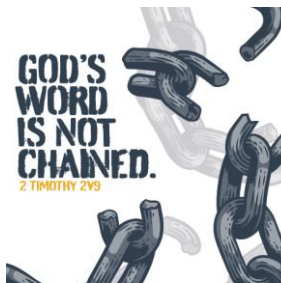


Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary October 2025

This month's prayer themes are based on the Harvest, [Homelessness](#), [Prisons Week](#), Luke the Evangelist, the Apostles Simon and Jude, [Bible Sunday](#)

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



Images: Prisons Week website



Housing Justice website

Wednesday 1st

Harvest 1: Loving Lord I praise and thank you for harvests across world – from orchard and field, for the people who gather their yield, spending long hours of labour, and the skills of a team, the patience of science, the power of machine. *(Based on StF 126 Brian Wren)*

Pray: We pray particularly for those areas of the world where harvests have failed, or outcomes have been significantly reduced. Also, for those who have suffered from natural disasters and are now homeless or living in make do shelters. We pray for blessings on all agencies who work to aid and support.

Thursday 2nd I praise and thank you for the harvest that comes from afar, from market and harbour, the sea and the shore; foods packed and transported and gathered and grown by God given neighbours unseen and unknown. *(Ibid)*

Pray: We pray for all harvests to be thoughtfully stewarded to protect our planet and those most vulnerable.

Friday 3rd Pray for the Mission of the [Macmillan Coffee Morning](#) 10.00am Walton-on-Thames

Pray for those you know/knew who are receiving(ed) treatment for cancer and their families.

Be with them at this very difficult time, that Jesus said, *"I am with you always!" (Matthew 28:20)*

Pray for those who are grieving - *Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)*

Saturday 4th Pray for the Ministry of the Sustaining Hope Gathering 10.00am – 1.30pm Redhill Methodist Church, (see Page 22 The Way Forward)

Pray for the fellowship of the Curling Evening with Fish and Chip Supper at Godalming (see church website for more information.)

Sunday 5th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at St Mary's Guildford 10.30am Harvest Festival and Holy Communion, St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am Holy Communion, West Horsley Harvest Festival 10.00am, Woking Trinity Harvest Festival 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Chinese Congregation, and all who participate.

Circuit Service Godalming 3.00pm and all who participate.

Monday 6th Harvest 2: Loving Lord I praise and thank you for the harvest of science and skill, the urge to discover, create and fulfil: for dreams and inventions that promise to gain a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

I praise and thank you for the harvest of mercy and love, from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve for patience and kindness, that all may be led to freedom and justice, and all may be fed. *(Ibid)*

Tuesday 7th Lord at this time of harvest remind me of the importance of sowing the seeds – lead me and fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit to sow seeds of love, compassion and salvation and to nurture them. Amen



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Wednesday 8th Abba Father, you only are the maker of all things near and far; you paint the wayside flower; you light the evening star; the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed, much more to me, your child, you give my daily bread. Amen (from StF 130)

Thursday 9th I thank you, Abba Father, for all things bright and good; the seed-time and the harvest, my life, my health, my food. Accept the gifts I offer for all your love imparts, and, what you most desire, my humble thankful heart. (*Ibid*)

Friday 10th In the darkness of the still night, in the dawning of the daylight, in the mystery of creation, Creator God you are there, In the breath of every being, in the birthing and the growing, in the earth and all its fullness Creator God you are there. In your love that is eternal, Creator God you are there.
(StF 109 Margaret Rizza)

Saturday 11th In the homeless and the prisoner, in the broken and the lonely, in the grieving of your people, Creator God, you are there. In the tears and in the heartache, in the love through which we serve you, in the anguish of the suffering you are there. (Ibid)

Sunday 12th Homelessness Sunday

Reflection: ‘One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy women lived, who urged him to have a meal. So that whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put a bed there for him, a table, a chair and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us’. (2 Kings:8-10)

Pray: seek guidance through the Holy Spirit, for ways in which you can support those in need of a home.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, and all who participate.

Prisons Sunday and start of Prisons Week.

Pray for the Staff and Chaplains at HMP Send for God's blessing on what they do to serve the needs of the prisoners.

Pray for the prisoners. We cannot visit them as Jesus instructed (*Matthew 25:36b*) or as the Wesley Brothers did at Oxford Prison, but they need our prayers - it is not our role to judge for the Law has done that, but to show love and compassion.

Monday 13th Pray for the group of prisoners whose art work was displayed in St Mary's Church Guildford recently and for the team of supporters who work with them, sharing skills and giving spiritual support.



A painting by one of the prisoners – it reminded me of my childhood in Dorset - fields ready for harvesting

Praise and thanksgiving, Abba Father, we offer, for all things living you have made good; harvest of sown fields, fruit of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood (StF 125 Albert Bayley)

Tuesday 14th Pray for Prisoners of Conscience who are imprisoned for their faith, that they will know they are not alone, as Peter, (Acts 12:1-18) Paul and Silas, (Acts 16:16-40) discovered, and that they are remembered and prayed for.

Wednesday 15th Pray for those who like Joseph are innocent, (Genesis 39:11-21) that they may be released.

Thursday 16th Lord, show me ways to share your love and with the power of the Holy Spirit to support those in need. Amen.

Friday 17th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit, in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, work with families, and those who serve and work caring for others in the community. That the Holy Spirit may enable, strengthen and support them in their important role. Amen.

Saturday 18th Luke the Evangelist: Give thanks for the writings – Gospel and Acts of the Apostles, and witness of Luke and his role in founding the early Church.



8th century manuscript painting of St Luke
(Openverse: Virtual Manuscript Library of Switzerland)

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Poetry, Music and Song at Walton-on-Thames 3.00pm (see P26 TNV)
Neighbourhood Party at Woking Trinity 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Merrow Church Anniversary 70th Anniversary Church Quiz 7.00pm (see p19 TNV)

Sunday 19th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's (HC) 8.00am & 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate.

Monday 20th Matthew Apostle and Evangelist: Give thanks for the Gospel expressed through Matthew's writing and his work in the foundation of the 'Church'.

Tuesday 21st In Chapter 14:13-21 Matthew describes the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand'

Reflect on this hymn/prayer *'Break the bread of life, O Lord to me, as you broke the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit longs for you O living Word – You are the Bread of Life, O Lord to me, your holy word the truth that saves me; give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth for you are love.'*

O send your Spirit, Lord, now to me, that they may touch my eyes and make me see; show me the truth concealed within your word, and in your book revealed I see you, Lord. (from StF 153 amended.)

Wednesday 22nd Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee & Chat at Woking Trinity 10.15am – 11.45am every Wednesday - an opportunity to enjoy an activity or speaker and time to talk and share fellowship.

Thursday 23rd Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.30am – 12.00 noon (See page 6 *The Way Forward*)

Friday 24th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church at Trinity 3.30pm – 6.30pm suitable for children up to Year 4 (including a free meal.)

Saturday 25th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Practical Aspects of Spirituality at St Mary's Guildford 9.15-12.00 noon. (See page 14 *The Way Forward*)
Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Sunday 26th **Bible Sunday:** *Lord, your word abides, and my footsteps guides – when my foes are near me, then your word it cheers me, words of consolation, with a message of salvation. When the storms are over me, and dark clouds before me, then its light directs, and my way protects. O that I discerning its most holy learning, Lord, may I love and fear you, evermore be near you. (From MHB 308 amended)*

Pray for all who provide/share bibles with those who need them, that their mission will be blessed. Amen

As the clocks go back tonight and we have an extra hour – **reflect and pray** on these word; *'I need you every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like yours can peace afford; Lord stay nearby; temptations lose their power when you are there; in joy or pain, come quickly and abide or life is vain; teach me your will, and your rich promises in me fulfil.*

Lord, I need you, O I need you, every hour I need you; O bless me now my Saviour as I come to you'. (STF 467, Annie Sherwood Hawks)

Monday 27th O most gracious Sovereign Lord and Redeemer, come and dwell within me and reign where you have the right to reign. By your Holy Spirit take possession of my soul and lead me in the ways of righteousness and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John of Kronstadt*)

Tuesday 28th **Apostles: Simon and Jude** were two of the first disciples Jesus chose. Give thanks for their role and example as after the Ascension of Jesus they both became very active Evangelists.

Wednesday 29th Pray for the Ministry of the Pop-up Play Café at St Mary's Guildford 9.30am-11.30am (See P12 *The Way Forward*)

Thursday 30th 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!

Friday 31st Pray for the Ministry and Mission of **Street Angels** in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere that the love, light, power and hope of Abba Father, Son and Holy Spirit will shine through them to comfort, support and bless those they serve and on this busy night of 'All Saints Evening', keep them safe. Amen

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen. (Jude v24-25)

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