

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary September 2025

This month's prayer themes are based on the Connexional New Year, Pilgrimage, Prayer through Hymnody, Education Sunday, Holy Cross Day, Peace Sunday, Apostolic Witness- Matthew, St Michael and all Angels

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 (MPH), Methodist Worship Book (MWB). Other sources are as noted.



Island and Abbey, Iona, Photochrom Print c1890 openverse

Monday 1st At the start of a new Connexional Year Pray for our President Richard Andrew, the Vice President Matthew Forsythe and the Leadership team of the Methodist Conference in Britain, that the Holy Spirit will guide their example and leadership throughout the coming year. That they be filled with insight to develop the needs of the Connexion and for discernment to hold in prayer, all the wonderful diversity of the Methodist Church. Amen
(From MPH p2)

Sharing with our Pilgrim Sisters and Brothers from the [Wey Valley Circuit](#), currently on Iona – (extracts from *Each Day and Each Night Celtic prayers from Iona* by J. Philip Newell, Wild Goose Publications)

Pray: may they find in the stillness of contemplations, God's presence within and all around them.

Pray for yourselves - *Thanks be to you, O God, that I have risen this day to the rising of life itself. May it be a day of blessing, a day of new beginnings. Help me to avoid every sin.*

Intercessions – Justice and peace - O Christ of the poor and yearning, kindle within my heart a flame of love for my neighbour, for my foe, for my friend, for all my kindred. – and for justice and peace. Amen (Ibid)

Tuesday 2nd Pray for the Pilgrims as they commence their journeys home - for journeying mercies, good fellowship and a safe arrival. Amen

Wednesday 3rd Sustainer God, I lift before you today people in later life whose stories are long that their voices may be heard, and their wisdom respected. I ask your blessing on those whose work is to support people who are living with long-term illness, or whose years have made their bodies tired; give them patience, skill and love for those who they serve. Open the eyes of all in our society to see older people more clearly and open our hearts to cherish them and meet their needs with generosity. (Sam Monaghan CEO [Methodist Homes](#), MPH p17)

Thursday 4th Pray for Sam M in his role as CEO of Methodist Homes and as a Local Preacher on Trial in our Circuit, that God will richly bless and support him in his service to our Lord. Amen

[MHA | Live Later Life Well](#)

Friday 5th Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Friday Lunches restarting at [Godalming United Church](#) from 12.00 noon – 1.30pm with modestly priced home cooked food in support of local charities.

Also, for Friday night Messy Fun Church at [Woking Trinity](#) with a meal provided - restarting 4.30pm-7.00pm, Term time only.

Saturday 6th CREAM TEA to which you are cordially invited ~2.30pm – 4.30pm on the patio at Godalming United Church in support of the Gambia Ophthalmic Project, (Just £15 pays for a sight-saving cataract operation)
Pray for God's blessing on the work and the giving, remembering the Lord's words in Matthew 25:36 ~ *When I was sick you took care of me.*

Sunday 7th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at [Addlestone](#) 10.30am, [St Michael's Sheerwater](#) 10.30am, [West Horsley](#) 10.00am, [Weybridge](#) 10.30am, and all who participate.

Monday 8th Prayer through Hymnody - Abba Father, hear the prayers I offer, not for ease my prayers shall be but for strength that I may ever live my life courageously. Not for ever in green pastures do I ask my way to be, but the steep and rugged pathway may I tread rejoicingly. Nor for ever by still waters would I idly rest and stay; but would strike the living fountains from the rocks along my way. Be my strength in hours of weakness, in my wanderings be my guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Abba Father, be there at my side. (*Love Maria Williss StF 518*)



Unpaved winding road, Horia Varlan, openverse

Tuesday 9th Lord, I would like to speak to you, for I know you're there! Every time I try, I find it's hard to make a prayer. Lots of things I'd like to say, seem to disappear, and I don't feel sure that they're the things you want to hear! Could you see what I'm thinking and know that it's a prayer? Could you look into my heart and find you're welcome there? Could I bring you all my hopes and dreams, my moments of despair? Could you take what I am thinking and find that it's a prayer? A prayer! If I get it wrong sometimes, help me to know you're there, listening to me patiently, and you want to hear my prayer! (*Joy Webb, founder of the Salvation Army Pop Group The Joystings, StF 522*)

Wednesday 10th Listening God, you hear me when I cannot speak, when despair and turmoil leave me faint and weak. In love you call me back to you again and your grace reminds me of how you feel my pain. Searching God, you find me when I go astray, as self-centred living takes me from your way. In love you seek me, show me what I've lost, and your tears remind me what forgiveness cost. Suffering God, you lift me from my deepest grief, when emotion blinds me to my own belief. In love you touch me with your nail-torn hand and your words remind me why you understand. Risen God, you show me love too strong for death, evil deeds defeated by your living breath. In love you teach me never to despair, your new life reminds me, hope is always there. (*Marjorie Dobson StF 524*)

Thursday 11th

Bearing the three prayers above in mind and your reflections; is there something you want to share with the Lord – he is waiting for you.

Here are some suggestions:

Pray for a world where every child finds welcome in a sheltered place, where love is tender, undefiled, and firmness intertwines with grace.

Pray for a world where passion's fire burns not in force or careless lust, where God's good gift of deep desire is safe in arms of faith and trust.

Pray for a nation just and fair that seeks the welfare of us all, where leaders guide with prudent care and nurture life for great and small,

Pray for a world where all have voice and none will batter, rape, abuse. Till then, may all have rightful choice and pray for wisdom as they choose.

Amen (*Ruth C Duck StF 527*)

Friday 12th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of 'Music Kids' – restarting at 6.45pm, from children aged from 5 years – teens at Godalming United Church.

Heritage Open Day at [St Mary's Guildford](#) 12th – 14th September 12.00 noon – 16.00 including 'OUR TIME 2' Exhibition of art from prisoners at HMP Send. Refreshments available.

Saturday 13th Heritage Open Day at St Marys Guildford ~NB 10.00 –16.00 see above

Sunday 14th Education Sunday: Pray for all who are involved in Education: Nurseries, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Vocational Training, both teachers and learners; remembering that Jesus was the great teacher who taught us to love and show compassion – ***‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, by this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.’*** (from John 13:34-35)



Open Educational Resources, openverse

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at [Cranleigh](#) 10.30am, [Merrow](#) 10.30am - Songs of Praise Service to celebrate 70 years - 6.30pm, [Stoughton](#) 10.30am, and all who participate.

Heritage Open Day at St Marys Guildford, details as Friday.

Monday 15th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit; in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, and HMP Send. For chaplaincy work with families and those who serve and work in caring for the community, and that the Holy Spirit may enable, strengthen and support them. Amen.

Tuesday 16th Heritage Open Day at St Mary's Guildford, **NB** 11.00 – 15.00

Wednesday 17th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Chat at Woking Trinity 10.15 – 11.30 – a chance to meet and 'chat' over a drink and a biscuit – each week a different activity or speaker.

Thursday 18th Heritage Open Day at St Mary's Guildford, **NB** 11.00 – 15.00

Friday 19th 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

Saturday 20th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at [Knaphill](#) 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Byfleet Heritage Weekend at [Byfleet](#) 10.00am - 4.00pm – Teas served between 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Sunday 21st [Peace Sunday- Make time for Peace!](#) Jesus said – *Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God;* (Matthew 5:9).

Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives; (John 14:27)

Today! Pray for peace across the world, for the courage and strength to live and show peace through your words and actions.



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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 22nd Matthew Apostle and Evangelist: Give thanks for the Gospel expressed through Matthew's writing and his work in the foundation of the 'Church'.

Tuesday 23rd God of love, awaken my soul. God of power, protect me in temptation, cleanse me by the blood of Christ. God of saints, including Matthew, let me share in their inheritance. God of rest, let me be yours for ever. Amen
(Written by Mary Gilbert, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Gilbert who died, aged 16 in 1768 (adapted from Day 23, MPH 2025-2026).

Wednesday 24th A Prayer through Hymnody: Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love; where there is injury your pardon Lord; and where there's doubt true faith in you: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving unto all that we receive, and in dying we're born to eternal life. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul. (Stf 707 amended)

Thursday 25th Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.30 am – 12.00 noon

24th September – 3rd November – [Threads Through the Cross](#) Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral – see page 13 TNV

Friday 26th Prayer through Hymnody: Help me, O Lord, to learn the truths your word imparts, to study that your laws may be inscribed upon my heart; to live the faith which I proclaim that all my thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your name; to teach the beauty of your ways, that all who seek may find the Christ, and make a life of peace and praise. (William Watkins Reid StF 501)

Saturday 27th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.30am-12.00 noon and Messy Church 'Autumn Planting' at Godalming United Church 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Sunday 28th 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 29th St Michael and all Angels – Prayer through Hymnody: Angel's holy, high and lowly, sing the praises of the Lord! Praise God the Lord! Praise God ever, bounteous giver, Praise God, Abba father, friend and Lord! Let your glad voice its free song singing, Praise the great and mighty Lord!
(John Stuart Blackie – adapted from No. 48, The School Hymnbook of the Methodist Church c1950)

Tuesday 30th 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.

Wednesday 31st As we move forward into Autumn and the celebrations of God's gifts from nature. Take time to reflect on this **Prayer through Hymnody** – Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, all his wonderful passion and purity, come Spirit divine, all my nature refine, till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me. (74, Chorus section, SBSA)



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in God, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

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