

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

### October 2026 Part I written by Graham Warr

**The themes this month are Homelessness, and Prisons Week.**

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 are from the Methodist Prayer Handbook – MPH, Methodist Worship Book, - MWB.

#### Thursday 1 - Saturday 3 October

Pray for the OUR TIME 2 exhibition at St Mary's. This was an exhibition of art created by female prisoners at HMP Send.

#### Reflection for Friday 2 October

Think of a world without any paintings, think of a room where all the rooms 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.  
(Doreen Newport StF 92v3)

#### Saturday 3 October

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere; that the Hope, Light, Love and Power of the Spirit will shine through them to connect, comfort, support and bless those they serve. Amen.

#### Sunday 4 October

Pray for the Mission, Ministry and Worship at: Addlestone 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00 am & 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am (Harvest Festival), Godalming 10.30am (Harvest Festival) and all who worship with their presence in person or online.

#### Homeless Sunday - Reflection

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem; as he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the Inn; (therefore they were homeless!) (Luke 1:4-7)  
When Herod saw that he had been tricked, by the wise men, he was infuriated and had ordered all children who were two years old to be murdered. An angel appeared to Joseph, in a dream, and said; Get up, take the child, and his mother, and flee to Egypt. **Jesus was a refugee.**



Kelly Latimore wood print.  
'refugees la Sagrada Familia'

#### Monday 5 October

Pray for those organisations who seek to assist the homeless, in various ways, that they may to continue their work in these difficult economic and challenging times – particularly think of those organisations that you support.

#### Tuesday 6 October

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope many despair. Your voice alone has power to save us, Make me your living voice.  
Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirsty. Make me your bread broken for others shared until all are fed.

**Wednesday 7 October**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make me your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let me be a servant to one another, making your kingdom come.

(Bernadette Farrell StF 706)

**Thursday 8 October**

Lord Jesus, show me how to stand for justice: how to work for what is right, how to challenge

false assumptions, how to walk within the light. May I learn to share more freely in a world so full of greed, showing your immense compassion by the life I choose to lead.

**Friday 9 October**

Gladly to embrace a lifestyle modelled on your living word, in humility submitting to the truth which I have heard. Make me conscious of your presence every day in all I do; by your Spirit's gracious prompting may I learn to walk with you.

(Martin Leckebusch StF 713)

**Saturday 10 October**

Lord, arm me with your Spirit's might, since I am called by your great name; in you let all my thoughts unite, of all my works be you the aim; your love attend me all my days, and my sole business be your praise.

**Sunday 11 October** [Prisons Week](#)

Pray for the Mission, Ministry and Worship at Byfleet 10.30am, Sheerwater 10.30am, and Walton-on-Thames 10.00 am.

**Monday 12 October**

In the New Testament we read of Peter, Paul, Silas, James and many others over the years who were unjustly imprisoned for their faith. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was one such person. He was brutally executed by the Nazis.

I did a study on him at College many years ago and have a copy of one of his books of daily prayers which I find very helpful.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer Stained Glass, St Johannes Basilikum, Berlin (Open Verse image)

Today there are many Christians and Prisoners of Conscience who are falsely imprisoned for their faith/beliefs - pray that God will be with them with love.

**Tuesday 13 October**

Pray for those in our circuit who act as Chaplains and Lay Visitors, who meet with prisoners in Send Prison.

That they, filled with the Holy Spirit will build positive relationships with those they visit as they tell of God's love and forgiveness.

**Wednesday 14 October**

There are others who are imprisoned and need our love and support. Pray for those you know who are imprisoned by doubts as was the disciple Thomas, that they may, through prayer, loving support and encouragement find certainty in that support.

**Thursday 15 October**

Pray for those you know who are imprisoned by worries; that they find, encouragement and hope through the love of Jesus.

**Friday 16 October**

Pray for those you know who are imprisoned by loneliness that you may, through human contact, enable them to build relationships with yourself and others.

*Come, let us tell of a wonderful love, tender and true; out of the heart of our Lord, Saviour and Empowerer streaming to them and to you.*  
(Walmsley 1900).

**Saturday 17 October**

Pray for the Mission and Ministry of the [Clothes 4 U](#)