

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – August 2024

**The Themes for this month are Holidays, John the Baptist, and Reflections for quiet moments**

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

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures:  
He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:1-3a)*



**'Green pastures' - Sheep safely grazing  
near Bushmills, NI.**



**'Still waters' - the infant Thames  
near Cirencester.**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Jesus said - *'Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'*  
(Matt 11:28) Share, with the Lord, your burdens, and those you know who are weary and heavy laden.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Chaplaincy across the Circuit, in Hospitals, Care Homes, Schools, the University, other Colleges and locations. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work through them as they reach out to serve the needs of those in their care.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> The end of the week:** Lord Jesus, I come and draw near to you, with all the cares and concerns of the past few days. I know I cannot see you, but I know and feel you are here. I long for perfect peace, a space and time to focus on you. I know I need you, for you have been a human being and know what life is like. Touch me with your love, mercy and forgiveness and heal the bruises of the week. *(Based on words by Henry Twells 689 MHB)*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Walton-on-Thames 10.00am, Byfleet 10.30, Godalming 10.30, and all who participate.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Bible Study, Prayer and House groups in your church, and across the Circuit.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Hiroshima Day:** Pray for all those who suffer in times of war, for peace and security, particularly at this time.

**The Transfiguration of Jesus** – give thanks that Jesus became human – yet divine, to save us from our sins and bring us forgiveness, assurance and spiritual peace. Commit yourself to serve our Lord in whatever way you are called.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Chat 10.30am – 12 noon (Weekly) at Woking Trinity and other similar groups supporting Elders, the lonely, and the isolated, across the Circuit.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** Jesus said to his disciples , *'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while'* (Mark 6:31)  
Find a quiet place today, rest, and share time with Jesus.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those you know who are on holiday or travelling. That they may have journeying mercies, a restful time and find God's presence and peace. Pray too for those who are unable to go on holiday, particularly children, and the agencies, eg Action Aid for Children and Salvation Army who provide holidays, and food, for children and families out of term time.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> The end of the week** – Lord Jesus, now the week is over, I am weary and seek your comfort and solace. Be with me tonight and bless my sleep and prepare me for the coming week.

*(Based on words by Sabine Baring-Gould 944 MHB)*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30, Cranleigh 10.30, West Horsley 10.00, and all who participate.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who cannot afford to take a holiday that they may find opportunities to have a 'break'.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all the work with children and young people across the circuit, that God may bless them and lead them to a strong relationship with Jesus. Pray for the leaders, give thanks for their commitment, especially those who will be working with the children over the holidays, that they may have a break to recharge.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Reflect on *'God doesn't come and go. God lasts. Our God doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch breath. Our Abba Father knows everything, inside and out. God, the Holy Spirit energizes us when we get tired and gives us fresh strength. Those who wait upon God get fresh strength'*. (From Isaiah 40:27-31 amended The Message)  
Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Mary the Mother of Jesus** – Thank God for Mary and her faith – *'Mary's gift beyond all telling, was to give Christ room. She gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb. She could not guess the final story, - cross and glory - empty tomb'*. (Mark Earey StF 165v4)

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Pray – *'O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with you, his Abba Father, the silence of eternity interpreted by love. With that deep hush subduing all my words and works that drown the tender whisper of your call, as noiseless let your blessing fall, on me, as fell your manna down.*

*(John Greenleaf Whittier StF 495:3-4 alt)*

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Pray – *'Drop your still dews of quietness till all my strivings cease; take from my soul the strain and stress and let my ordered life confess the beauty of your peace. Breath through the heats of my desire your coolness and your balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm'*. (ibid vv5,6)

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00 pm – 4.00pm

**The end of the week** – Abba Father, in heaven dwelling, I come to praise you for the blessings of this week, to seek your love and forgiveness for the errors too, As the night passes Holy Spirit fill my heart with peace; and prepare me for the coming week. *(Based on words by George Rawson 938 MHB)*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Knaphill 10.00, Guildford St Mary's 10.30, Sheerwater 10.30, Weybridge 10.30.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Street Angels in Guildford and Woking and any others you know – thank God for their care, compassion and commitment to those in need. Keep them safe as they serve late at night.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Reflection – Simply trusting every day** – Trusting through stormy ways, even when my faith is small trusting you, Jesus that is all – Trusting as the moments fly and as the days go by, trusting you whatever may happen; that is all our Lord Jesus calls us to do. Lord Jesus teach me to trust you every day, hour, minute, moment whatever it may bring. *(From 517 MHB Edgar Stites.)*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Have your own way, Lord** – Have your own way Lord, Have your own way, you are the Potter I am the clay. Make me and mould me after your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still. Have your own way Lord, have

your own way, hold or my being absolute sway, filled with your Spirit till all can see, Christ, only, always living in me.  
Amen (A Pollard)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford – 10.30am-12.00 noon

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 'By still waters** – As the deer pants seeking after the fount of living water, so does my soul long to see You as You are, in truth. (from – 'Prayer of Awe', Catherine of Siena)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 noon

**The end of the week** - Lord Jesus, another week has passed, with its joys and worries, good times and sad. I thank you for your loving presence even when I didn't recognise you. Precious Lord take my hand and lead me into the coming week empowered by your love to reach out in love to those I meet. Amen

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Merrow 10.30, Stoughton 10.30, Woking Trinity 10.30 - Chinese Congregation 1.30pm - Foundry 6.00pm, (fortnightly) and all who participate.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Reflection – In the Garden** – I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear – be it bird or breeze, falling on my ear the Son of God discloses. And Jesus walks and talks with me and tells me I am his own, and the Joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jesus speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody Jesus gives to me within my heart is ringing. And Jesus walks and talks with me and tells me I am his own, and the Joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** I'd stay in the garden with Jesus though the world around me is calling, But Jesus bids me go, to the world I know, because their need is calling. And Jesus walks and talks with me and tells me, they too, are his own, and the Love we share as we go from there, is not just for me alone. (C Austin Miles – Altered)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> John the Baptist** – There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. John said 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal'. (John 1:6-9,26,27)  
Give thanks for the role that John took on, to introduce Jesus to the world. Pray for a faith like his to speak out today.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the Ministry provided by our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all Congregations, and all others who enable Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> The end of the month** - Lord Jesus, I thank you for your steadfast love and endless mercies throughout this past month. Great was your faithfulness to me, every day. Prepare me for the coming month and guide my steps. Fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit as I continue to serve you. Amen

God bless you all and may you feel the power of the Holy Spirit refreshing you, in your work, witness, prayer time and that walk in the garden with Jesus.

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