

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary June 2026 – Part II, written by Graham Warr

This month's prayers are based on the themes: Magnificat – Mary's Song of Praise, Barnabas the Apostle, World Refugee Week, Methodist Homes Sunday, and Father's Day and the Feast of Peter the Apostle (both in Part II).

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.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Remember** – Matthew 2:13-14 – Bethlehem: After the Wise Men had left Bethlehem Joseph the Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said – “Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; For Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt. [...making them all refugees].

Pray for all those who are forced to flee in fear from their secure homes under threat of death.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Everyone** is entitled to feel safe in their homes – pray for those who are homeless and for the churches and other organisations that provide help and support.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Families** pray for families separated by conflict, that they may be reunited.

Sadly, a very true story from when I worked in London...he was a ten-year-old boy, the Head called me to her office and introduced me to him and his adult sister.

He was in school when terrorists barged in, opened fire with submachine guns firing indiscriminately, the teacher and all the other children were killed. He was sitting at the back of the classroom hiding behind an upturned table.

The terrorists left thinking there were no survivors. He waited until darkness and climbed out of a window and made his way safely to his grandmother's house. Discreetly she took him in and gave him shelter.

Grandma contacted his older sister who was married and living in the UK. Papers were obtained so that he could go to live with her family and attend school. He was very nervous at first but settled in well and an absolute joy to teach!

Pray for those who have lost their children in whatever way and reflect on these words – Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, do not stop them; for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Understand** each other in love and compassion.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> GEE** God sees Everyone as Equal: pray as the Spirit leads you. Amen.



*Openverse, Melbourne 2013.*

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the Ministry and Mission through **Clothes4U** at **Knaphill** 2.00pm – 4pm.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary Sunday – Collect for Sanctuary Sunday:**

Migrant God, free from borders, your presence scans all creation.

You take sanctuary in us, in you is our eternal sanctuary.

We behold you in community with those uprooted from their homes by war, poverty, persecution and extreme weather, especially those who make their way to these shores on small boats.

Be the shelter of their lives. Bless their courage and resilience in seeking freedom and sanctuary.

Bring us to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary for all; Community where there is conflict; Compassion where there is cruelty; Humanity where there is hatred; Hospitality where there is hostility; And so, to practice and proclaim hope, in the Name of Christ. Amen.

(Rev'd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, methodist minister and founder of [City of Sanctuary UK](#))

Pray for the Ministry, Mission and Worship at Byfleet 10.30am, Godalming 10.30am, Guildford St Marys 8.00am, 10.30am, Sheerwater St Michael's 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30 am, and all who participate in worship by their presence in person or online.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** *May the God of hope go with me every day, filling my life with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed me on my way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. (adapted from StF 411)*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Lord, praying, let me work for tolerance and peace; singing, share my joy with all; working for a world that's new, and faithful when I hear your call. (Ibid)*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** *God be my Shepherd as I go on my way, do not forsake me when I go astray. Even though the load of life is hard to bear I must not forget that you, God, are always there. (Ibid)*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** **[Methodist Conference begins](#)**: Pray for the work of the Conference as it endeavours to seek God's guidance for the Methodist Church. Amen.

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 and Volunteers (with the elderly, vulnerable adults, and 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.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**: Pray for the Mission and Ministry of the **[Annual White Chapel Collection](#)** at Godalming.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the **[Coffee Morning at Knaphill](#)** 10.00am- 12.00 noon.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry, Mission and Worship at **Knaphill Church Anniversary and Faith Lunch** from 10.00am, West Horsely 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and All who participate in worship.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Peter the Apostle**: *What a God we have! How fortunate we are, to have such a God, this Abba Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for including a future in heaven! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all – life healed and whole. (From 1 Peter 2-5 The Message)*

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit in schools, colleges, the University, hospitals, care homes, and HMP Send; also, those who work with families and other groups within the community who need help, that the power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen and support them as they follow their calling in your name.

*May the light of God surround you; the love of God enfold you; the power of God protect you, the presence of God be always with you, for wherever you are, so is God. (Adapted from Abundant Blessings, The Leprosy Mission)*

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