

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

September 2026 Part I written by Graham Warr

The prayer themes for the start of September are Holiness and Hope.

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 the Methodist Prayer Handbook – MPH, Methodist Worship Book, - MWB. Other sources are as noted.

Tuesday 1st Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Tea and Talk Café at Godalming, 11am,

with CHD Living. A dementia-friendly, community space for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wednesday 2nd - Holiness 1

Reflect on these words by William Longstaff; (from SBSA, 458).

Ask yourself, do I respond as the Spirit Leads?

Reflect in prayer...

Take time to be holy, often speak with your Lord; Abide in God always, and feed on God's word... Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.

Thursday 3rd - Holiness 2

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone; By looking to Jesus, like him you shall be. Others in your conduct his likeness will see (Ibid).

Friday 4th Godalming Friday Lunch

12.00-1.30pm – modestly priced home-cooked food in support of local charities.

Saturday 5th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill, 10am in aid of [KSS Air Ambulance Trust](#).

Sunday 6th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Knaphill 10.00am and the Welcome Service for Rev Paul Tabraham at 6.00pm, Byfleet 10.30am, Sheerwater 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am and All who participate in-person or online.

Monday 7th - Holiness 3

Take time to be holy, let God be your guide, don't run before God whatever betide; in joy or in sorrow still follow your Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word (Ibid).

Tuesday 8th - Holiness 4

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul; each thought and each motive beneath God's control, thus led by the Spirit to fountains of love, You soon shall be fitted for service above (Ibid).

Wednesday 9th Holiness 5 –

Reflect on these words by Charles Wesley (StF 550)

Use them as a prayer.

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue, you, only you, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do. The task your wisdom has assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil, in all my works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.

Thursday 10th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee and Cake Morning at Merrow from 10.30am, and the talk by Dr Ang Swee Cha (11am) in aid of AL-AHLI Hospital – GAZA.

Friday 11th Holiness 6

May I set You at my right hand, your eyes my inmost substance see and labour on at your command and offer all my works to you. Give me to bear your easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and

Friday 11th cont. *hasten to your glorious day; For you delightfully employ whatever your bounteous grace has given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with you to heaven (Ibid).*

Saturday 12th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Cream Team at Godalming, 2.30pm in aid of the Gambia Ophthalmic project.

Sunday 13th Education Sunday
Pray for all those who serve in any form of education to bring the Gospel of Love to others -
from the youngest to the oldest, and to you.

Lord, Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart, teach me to move in the power of your Spirit; teach me to walk in the light of your presence. Teach me to love with your heart of compassion, teach me to trust in the word of your promise, teach me to hope in the day of your coming, teach me to dance to the beat of your heart (StF 477, Graham Kendrick and Steve Thompson).



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Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Stoughton 10.30am, Godalming 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30am (English speaking), 1.30pm (Chinese speaking), 6.00pm Foundry Worship, and All who participate in-person or online.

Monday 14th - Hope

When we see and hear about what is happening in the world we are often shocked and disturbed - forest fires, earthquakes, volcanos, violence everywhere. Our souls cry out 'Why Lord? Where are you, Lord'?

Recently I was preaching locally and one of the Lectionary readings was Matthew 14:22-23 where after feeding 'the five thousand' the human Jesus is exhausted and sends the crowds away, he also tells his disciples to go back to the boat. He goes to a mountain and talks to God.

Meanwhile a storm crosses the water and begins to flood the boat. The disciples struggle to keep the boat afloat. Jesus appears walking on the water. The disciples panic, they think it's a ghost, then they recognise Jesus and Peter, hearing his call, jumps into the sea. Initially he is ok, then he looks down and panics. Jesus reaches out and rescues him. and chides 'You of little faith why did you doubt? They join the others in the boat and the storm ceases.



Image: 'Ship' sculpture by Anna Gillespie, Half Moon Bay Heysham, August 2026.

Reflect on the following words and pray in faith as led by the Spirit. *All my hope on God is founded; Father, Son and Spirit they do still my trust renew. Through change and chance, they guide me, only good and only true. They call my heart to be God's own. (from StF 455 v 1)*

Tuesday 15th from Colin Fergusson, Stf 629

Loving God, of my faith, I offer you my doubt, for life at times seems far too dark for me, and my belief becomes more insecure, when worldly cares produce uncertainty.

God of my hope, I offer you my fear, when I am scared by my anxiety, when all I hear is suffering and woe, help me to remember in all my shadows you are walking with me.

Wednesday 16th

God of my joy, I offer you my grief, when I sink down in sadness or despair, when in depression I cannot be touched, I pray in all my depths to find you there.

God of my love, I offer you my pain, when I'm alone and feel nobody cares, in aching age or in rejected youth, you bear my cross and dry my human tears (Ibid).

Thursday 17th

God of my life, I offer you my dreams, light in the darkness where I hide from view, light in my faith, my hope, my joy and love, light in my life and all my life in you (Ibid).



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Friday 18th From words by John Wesley.

In you, O Lord, I put my trust, mighty, merciful and just; I rest in your almighty power, the name of Jesus is my power. You can and will be my helper; my confidence is all in you, the faithful God – Father, Son and Spirit of love.

Saturday 19th. From StF 67, Joseph Hart

Whatever maybe – you, you, are the God I adore, my faithful, unchangeable friend, your love is as great as your power and neither knows measure or end. Tis Jesus, the first and the last, whose Spirit shall guide me safe home; I'll praise you for all that is passed and trust you for all that is to come. Amen.

Part II will be available before Sunday 20th September 2026.

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