

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary - August 2026 Part I written by Graham Warr

The theme for this first half of the month are the Beatitudes - with adapted excerpts from Nadia-Bolz Weber's ['Benediction'](#).

Saturday 1st - Loving Lord, as we look back over the past weeks, we have seen so much pain - epidemics, fire, earthquake, starvation, aggression, war. We are bemused and confused, asking why? Our prayers appear to go unanswered and we don't understand. Yet we know you are hurting too – **we pray for your presence in our hearts and minds as we seek understanding.**

Lord, fill us with your love for our world as we reflect on what you are calling us to do through the Beatitudes.

Sunday 2nd Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at: Merrow 10.30 am, Guildford St. Mary's 8.00 am and 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.00am English Speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Chinese Speaking Congregation, 6.00pm Foundry Worship, and All who participate by their presence in person or online.

Monday 3rd The Beatitudes 1

Matthew 5:1-12 - 'When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak and taught them'.

Nadia Bolz-Weber's Benediction powerfully reflects on how Jesus may have spoken today.

I have adapted the language in one or two verses but the text is hers.

Respond in prayer as the Spirit leads

*- Blessed are the unemployed, the unimpressive, the underrepresented.
Blessed are the meek, – you are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.*

Tuesday 4th Beatitudes 2–
*Blessed are the wrongly accused and those for whom life is hard, for Jesus chose to surround himself with them. Blessed are those with no documentation and no-one to represent them.
Remember Jesus himself with Mary and Joseph were undocumented refugees.*



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Wednesday 5th Beatitudes 3 - <i>Blessed are foster children, children with special needs and all who want to feel safe and loved, and those young victims of gang warfare. For Jesus called the children to come to him for 'of such are the kingdom of heaven'.</i>	Thursday 6th Beatitudes 4 – <i>Blessed are the dedicated social workers, the overworked teachers, the pro-bono lawyers, the kind hearted sportsmen and women who raise funds to support others.</i>	Friday 7th Pray for Messy Church with BYO Picnic Lunch 10.30am – 12.30pm at Godalming – Bible based fun for all the family – with a “Party Time” theme – a Godalming Staycation event – messy.church@guc.org.uk
Saturday 8th Beatitudes 5 – <i>Blessed are those who step between those being verbally and/or physically abused, Those who are never noticed, adults and children who sit alone.</i> <i>Blessed are those who are spiritually impoverished and uncertain.</i>	 Snip from Openverse image: Art4TheGlryOfGod by Sharon	Sunday 9th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at: Addlestone 10.30am, Weybridge 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, and All who participate by their presence in person or online.
Monday 10th Beatitudes 6 – <i>Blessed are those who believe they have nothing to offer and those who are poor in Spirit. You too are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.</i>	Tuesday 11th Beatitudes 7 - <i>Blessed are those who mourn and have buried loved ones, whose tears could fill an ocean. Blessed are those who have loved enough to know what loss feels like.</i>	<i>Blessed are those who have suffered the pains of miscarriage and could not have children. You are of heaven, and Jesus blesses you.</i>
Wednesday 12th Beatitudes 8 <i>- Blessed are the forgotten, the bedridden, those receiving care, and their carers.</i>	Thursday 13th - Beatitudes 9 <i>Blessed are those who forgive, especially those who have been emotionally and or physically abused.</i>	Friday 14th <i>Blessed are you, when you reach out to love and serve God.</i> Saturday 15th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm.