walton on Thames tonight
- 24** Pray for release from addiction to drugs, gambling, pornography and alcohol
- 25** On Shrove Tuesday feast on pancakes and pray in preparation for Lent
- 26** Repent of any wrongdoing in your life; ask for and receive forgiveness from Jesus
- 27** Pray that you “feel that Christ is all in all” (STF 498 God of all power, and truth and grace)
- 28** Look for green shoots in the earth and give thanks for new life
- 29** Give thanks for MHA; pray for its CEO Sam Monaghan, the speaker at tonight’s Mission Supper