

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary October 2023

**St Richard
of
Chichester**



**Chichester
Cathedral**

**Hildegard of
Bingen – 12th
Century Nun,
Theologian,
Preacher, Poet,
Musician and
Composer.**



**St Aiden – ‘the
man who gave
his horse to a
beggar’.**



**Lindisfarne
Abbey – Holy
Island**

As we approach the Feast of All Saints on 1 November, this month's prayers are inspired by the prayers of 'Saints.' The prayers are from a variety of sources and are often 'traditional,' I have endeavoured to put them in a modern form without altering the sense. Respond as the Spirit leads.

Sunday 1st Pray for the Worship and Mission at Addlestone, Byfleet, and the 'Welcome to Worship and Harvest' Service at Woking Trinity, and for all who participate.

St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Monday 2nd *"Thank you Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits – salvation, redemption, justification you have won for me, for all pains and insults you have born for me on the Cross."*

Tuesday 3rd *"Most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, every day."*

Harriet Tubman – 18th/19th Century Anti-Slavery Activist

Wednesday 4th *" God, I'm going to hold steady on You, an' You've got to see me through."*

She recited this prayer as she began each of her slave escape missions, along the Underground Railway and did not lose one person. She attributed her success to God.

John Wycliffe – 14th Century Reformer

Thursday 5th *"Lord, give me grace to hold righteousness in all things. Make me mild, peaceable, courteous, and temperate, and make me steadfast and strong, also that I speak what is appropriate."*

Hildegard of Bingen – 12th Century Nun

Friday 6th *'Allow the divine spark within you to shine. You are never alone. Be a feather on the breath of God'.*

Saturday 7th Pray for God's blessing and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the **Circuit Mission Day** at Knaphill, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday 8th Homeless Sunday - Pray for those who are homeless, wherever they are.

Pray for the Worship and Ministry at Cranleigh, West Horsley, Weybridge, and the Godalming UC 'Harvest Festival and Bring & Share lunch' – and all who participate.

Prisons Sunday - Prisons Week

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – anti-Nazi, Lutheran Pastor – Imprisoned and Executed for his Faith.

Monday 9th A prayer from Prison – *" O God, early in the morning I cry to you, help me to pray, and think only of you. I cannot pray alone, in me there is darkness, but with you there is light..."*

Tuesday 10th *...I am lonely, but you never leave me. I am feeble in heart, but in you there is peace.*

In me there is bitterness, but with you, patience. Your ways are beyond my understanding, but you know the way for me".

Corrie ten Boom – Dutch Christian - Concentration Camp Survivor

Wednesday 11th *“Cowardly, wayward, and weak I change with the changing sky. Today so eager and strong, tomorrow not caring to try. But you never give in, and we shall win. Jesus and I”.*

Elizabeth Fry – Quaker 18th/19th Century Prison Reformer

Thursday 12th *“O Lord, may I be directed what to do and what to leave undone.”*

Pray for the Coffee Morning in aid of the Bible Society at Merrow 10.30am – 12 noon.

Jan Hus 14th/15th century Bohemian Reformer, Imprisoned and Executed for his Faith.

Friday 13th *‘Help us, O Christ, to seek your truth and bear it; to learn your truth and love it, to tell your truth and live it, and to defend your truth and die in it. Amen’*

Saturday 14th Pray in Jesus’ name for all prisoners without making judgements, and their families. Pray for prison staff, including Chaplains and Pastoral Visitors. Remember those who are prisoners of conscience and those imprisoned for their faith; that God will be with them at this time.

Charles Wesley

Sunday 15th Freedom Sunday - *‘Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night; your eye diffused a quickening ray – I woke, the dungeon flamed with light, my chains fell off my heart was free, I rose went forth and followed thee’. (StF 345)*

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

St Julian of Norwich - 14th Century

Monday 16th *‘God of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are sufficient for me... If I were to ask for anything less, I should always be in want, for in you alone I have everything’.*

St Teresa of Avila – 16th Century

Tuesday 17th *‘Let nothing disturb you, nothing alarm you: while all things fade away God is unchanging. Be patient and you will gain everything: for with God in your heart nothing is lacking, God meets your every need’.*

St Luke

Wednesday 18th *“In my first book I told you about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he ascended to heaven after giving the apostles further instructions from the Holy Spirit”. (Acts 1:1-2)*

Give thanks for the work and witness of Luke and the Gospel that bears his name and The Acts of the Apostles.

Thursday 19th *‘Stay with us, Lord; the day is almost over, and it is getting dark. (Luke 24:29)*

‘The Lord has really risen!’ (Luke 24:34 New Living Translation) ‘He is risen indeed. Alleluia!’ (MWB p274)

St Paul

Friday 20th *‘For two full years Paul stayed on in his rented lodgings welcoming all who came to visit. With full assurance, and without any hindrance whatever, Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about our Saviour Jesus Christ’. (Acts 28: 30-31)* Lord, give us the strength and purpose of St Paul as we serve you.

Fill us with your Spirit and develop our mission.

Saturday 21st Pray for the success of the ‘Clothes 4U’ clothes bank at Knaphill 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Sunday 22nd One World Week begins - Pray for the Circuit Service in aid of **All We Can** at Walton Methodist Church 6.30pm. All are welcome. (For further details see p16 *The Way Forward*)

Pray for the Worship and Mission at Guildford St Mary’s, Knaphill, Stoughton, and Sheerwater - and all who participate.

Billy Graham

Monday 23rd United Nations Day – Lord God, *“Give to all those to whom you have entrusted leadership today, a desire to seek your will and to do it”.*

Mother Teresa

Tuesday 24th *“Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere we go; flood our souls with your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be a radiance of yours”.*

Wednesday 25th *“Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I encounter may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see, not me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others”.*

Thursday 26th *“That light, O Jesus, will be all from you. None of it will be mine. It will be you shining on others through me. Let me praise you, in the way you love best by shining on those around me.”*

Friday 27th *“Lord Jesus, let me preach you, not with words, but by my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen”*

Saturday 28th.

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

Sunday 29th Bible Sunday – Lord we thank you for Holy Scripture, enable me to seek your Kingdom through Bible study.

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

Aiden of Lindisfarne - 7th Century Monk who walked wherever called to spread the Gospel

Monday 30th When he visited King Oswin, Aiden was given a royal horse. After leaving the castle he met a beggar and gave him the horse. *“Give to us, Lord, the peace of those who have learnt to serve you, the joy of those who are glad to obey you and the delight of those who rejoice in your praise.”*

John Wesley

Tuesday 31st *“Let me run the race that is set before me in the royal road of love. Let me keep an even pace rooted in the faith of the saints. Let me be grounded in true catholic love, until I am consumed by the fire of your grace for ever. Amen”.*

I pray, that in these prayers you find strength, encouragement and hope to support your mission for our Lord Jesus.
Amen

Graham