

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary March 2026

This month's prayer themes are based on Lent 2 – 5, Palm Sunday, World Day of Prayer, Mothering Sunday, St Patrick, Joseph of Nazareth, Passion, Palm Sunday.

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), Methodist Church Lent and Easter 2026 resources (L&E), The Wey Forward (TWF). Other sources are as noted.



The John Piper Tapestry behind the Altar in Chichester Cathedral symbolising the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All relevant to the themes this month.

Sunday March 1st Lent 2 Embrace the Spirit

Sit quietly near a window or door, where you can hear or watch the movement caused by the wind and pray: "Holy Spirit, blow where you will. Help me to be aware of you and feel your presence."

Prayer – May the Spirit who moves like the wind stir my soul today. May I be open to mystery, surprise and the gentle breath of God. Amen. *(From L&E)*

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Merrow 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am, 10.30am, Sheerwater 10.30am, Byfleet 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00 am, Woking Trinity – 10.30am English speaking Congregation - 1.30pm Chinese Congregation - 6.00pm Foundry Worship, and All who participate in the Worship by their presence or online.

Monday 2nd Over the next three days bearing in mind the theme of 'Embrace the Spirit;' *reflect and pray* on these words of Charles Wesley, as relevant today as when they were written over 300 years ago.

Abba Father of everlasting grace, your goodness and your truth I praise, your goodness and your truth I prove, you have in honour of your Son, the gift unspeakable sent down, the Spirit of life, and power, and love. (StF 378)

Tuesday 3rd *Send me the Spirit of your Son, to make the depths of Godhead known. To make me share the life divine; send them the sprinkled blood to apply, send them), my soul to sanctify, to bless and seal me with this sign.*

Wednesday 4th *So shall I pray and never cease, so shall I thankfully confess your wisdom, truth, and power and love, with joy unspeakable adore, and bless and praise you ever more, and serve you as your hosts above.*

Thursday 5th As we move from the thoughts and prayers of 'Embracing the Spirit' and approach the activities around the Methodist Modern Art Collection, **reflect on these words** by David Mowbray (StF 726 adapted):

Come to me, creative Spirit, in my Abba Father's house, every natural talent foster my hidden skills arouse, that within your earthly temple wise and simple may rejoice - be it poet, painter, music-maker, artist, actor, graceful dancer, whatever - enable my offering in celebration – to shout and sing.!

Word of God eternal springing, fill my mind, I pray. May the flame within me burning kindle yearning day by day.

Friday 6th [World Day of Prayer](#) Pray for the World Day of Prayer Service at Trinity Woking 10am, written by the Christian women of Nigeria. Other local services can be found [HERE](#)

Saturday 7th Reflect on these words of Pope Francis:

To be friends with God means to pray with simplicity, like children talking to their parents.

I learnt this simple prayer at the age of 4 in the beginners' class at Bromley Temple Salvation Army Corps. I have never forgotten it, and shared it with our own children and many others:

'A little star peeps over the hill the woods are quiet the birds are still the children clasp their hands in prayer for the Love of God is everywhere.'



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... At Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethany Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Calvary, the empty Tomb, also today Addlestone, Byfleet, Cranleigh, Godalming, Guildford St Mary's, Knaphill, Merrow, Sheerwater, Stoughton, Walton-on-Thames, West Horsley, Weybridge, Woking and with you! Amen

Sunday 8th Lent 3 Let go of scarcity, embrace abundance

Pour water into a cup until it overflows into a bowl. Take time to reflect on the sound of the water. Open your heart to God and pray – "Holy Spirit let your grace overflow in me."

Prayer – May the God of overflowing grace fill my soul today and enable me to share its joy with others. (Ibid)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Walton-on-Thames 10.00am, Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, Stoughton 10.30am, Godalming UC 10.30am, Weybridge 10.30am and all who participate in the Worship, in person or online.

Monday 9th Pray for the Ministry and Mission at St Mary's Guildford

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT! - METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION

Details at - www.htsmguildford.org/mmac-2026 (for further details see P8 TWF)

Tuesday 10th O Lord God, Creator of all, open my eyes to beauty and my mind to wonder, my ears to others and my heart to you through the skills of the Artist.

Wednesday 11th Pray for the exposition of 'A Journey through the Passion' with Prof. Ben Quash and Karen Case Green, 7pm at St Mary's Guildford (for further details see P10 TWF)

Thursday 12th Reflect on these words - as you read them try to picture them – *Adapted from (StF 272)*

From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered my world your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve, and give your life that I might live

There in the garden of tears my heavy load you chose to bear, your heart with sorrow was torn, “Yet, Abba Father, not my will but yours”, you said.

I see Jesus’ hands and his feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

Friday 13th *So let me learn how to serve and in my heart enthrone him, each other’s needs to prefer for it is Christ, I’m serving. This is my God, the Servant King, you call me now to follow him, to bring my life as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King. (Ibid)*



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Saturday 14th Pray for the Ministry of Practical Aspects of Spirituality, led by Rev. Paul Glass at St Mary’s Guildford 09.30-11.30 (for further details see TWF p14)

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Circuit Mission Supper at Trinity Woking 6.00pm for 6.30pm (for further details see P6 TWF)

Sunday 15th Lent 4 Let go of appearances, embrace what’s inside – Think about seeing others and yourself as God sees us. Pray that God who sees your heart will open your soul to compassion, and that you may recognise dignity in every face. *(Ibid)*

Mothering Sunday - A Prayer for those who mother.

Gracious, loving God, today, I give thanks for the gift of mothers and all who mother us—whether biologically, spiritually, or by acts of loving care. We are grateful for the peace they nurture in our lives, helping us to grow in love and faith. Amen. (Written by the Mother’s Union)

Monday 16th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of chaplaincy across the Circuit - in schools, the university, colleges, hospitals, care homes, HMP Send. Also, the work with families and other groups in the community who need help, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and support the chaplains in this important role. Amen.

Tuesday 17th St Patrick Reflect upon this prayer attributed to St Patrick – *I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, eye to watch, might to stay, and ear to harken to my need. The wisdom of my God to teach, and hand to guide. The Word of God to give me speech, the heavenly host to be my guard.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me,
Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

Wednesday 18th Reflect on this early prayer (2nd-4th) Century. It shows the unknown writer’s love for a personal God, even to the request that, like a child with a loving father, the writer be lifted into God’s arms:

Holy God, You have shown me light and life. You are stronger than any natural power. Accept the words from my heart that struggle to reach You. Accept the silent thoughts and prayers that I offer to You. Clear my mind of the clutter of useless facts. Bend down to me, and lift me in your arms. Make me holy as You are holy. Give me a voice to sing of Your love to others.

Thursday 19th Joseph of Nazareth – Jesus’s surrogate Father.

Loving Lord we give thanks for the example, faith, love and care of Joseph.

We look on Joseph’s roughened hands, his eyes are filled with tender joy, as he gently reaches for the child, this little scrap, this baby boy.

And could Mary and Joseph know? And could they guess of love’s responsibility, that hurt would mingle with the joy of human possibility? (from StF 219 Andrew Pratt)

Friday 20th Pray for the Ministry of a reflective hour, bringing together the paintings of From Darkness to Light with Poetry by Alwyn Marriage and music from cellist Annelies Terry.

7.30pm at St Mary’s Guildford. (For further details see page 20 TWF)

Saturday 21st Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm-4.00pm

Pray for the Ministry of a Poetry Recital, at Walton-on-Thames 3.00pm followed by tea and cake and a collection in aid of Mind.

Pray for the Ministry, Mission and Fun of the Messy Church, Easter Egg Trail at Godalming 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sunday 22nd Lent 5 Let go of despair embrace ‘repair’ – fresh hope; a recovery from despair. (*Oxford English Dictionary 1525*)

Reflect upon that meaning and recall any time of despair you have or are having.

Prayer “Unbind me, Lord, from despair. wrap me in hope and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of ‘An Afternoon with Rev Leslie Griffiths’ at St Mary’s Guildford at 2.30pm (For further details see P16 TWF)

Passion Sunday: For centuries celebrated by Christians; recently modified by some denominations and rejected by others, however a focus on it gives us the opportunity to prepare for the purpose of the Passion of Jesus.

Over the next three days reflect and pray as led by the Spirit on the following three roles of Jesus...

Monday 23rd Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares; sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord! – Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord! (StF 353)



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Tuesday 24th Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal in flesh, he came to die in pain on Calvary’s tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding – yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free. Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord! (Ibid)

Wednesday 25th Jesus is Lord! O’er sin the mighty conqueror, from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God sends the Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord! (Ibid)

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of 'A Door to the Holy' at St Mary's Guildford 7.00pm (For further information see P21 TWF)

Thursday 26th Reflect on: what are the challenges that God is making on your life that you find difficult.

Pray: Loving Lord grant me the grace to do your will, the strength to walk in your way, and the courage to fulfil your purposes of love for our world. Amen.

Friday 27th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere that the Hope, Light, Love and Power of the Spirit will shine through them to connect, comfort and support; bless their role as they play the part of good Samaritans. Amen.

Saturday 28th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Remember British Summertime begins tomorrow – clocks go forward 1 hour!

Sunday 29th Palm Sunday - Reflect upon 'What does it mean to follow the way of peace as Jesus did?

Whisper 'Hosanna' three times, each time imagining it as a cry for peace, not power. Jesus' power is rooted in gentleness, vulnerability and love. In a world of domination, we are called to follow the way of peace. Pray for Peace in your heart and be prepared to share it.

May the gentle King guide your soul in peace today. May your strength be clothed in kindness, and your steps follow the way of love. Amen (From L&E)

Pray for the Ministry of 'Shadows of the Cross' at St Mary's Guildford. (For further information see P 26 TWF)

Monday 30th Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Circuit and Church Administrators, Lay Workers (with the elderly, vulnerable adults, children groups), Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, Cleaners, any other Volunteers who give their time and talents in our Circuit and all those who share in Worship - in person or online.

Tuesday 31st Eternal God, in your tender love for me you sent your Son, to take human flesh and to suffer death on a cross. Grant that I may follow the example of his great humility, and love as I share in glory of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen. *(adapted from p 219/5 MWB)*

May God our Abba Father, Jesus our Saviour and the Holy Spirit richly bless you this Easter. **AMEN**



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