

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary August 2025

This month's prayer themes are based on 'Time Out' for reflection and prayer, the Transfiguration of Jesus, Mary – Jesus' mother, John the Baptist - Apostolic Witness – Bartholomew and Iona Pilgrimage.

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, Song Book of the Salvation Army SBSA.

Prayers from Methodist Prayer Handbook, MPB Methodist Worship, Book MWB. Other sources are as noted.

Friday 1st 'Time out 1' - Jesus took time out with the disciples and, referring to perseverance in prayer, Jesus said – *'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. How much will your Abba Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. (from Luke 11:5-11)*

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea the gracious calling of the Lord, let me, like them without a word rise up and follow you.

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above where Jesus knelt to share with you the silence of eternity, interpreted by love.

Drop your still dews of quietness, 'til all my strivings cease; take from my soul the strain and stress and let my ordered life confess the beauty of your peace.

(From HP 495 John Greenleaf Whittier, adapted)



Thunersee/Lake Thun and the Bernese Oberland from Niesen 2362m/7750ft

Saturday 2nd

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Family Picnic Lunch (BYO), and games provided at Merrow 2.30pm-5.00pm

Sunday 3rd Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am,

Monday 4th 'Time out 2': Consider - After his conversion, despite his notoriety, *John Newton* wrote these words – *Behold the throne of grace, the promise calls me near; there Jesus shows a smiling face and waits to answer prayer. My soul, ask what you will, you cannot be too bold, since by his own blood freely given, what else can he withhold? Beyond my utmost wants his love and power can bless, to my praying soul he always grants more than they can express Your image, Lord, on me bestow, your presence and your love; I ask to serve you here below, then share with you above ,,,,,, Teach me to live by faith: conform my will to yours, (from SASB 560)*
Share with Jesus what is laid on your heart today and what he wants you to do.

Tuesday 5th Time out 3: CREAM TEA to which you are cordially invited 2.00pm – 4.00pm at St. Mary's, Guildford **raising funds to support children in need in Uganda and Kenya through projects close to the hearts of St. Mary's Worshippers.** Pray for God's blessing on the work and the giving, remembering Jesus' commands us to *'Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these, that the kingdom of God belongs, Luke 18:14ff*

Wednesday 6th 'Time out 4': The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-13. Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36 HP 259,260,261)
Jesus took time out with Peter, James and John away from the crowd on a mountain and showed them his power and purpose. Take time today to reflect on what it means to you.

Thursday 7th Find a quiet spot with a view, or a picture, and reflect on these words, as a prayer:

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works your hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, your power throughout the universe displayed.



When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to you – how great you are!

Friday 8th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Messy Church and (BYO) picnic lunch at Godalming, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Saturday 9th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere that the love, light, power and hope of Abba Father, Son and Holy Spirit will shine through them to comfort, support and bless those they serve and keep them safe. Amen

Sunday 10th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Cranleigh 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, Godalming Churches Together 10.30am at/near the Bandstand and all who participate.

Monday 11th 'Time out 5': Jesus says, *'Come and gather round, I want to teach you my friend some truths about the love I bring, the love that never ends. (from HP510 v 1a Leith Fisher)*
Speak in the stillness, Lord I pray, come to my heart and meet me here. Bring me your peace for each new day – a gift of grace to earth from heaven. *(From StF 511 v1 Gareth Hill)*

Tuesday 12th When, in the anxious rush of days, I lose my hold on faith and you, reclaim me with your calm embrace – a gift of grace to earth from heaven, so may I be renewed in love, held and sustained by you alone. Strengthened by you that I may prove a gift of grace to earth from heaven, *(Ibid v5)*

Wednesday 13th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Pop-Up Play Café 09.30-11.30am at St Mary's Guildford – **Free - space to play – time to relax – coffee and cake - all ages welcome!**

Thursday 14th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit; in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, and MP Send. For chaplaincy work with families and those who serve and work in caring for the community. That the Holy Spirit may enable, strengthen and support them. Amen.

Friday 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary *'God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, under the conditions of the law so that we might be redeemed. Thus, we have been set free and fully adopted as God's own children through the Spirit of his Son, into our lives crying out 'Abba Father! You are a child and heir with the promised access to the inheritance of eternal life. (from Galatians 4:4-7 NRSVA/The Message)*
Give thanks to God for the example and role of Mary, in our salvation.



Our Lady nursing the Infant Jesus

A 12th-century mosaic on the facade of Santa Maria in Trastevere

Saturday 16th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes **4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Sunday 17th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am, 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00am and all who participate.

Monday 18th 'Time Out 6': *After Jesus fed the five thousand, he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake. After he had dismissed the crowd he went up the mountain by himself to pray and when evening came, he was there alone. (Matthew 14:22-24)* . If you on that hillside alone with Jesus, what would you want to share with him?

Tuesday 19th Some thoughts – Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. *(From the Prayer attributed to St Frances of Assisi)*



St. Francis of Assisi shrine (Dennis Jarvis, Open Verse)

Wednesday 20th O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that I receive, it is in pardoning that I am pardoned, and it is in dying that I am born to eternal life. (*Ibid*)

Thursday 21st Lord Jesus, I come to you, let my heart be changed renewed flowing from the grace I find in you. Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of your love, Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face, and the knowledge of your love, as you live in me. Lord, renew my mind As your will unfolds in my life, in living every day by the power of your love. (From Stf 471 Geoff Bullock)

Friday 22nd Lord, hold me close, let your love surround me; draw me near to your side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you, your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love. (*Ibid*)

Saturday 23rd Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.30am-12.00 noon

Sunday 24th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Woking Trinity 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Chinese speaking Congregation, Foundry Worship 6.00pm, and all who participate.

Monday 25th St Bartholomew also believed to be Nathanael (1 John 45-51) Eusebius states Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, after that to Mesopotamia, Parthia Lycaonia, Ethiopia and Armenia where with Jude they introduced Christianity. Tradition records that he was martyred there. Give thanks for the work of Batholomew in spreading the Gospel. Pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable to share your faith in words and deeds.

Tuesday 26th Circuit Pilgrimage to Iona 28th – 3rd September– Pray for those who are undertaking this pilgrimage and will be preparing practically and spiritually, that God will bless them.

Wednesday 27th Pray for the Pilgrims who commence their journeys today for- journeying mercies, good fellowship and a comfortable night tonight and a safe arrival tomorrow evening.

Thursday 28th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.30 – 12 noon, where people can meet and have fellowship together.

Friday 29th John the Baptist execution - 'Time Out 7': Reflect on these words of John the Baptist, *'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise' I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit* (from Luke 3). And Jesus the 'Son of Man - *Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, ... for I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison, and you visited me.* (From Matthew 25:34-36)

Saturday 30th As we approach 1st September – Prayerfully reflect on the above words with these words from the Covenant Service – *I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; where there is work for me and where there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you as and where you choose.*

Sunday 31st Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, any other Volunteers, and all those who Worship in the Churches or Online, including yourself. Amen.

Pray for the Pilgrims on Iona as they join in Worship.

At this time of holidays and Pilgrimage – ‘May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
(From Numbers chapter 6)

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