

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary June 2025

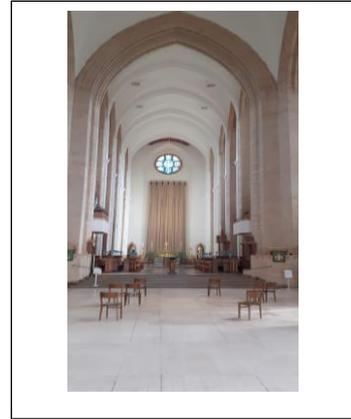
This month's prayers are based on the themes Pentecost, MHA Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Apostles - Barnabas, Peter, Paul, World Refugee Week, Sanctuary Sunday, John the Baptist, The Methodist Way of Life.

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 – Methodist Prayer Handbook, MWB Methodist Worship Book Other resources are as noted.



### *Pentecost*

Guildford Cathedral – the Tapestry and East Window, both dedicated, as is the Cathedral, to the Holy Spirit.



*The Holy Trinity* – Tapestry by John Piper, Chichester Cathedral

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** – Eternal God, you have given all authority in heaven and on earth to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that I may never lose the vision of your kingdom but serve you with hope and joy through him who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (MSB 544)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10,30am, Merrow 10.30am St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, West Horsley 10,00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Food for thought** – from [A Methodist Way of Life](#) – 'Notice'

Pray - Lord you are my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear? You are the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid? (from Psalm 27:1)

**Reflect 'Where did you notice God last week and where might you notice God this week?'**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Tell'** – Pray – Lord, I have your gospel to proclaim the good news for all – the gospel of a Saviour's name, to sing his glory, tell Christ's worth. (From StF 418 Edward Burns)

Lord Jesus help me this week to tell what I think of Jesus, a friend so strong and true, who changed my life completely, and did something that no other friend could do, No one ever cared for me like Jesus, there's no other friend so kind as He. No one else could take the sin and darkness from me, O how much he cares for me and you. (C F Weigle Crusade Song Book)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 'Worship'** – *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord", (Psalm 122:1) and "Two men went up to the temple to pray (worship) one prayed thus – 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers or even like this tax-collector (then listed all the 'good things' he did, The tax collector, could not look up to heaven but was berating himself sating, God be merciful to me a sinner!'*

**Reflect upon this parable and pray for yourself as the Spirit leads.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 'Care' - Reflection and Prayer** - Jesus is calling to us all, who call ourselves Christians, saying: When I need a neighbour, am hungry and thirsty, cold and naked, need a shelter, a healer, a friend - are you there?

For I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, borne my peoples pain, tended the poor and lame – have you responded? Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling – I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. *(From Matthew 25:31-40, Sydney Carter 256 StF, Daniel Schutte 663 Ibid,)*

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 'Challenge' - Pray** – Forth in your name, O **Lord I go**, my daily labour to pursue, you, only you resolve 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. Give me to bear your easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to your glorious day. Amen *(Charles Wesley Stf 550 vv 1,2,4)*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 'Live' – Reflection** – Don't assume that God's dismissed you from his mind, don't assume that God's forgotten to be kind; For no matter what you do, God's love still follows you, don't think that you have left God far behind. Don't assume you cannot give what God demands, Don't assume that God condemns you out of hand. For God gives to those who ask, grace for every task. Don't think that God will fail to understand. For God's love remains the same, God knows you by your name. Don't think because you failed God, God despairs. for God plans for you in love for and still cares. *(John Gowans, The Salvation Army Songs of Faith)*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost** - Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples with the wind from heaven and with tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: send me out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love.; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(MSB 545)*

**Methodist Homes Sunday** – Pray for the work and witness of MHA in these difficult times, through its staff, volunteers, chaplains and especially our brother in Christ - Sam Monaghan. Amen.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Stoughton 10.30am,  
Woking Trinity 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Cantonese speaking Congregation, Foundry Worship 6.00pm, Walton-on-Thames 3,30pm Pet Service. And all who participate.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 'Serve'** – Lord take my life and use it to serve you. Take my time to share your love with the unloved. Take my hands to reach and touch the untouchable, Take my feet to walk the second mile with the disabled, Take my voice to express your love through practical advice and support with those who cannot speak for themselves. Take my wealth and help me to share it where it is needed. Take my intellect and show me how to use it to share your love in my thoughts, words and actions. Lord, here I am – take and use me to serve you unconditionally, empowered by the Holy Spirit! *(Based upon StF 566 and Isaiah 6:8)*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 'Share' – Reflection** 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish - Jesus took the loaves and fish and shared them with the crowd – No one went home hungry! *(John 6:9)*

**Prayer** - Lord Jesus enable me to share love where there is anger and hatred, pardon, healing where there is injury, faith where there is doubt, where there is despair, hope, darkness light, sadness – joy. *(StF 707 from the Prayer of St Francis)*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 'Flourish': Reflect** on - Lord, in the secret of your presence, where the pure of heart may dwell, are the springs of sacred service and a power that none can tell. There my love must bring its offering, there my heart must yield its praise, and you, Lord will come, revealing all the secrets of your ways.

**Pray** - 'Blessed Lord, to see you truly, then to tell as I have seen, this shall rule my life supremely, this shall be the sacred gleam. First to know you, then to serve you, that all may see you as you are. In the secret of your presence, in the sharing of your power, let me love you, let me serve you, every consecrated hour.

*(Albert Orsborn former General, Salvation Army)*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 'Learn' – Pray** – Teach me, my God and King, to see you in everything I do and say *(from StF 668,1 George. Herbert)*

Wonderful love come into my heart, and abide. Lifting my life, till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride – constantly seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of you, from you. Amen. *(StF 443 Robert Walmsley)*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 'Open' Reflect upon these 'openhearted/handed' responses and pray as you are led by the Spirit:**

When it was evening, Joseph of Arimathea, went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. Herod consented and Joseph, with support from Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene and another Mary took Jesus' body to the tomb Joseph had prepared for his own burial. (*The four Gospels*)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Dorcas/Tabitha. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity (*Acts 9:36a*).

In Phillippi, a certain woman name Lydia who was a worshipper of God was listening to Paul and Silas. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what they were saying and, with her household she became baptized. She invited Paul and Silas to come and stay at her home – which they accepted. (*Acts 16:13-15*)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Trinity 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend.**

**6.30pm Anniversary Show** for free tickets please contact [sixtytrinity@yahoo.com](mailto:sixtytrinity@yahoo.com)

Bring your own Refreshments (no alcoholic drinks are allowed on the premises)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday** – Abba Father, you have created all things and through Christ revealed your salvation in all the world. Give me a vision of your glory and by your Holy Spirit fill me with life and love that I may praise and serve you through Jesus Christ my Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen. (MWB p546)

**Pray for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service at Woking Trinity led by Rev Anna Carrington, who trained in our Circuit.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Refugee Week begins – Reflection – Day One: - Joseph, Mary and Jesus - After the 'Wise Men' left an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. (Matthew 2:13-14) How would you react in this situation?**

**Pray** - for all those, for whatever reason, become refugees. It is a vast number to pray for.

This week, every day, think of a refugee or displaced person you may know, or a Refugee Aid organisation, and pray for them.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Day Two – Ruth** – *'Naomi said to Ruth, See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods.; return after your sister-in-law. But Ruth said, Do not press me to leave you or turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge. I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God... So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem'* (Ruth 1:15-19a)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Day Three - Obi** (Not his real name) Came into my Year Six class at short notice – he had come from Africa. His story is raw. He had been in his classroom working when guerrillas armed with machine guns opened fire and maliciously sprayed the children with bullets. Obi was sitting at the back and during the mayhem his table along with others was turned over and he was able to crawl behind it for shelter and was not noticed. All the other children were killed including their teacher. Obi waited until darkness and then climbed out of a window just behind him. He crawled back to his Grandma's house where she hid him, and contacted relatives in London who obtained documentation for him to go and live with them. Obviously, he was very subdued and edgy when he came, to us. Only the Head, the School Counsellor and I knew the full details. Obi transferred to Secondary School and made good progress.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Day Four:** I stood at the Bus Stop waiting to go home when a young lady, who I had taught a few years before, stopped to say hello. She and her older sister had come to London from Somalia as refugees from the fighting. She wanted to tell me that she had just been given an apprenticeship at a local Solicitors and hoped to become a lawyer. Her sister had qualified as a Doctor and was now a GP. It was such a pleasure to share in their success, considering their recent past.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> World Refugee Day: Victor** (not his real name) came to the school during Year Five. He had a wonderful smile and sense of humour to go with it. In year six he became the star of the Erd of Year Musical Production written by a local composer/playwright about David and Goliath. Victor had a small part as Goliath's servant and stole the show with his humour and play acting. The had the audience in stitches. The last time I saw him was when my daughter and I accompanied him home on the bus and he was met at the bus stop. We wished him well at his new Secondary School – he left us with a cheeky grin and a wave.

Shortly after he transferred to Secondary school I was called to see the Head as she had received a note from the Secondary School asking if we could urgently write a report about Victor, as they had heard the family were under threat of deportation. I did so that evening and passed it on. We heard from the Secondary School that our reports were being reviewed by the Immigration Office. Three days later I was informed by a very distressed Head, who was also a practicing Christian, that on the night before, Immigration Officers had broken into the accommodation and

arrested the family and within twenty-four hours they had all been deported. I have never heard what happened after. I often think of Victor and his joyful personality and remember him in my prayers.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> St Mary's Guildford** 9,30am – 12 noon (Refreshments from 9.15am)

**Practical Aspects of Christianity – Wesleyan Spirituality** – 'real Christians' not 'almost Christians'

Led by Rev Allan Taylor

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> [Sanctuary Sunday](#) at the end of World Refugee Week. Pray as the Spirit Leads**

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Godalming 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am, 10.30am, and all who participate.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Pray** for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, HMP Send. The chaplaincy work with Refugees and Families. That the Holy Spirit may enable, strengthen and support them. Amen.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Birth of John the Baptist - Read and reflect** on these words by the Prophet Malachi, prophesying the coming of John the Baptist.: (*Malachi 3:1-3*)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple, The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming says the Lord of Hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' 'soap' he will; he will sit as a refiner and purify of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offering to the Lord in righteousness,

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> With reference to yesterday's Reflection, Pray** - Lord, purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart let me be as gold pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, my Lord, ready to do your will, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Lord, Ready to do your will.

Purify me heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. (*Brian Doerksen Songs of Fellowship 475*)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St. Mary's Guildford 10.30am-12.00noon

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the Work, Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church at Woking Trinity 5.00pm-7.00pm

Art and Craft activities, assorted Games, time for a 'chat 'a Bible Story and a free meal for all. (Suitable for children up to 8/9 years old. Runs in Termtime Only)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the [Street Angels](#) in Woking, Guildford and elsewhere that the love, light, power and hope of Abba Father, Son and Holy Spirit will shine through them and bless their commitment to serve. Give them strength and security at this sometimes-difficult time. Amen

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Give thanks and pray** for the Ministry and Mission of all our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, any other Volunteers, and all those who Worship in the Churches or Online, including yourself. Amen.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Apostles Peter and Paul:** Give thanks and praise for the significant contribution, including the cost of their lives, to found and develop the Church of Christ, to which we belong. *'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To God be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 4:18)*  
*Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. (2 Thessalonians 16-17)*

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