

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary
September 2023

***'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.'*(H&P 363)**



Wild Blackberries
College Lake, Chilterns



Barley, Oat and Wheat fields meet
at Stoke Bruerne, Northants



Sunflowers
Goldsworth Park

This month's prayers are on a Harvest theme.

Bible verses are from the Inclusive Bible unless otherwise stated.

God said, "*Earth: produce vegetation – plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree that bears its own seed in it.*" So it was, and God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1:11)

Preparation

Friday 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Praise and thank our Lord for Creation and what it provides for us today. Remember those who are suffering from Flash Fires, Floods, Volcanic eruptions, Drought, Displacement, and the consequences.

Saturday 2nd God says to us, '*Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth – and be responsible for it!*' (*Genesis 1:28*) Seek in prayer how God wants you to show that responsibility in spreading the Gospel, ask for the strength and commitment to do it.

Pray for God's blessing on the Ministry of 'Cream Tea on the Lawn' at Godalming, 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Sunday 3rd Pray for the Worship and Mission at Addlestone, Byfleet and Woking Trinity and for all who participate.

Pray for the Ministry of 'Pantomime Celebration and Reunion' at Godalming 2.30pm – 6.00pm.

Monday 4th David sang to God, "*You nourish and water the land – greatly, you have enriched it.*" (*Psalms 65:9*) Pray for those who do not have access to clean, fresh water and the agencies that are working to provide that necessity we are all entitled to.

Tuesday 5th "*Thus you have prepared the land, drenching its furrows, breaking up the clods.*" (*Psalms 65:9*) Pray for support in your mission to serve God and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, consider the clods in your life, that need breaking up.

Wednesday 6th *'In the just reward of labour, God's will be done; in the help we give our neighbour God's will be done. (StF 124 v 2a)* Pray for God's help to prepare yourself to serve your neighbour.

Thursday 7th *'In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done. (StF 124v2b)* Pray for those who are hungry and despairing in God's world.

Friday 8th Birth of the Virgin Mary: give praise and thanksgiving for the role of Mary and Joseph in bringing Jesus – Imanuel, into the world to save and redeem us.

Saturday 9th Pray for the Ministry of the Coffee Morning in aid of KSSX Air Ambulance at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 noon, and the Annual 'Heritage Weekend' at Guildford St Mary's *(Details P15 of TWF)*

Sunday 10th Education Sunday – Pray for God's blessing on the spiritual and scriptural education work happening across the Circuit. Pray for the Worship and Ministry at Cranleigh, West Horsley and Weybridge – and all who participate. Pray for the Circuit Service at Knaphill 6.00pm. *All are welcome.*

Sowing

Monday 11th Jesus' last words to his disciple were, *"Go and make disciples of all the nations, and know that I am with you always!" (From Matthew 28: 18-20)* Thank you Abba Father for your constant presence in our lives and the Holy Spirit, as comforter, challenger, supporter and Empowerer.

Tuesday 12th *'For the harvests of the Spirit: for the good we all inherit and, that eternal love has found us, thanks be to God. (From StF 124 v 3)* Rejoice in the reality of, *'the love that drew Salvations plan and the grace that brought it down to us and the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary! (W R Newell)*

Wednesday 13th Jesus described how – *'A farmer went out to sow some seed.'* (Luke 8:5) On Monday, we shared how Jesus commissioned the disciples for their mission of sowing the Gospel seeds. We too are called to be Sowers. Reflect on your response to that call, and the promises that go with it.

Thursday 14th Holy Cross Day – *'Jesus was humbled – obediently accepting death, even death on a cross! (Philippians 2: 8)* Reflect on - *'Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all. (Isaac Watts).* Talk about it with God.
Pray for the Ministry of the 'Coffee Morning in aid of the Church Taxi Fund at Merrow' 10.30am – 12 noon.

Friday 15th Choose an area in which you, or your Church, serve God and pray for God's blessing on it and for the Holy Spirit to empower it.

Saturday 16th The King said, *"Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! For I was shivering, and you gave me clothes. (Matthew 25:36 The Message)* Pray for the Ministry of 'Clothes4U' at Knaphill 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Thank God for this important Ministry and pray that those who attend may find what they need practically and spiritually. Thank the Lord for those who donate.

Sunday 17th Pray for the Worship and Mission at Merrow, Godalming UC and Walton-on-Thames and all who participate.

Cultivating

Monday 18th The Vinedresser said, *'I will hoe around it and fertilize it. (Luke 13:8).* Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to 'hoe around and fertilize' your mission as you seek to serve God.

Tuesday 19th Ezekiel said to Israel. *'I am concerned about you, and will look on you with favour, and you will be tilled and sown; and you will be fruitful. (Ezekial 36:9, 11a)* Pray that God will show you how he will 'till and sow' you today to be fruitful.

Wednesday 20th Jesus said, *'Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If you live on in me and my words live on in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you... (John 15:5,7)* Ask the Lord for whatever 'want' is on your heart today!

Thursday 21st Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist – Give thanks for the work of Matthew and the Gospel that bears his name.

Friday 22nd Jesus continued, *'My Abba Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. (John 15:8-9)* Thank the Lord for the power of his love, freely given to us, and enabling us to serve him.

Saturday 23rd Jesus concluded; *'This command I give you: that you love one another.'*(John 15:17) Who do you need to pray for today.....? Pray too for the 'Coffee Morning' at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 Noon.

Sunday 24th Pray for the Worship and Mission at Guildford St Mary's, Knaphill, Stoughton, and Sheerwater and all those who participate.

Pray for our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Group Leaders, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, Congregations, and All who enable Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

A Harvest Prayer

Monday 25th *'O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, to you all praise and glory be. How shall I show my love to you, who gives me all? Give thanks with a grateful heart.*

Tuesday 26th *'The golden sunshine, balmy air, sweet flowers and fruits your love declare; where harvests ripen you are there, who gives us all.* Pray for those who don't know what God's love is.

Wednesday 27th *'For peaceful homes and healthful days, for all the blessings earth displays, we owe you thankfulness and praise, who gives us all.* Pray for those who do not share these blessings.

Thursday 28th *'You did not spare your only Son, but gave him for a world undone, and freely with that blessed One you give us all.* Give thanks for that special gift of God's Son, Jesus; and pray for those who are seeking, that they find you.

Pray for the Ministry of 'Coffee and Cake at Guildford St Mary's 10.30am – 12 noon.

Friday 29th *'You give the Spirit's blessed dower, Spirit of life and love and power and you her sevenfold graces shower upon us all.* Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to move in you, your church, and our Circuit.

Saturday 30th *'For souls redeemed and sins forgiven, for means of grace and hopes of heaven, Father all praise to you be given, who gives us all. Amen. (Christopher Wordsworth, StF 337 amended)*

'Praise the Lord' that we are children of God and heirs of the kingdom.

Pray for the Ministry of 'Messy Church Autumn Planting' at Godalming UC (3.00pm – 5.00pm) and for the Ministry of 'Harvest Afternoon Tea' at Woking Trinity.

May God bless us all as we celebrate the various gifts of Harvest and God's love for each one of us. Amen

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