

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary July 2026 – Part II

Sunday 19th Rural Missions Sunday (Deferred from 12th July)

Thanking the rural stars in our community......farmers, volunteers, shopkeepers and neighbours who contribute to the life and wellbeing of villages, hamlets and valleys.

Reflect on these words of the late John Arlott (1914-1991) and give thanks for those who work with our Creator God to make it happen,

'God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give; take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that all may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain , all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.

All the labour, all the watching, all the calendar of care in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer'. (StF 122)



From a few years ago... young wheat, oats and barley struggling against heavy August downpours of rain/hail in Northamptonshire. The farmer and their fellow workers will work to rescue the crops.

While we only dashed 200 metres for shelter in our warm and dry holiday Canal Boat.



Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at: Cranleigh 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am and 10.30am, Sheerwater 10.30 am, West Horsley 10.00 am, and All who participate by their presence in person or online.

Pray for the Circuit Farewell Service at Merrow 3.00pm for those Ministers who are 'sitting down' or moving on; that God may richly bless them as they move forward.

Monday 20th Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all Ministers, those remaining in the Circuit, and the new Superintendent Minister— Rev Paul Tabraham, for the Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Circuit and Church Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, Cleaners, and all other Volunteers who give their time and talents in our Circuit, and All those who share in Worship - in person or online.

Tuesday 21st God's Beautiful World

'God looked over everything created; it was so good, so very good!'
(from The Message, Genesis 1:31a)

Loving God, I praise you for the wonderful things which you have given to me: the beautiful sun, the rain which makes things grow. For the woods and the fields, the sea and the sky, the flowers and the birds and for all your gifts to me, everything around me rejoices. Give me a thankful heart and help me to take care of your world. Amen.
(From the Lion Book of Children's Prayers, Lion Publishing)

Wednesday 22nd Mary Magdalen

Reflect prayerfully on these words: What do we know of Mary Magdalene?

The following is from a blog post written by the American Lutheran Minister Nadia Bolz Weber which I found to be challenging and inspiring.

"(Mary) was familiar with darkness; after all— Luke tells us that it is from Mary Magdalen that Jesus cast out 7 demons. Then having been freed from her demons she followed Jesus and as the text tells us, even supported the ministry from her own pocketbook. And at the end it was Mary Magdalen who did not deny Jesus - nor betray Jesus - or high tail it out when things got rough, but she was just one of a small group of faithful women – (Mary the Mother of Jesus, his Mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas) who stood at the cross.

After Jesus died, it was Mary who came to his tomb, while it was still dark. In some ways Mary Magdalen is like, the patron saint of just showing up.

Because showing up means being present to what is real, what is actually happening. She didn't necessarily know what to say or what to do or even what to think...but none of that is really as important as the fact that she just showed up! *(At this point Jesus gave her the task to go and tell the disciples and others that he was risen!)*

I think she would show up and tell us that despite it all, despite the violence and fear that it's still always worth it to love God and to love people and always, always it is worth it to sing alleluia. For surely the devil hates the sound of it."

[Sermon About Mary Magdalen, The Massacre In Our Town, And Defiant Alleluias | Nadia Bolz Weber.](#)

(Comments in parenthesis from the Gospels - added by Graham Warr)



Mary Madalen reading, altarpiece by Rogier van der Weyden, National Gallery

Thursday 23rd Following on from the role and witness of Mary Magdalen reflect on these words from (StF 92)

'Think of a world without any worship, think of a God without his only Son, think of a cross without resurrection, only a grave and not a victory won;

I, thank you, Lord, for showing me my Saviour; I thank you Lord, and praise your holy name'.

Friday 24th 'Thanks to you Lord for being here with me, thanks be to you for sharing all I do,

I give thanks for my Church and all the love I find there, thanks for its place and all its promise true. I thank you, Lord, for life in all its richness; I thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.' *Ibid*

Saturday 25th James the Apostle – According to the New Testament, James was the son of Zebedee, a fisherman in the Sea of Galilee at the time of Jesus. He felt God calling him to follow Jesus as his disciple and became one of the

twelve apostles. His faith was true and he never doubted the Lord, having witnessed various miracles, including Jesus's appearance on the shores of Lake Tiberias, and His resurrection. (*The Complete Bible Handbook, John Bowker, Dorling and Kingsley 1998.*)

Reflect on these words from the Epistle of James – You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters – let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. (James 1:19-20)

Sunday 26th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at: Knaphill 10.30 am, Stoughton 10.30 am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00 am, and All who participate by their presence in person or online.

Monday 27th Back on the 19th we reflected on Rural Mission and caring for our environment. Now reflect on these words by Doreen E Newport as we move through the week (*Stf 92*)

'Think of a world without any flowers, think of a wood without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine, think of the air without any breeze;
I thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine, I thank you, Lord, and praise your Holy name
Think of a world without any animals, think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes, think of a dawn without any bird, I thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,
I thank you, Lord, and praise your Holy name.

Tuesday 28th

Think of a world without any paintings, think of a room where all the walls are bare,
Think of a rainbow without any colours, think of the earth with darkness everywhere;
I thank you, Lord, for paintings and for colours; I thank you Lord and praise your Holy name.
Think of a world without any poetry, think of a book without any words, think of a song without any music think of a hymn without any verse, I thank you, Lord, and praise your Holy name

Wednesday 29th

Think of a world without any science, think of a journey with nothing to explore,
Think of a quest without any mystery, nothing to seek and nothing left in store;
I thank you, Lord, for miracles of science; I thank you, Lord, and praise your Holy name.
Think of a world without any people, think of a bombed street with no-one living there,
Think of a town with many desperate people, with no-one to love and nobody to care,
I thank you, Lord, for caring, serving helpers, I thank you Lord and praise your holy name

Thursday 30th

Think of a world without any worship, think of a God without his only Son, think of a cross without resurrection, only a grave and not a victory won;
I thank you, Lord, for showing me my Saviour; I thank you, Lord, and praise your Holy name.
Give thanks to our Lord for being here among us, thanks be to him sharing all we do. Give thanks for my Church, and all the love I find here.
I thank you, Lord, for life in all its richness, I thank you Lord, and praise your holy name'.

Friday 31st As we come to the end of a month of reflection on Farming, Nature, Children, our World, Apostles and Saints who have served you, even to death, take some time to reflect on these words from Isaiah and how you could respond; *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us' (Isaiah 6:8)*

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people – children and adults in physical, emotional and spiritual needs, in my heart and prayers. Amen!