

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary May 2026 – Part 1

This month's prayers are based on the themes – Summer, World Red Cross Day, Christian Aid Week, Ascension Day and Pentecost, Aldersgate Day and The Trinity.



Blossom in South London

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 Methodist Prayer Handbook, MPH - Methodist Worship Book, MWB Other resources are as noted.

Friday 1st The Apostles James and Philip: Give thanks for the work, witness and writings of the Apostles James and Philip and reflect on these words of James: *'My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.'* (James 1:2-4)

May Day – the first day of Summer: *Reflect on these words adapted from No. 493 in 'The School Hymn Book of the Methodist Church – published 1911. 'In summer fields are grasses green which ripple like the seas, and flowers as thick as stars at night, and butterflies and bees; While overhead the birds sing and up soars the tireless lark, and mouse and mole thread through burrows cool and dark'.*



Bluebells at Hatchlands

Saturday 2nd 'In woods where squirrels dart and spring are trees as tall as towers and many a bough with leafy twigs a rounded nest embowers. Here flies the magpie, woodpecker, and rook; while rabbit and hedgehog emerge from the safety of their nook. The swans nesting, a loving pair, who share the cygnet's care.

Now render thanks to God, for none but God could form a world so full of loveliness. Give Praise to God who made all things that be – O lift up your heart and song and glorify God's name'. (Doris M Gill)

For me living on Goldsworth Park, where within a ten-minute walk you are on the lakeside among the trees – these words have so much relevance today. I thank you God for that beauty and care – Graham.

Sunday 3rd 5th Sunday of Easter: Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am and 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am and all who participate in it.

Vocations Sunday: Give thanks and pray for those whose Vocation is to serve our Lord in many ways – as Ministers, Deacons, Chaplains, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Church and Circuit Administrators,

Lay workers (with the elderly, vulnerable adults, young people, and children), Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, Cleaners, Volunteers in House and Prayer Groups and Bible Studies, Clothes and Food Banks, and any others who give their time and talents in our Circuit and District.

Monday 4th As we move into the 'Summer Season' think upon these words and use each verse as a daily prayer... 'Great is your Faithfulness, my Abba Father, there is no shadow of turning with you, you do not change, your compassion never fails. As you have been forever you will be'.

Tuesday 5th 'Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to your great faithfulness, mercy and love'. (*Based on STF 51*)

Wednesday 6th 'Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings al mine with ten thousand beside'. (*Ibid*)

Thursday 7th 'Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed your hand has provided. Great is your faithfulness, loving God to me'. (*Ibid*)

Friday 8th World Red Cross Day – A prayer for the Red Cross and Red Crescent...

I ask your blessing loving God, for organisations which provide support in areas of our world affected by conflict and natural disasters. Watch over those who risk their lives for those in need. Amen (*Victoria Lorenzato – amended*)

Saturday 9th As we reflect on the work of Red Cross/Crescent and Christian Aid, **pray, in your own way** for world peace, particularly for those Christians across the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

Sunday 10th 6th Sunday of Easter – [Christian Aid Week](#) begins

Pray for the work and witness of Christian Aid across the world.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Chinese Congregation, Foundry Worship 6.00pm, and all who participate.

Monday 11th In this moment, pray for a lasting peace in the Middle East.

From Embrace the Middle East's 7 Days of Prayer, Keep Hope Alive:

Pray for an immediate easing of violence and for God's protection over all who are living in fear – those displaced, those unable to move, and communities on the front line "*The Lord give strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace*" Psalm 29: 11

Tuesday 12th In this moment, pray for peace in Ukraine.

Wednesday 13th In this moment, pray for peace across the world.

Thursday 14th Ascension Day

Pray: I sing the praise of Jesus, of my ascending Lord; the triumph of my Saviour, of Christ the Son of God. Rejoicing in Christ's promise I wait in prayer and praise, the Spirit sent from heaven to set the earth ablaze – with love'. (from StF 315: 1a, 2a)

Friday 15th Jesus said – 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Pray for that peace. The peace that passes all understanding.

Pray, Lord make me a channel of your peace wherever I am. Amen. (From John 14:27)

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

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