Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary November 2025

This month's prayer themes are based on All Saints, Remembrance, Interfaith Week, Christ the King, Women Against Violence

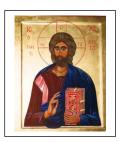
Bible references are from the NRSVA unless otherwise stated. Hymns are from Singing the Faith – StF, Hymns and Psalms – HP, The Methodist Hymn Book – MHB, Song Book of the Salvation Army SBSA.

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

St Michael defeating Satan.

Coventry Cathedral







St Edmund, (centre) and his Martyrdom, (right)

St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

Saturday 1st All Saints Day

Reflect on and Pray: Lord with saints and angels and all the hosts above I lift my heart and voice to bless you the God of love; to sing of my Redeemer who intercedes and prays, that God the Holy Spirit may guide me all my days. Amen. (StF 315:3 Norman Wallwork – adapted)

Sunday 2nd Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, and All who participate.

All Soul's Service, Woking Trinity 4.30pm. All are welcome. Refreshments served after the Service.

Monday 3rd

Reflect upon these words and pray as the Spirit leads: For all the saints who showed your love in how they lived and where they moved, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again. (StF 746 John Bell and Graham Maule)



'Theodora, mother of pope Pascal I (left), the Virgin Mary and two female Saints' - Byzantine mosaic, years 817-824 Santa Prassede Church in Rome (Creative Commons: Carlo Raso)

Tuesday 4th For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Saviour's fame, who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord. (*Ibid*)

Wednesday 5th For all the saints who named your will, and saw your kingdom coming still through selfless, protest, prayer and praise, accept the gratitude we raise. (*Ibid*)

Thursday 6th Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above. Though unclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours. (*Ibid*)

Friday 7th Therefore with saints and angels and all the hosts above I lift my and voice to bless my God of love; to sing of my Redeemer who intercedes and prays, that my God the Holy Spirit may guide me all my days. (From StF 315 Norman Wallwork amended)

Saturday 8th Lord, with my songs of alleluia let earth and heaven ring: and praises to my God let all creation sing. All honour be to Jesus, my God's own eternal Son; and to the Holy Spirit let endless praise be done! (*lbid*)

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday: Pray for all the Remembrance Services in your local area and take some time to remember, in prayer, those for whom you have special memories.



Fire brigade memorial at St Paul's Cathedral – my Dad Charles Warr was a fireman in South London during the Blitz.

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<u>Inter Faith Week</u>: At this difficult time in our world pray for the Inter Faith relationships across the Circuit, that in working together we can develop harmony and understanding.

Monday 10th Pray – Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union, where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy. (*Prayer of St Francis of Assisi*)

Tuesday 11th Armistice Day: Take the two minutes of silence to pray for peace across the world, remembering those who gave their lives in the cause of peace, and blessings for those who bring peace to others.

Wednesday 12th Pray – O Divine One, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that I receive, it is pardoning that I am pardoned, and it is in dying that I am born to eternal life. (*Ibid*)



'Reconciliation' by Josefina de Vasconcellos at Coventry Cathedral (Openverse: Ben S)

Thursday 13th – The Coventry Cathedral Litany of Reconciliation All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23) Pray – 'Our loving Creator, Redeeming, Sustaining God – Hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class: **Forgive** Covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own: **Forgive** Greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth: **Forgive**

Envy of the welfare and happiness of others: Forgive

Indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee: Forgive

Lust which dishonours the bodies of women, children and men: Forgive

Pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in you —**loving Creator, Redeeming, Sustaining God forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives you. Amen (Ephesians 4:32)

Friday 14th Looking at the terrible destruction, deaths, injuries, starvation in Gaza and elsewhere reminds me of my mum Patricia Warr who on the night of 14th November 1940 drove a Salvation Army Mobile Canteen into the centre of Coventry and parked by the Cathedral. This was the night it was destroyed. In spite of the incendiary bombs that destroyed the roof beams, one of which fell on the counter of the Canteen, Mum and her colleagues carried on serving the firefighters, and civil defence in spite of the dangers.

Pray for all those, who, in these times of natural disasters and human destruction, give themselves, at high risk, to serve those in such desperate needs. **Amen**

Saturday 15th Pray for the Ministry of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm-4.00pm, and the Church 70th Anniversary Concert at Merrow 7.00pm.

Sunday 16th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate.

Monday 17th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit, in schools, the university, colleges, hospitals, care homes, HMP Send, work with families and other groups in the community; that the Holy Spirit will enable, strengthen, and support them in this important role. Amen.

Tuesday 18th As we get ever nearer to the hustle and bustle of Advent and Christmas take time to ... Be still, and know that I am God! I am the Lord who saves and heals. **Pray** - In you, O Lord, I put my trust (StF 18 from Psalm 46:10-11 amended).

Wednesday 19th

Reflect on – There's a quiet understanding when we're gathered in the Spirit. There's a promise that they give us when we gather in their name. There's a love we feel in Jesus, there's a manna that he feeds us, it's a promise that Christ gives us when we gather in his name. I know when we're together, sharing love and understanding, that our sisters and our brothers feel the oneness Jesus brings.

Thank you, thank you Jesus for the way you love and feed me, for the many ways you lead me, thank you, thank you Lord. (From StF 36 Ted Smith, amended)

Thursday 20th

Pray – To be in your presence, to sit at your feet, where your love surrounds me, and makes me complete: This my desire, O Lord, this my desire. To rest in your presence, not rushing away, to cherish each moment – here I would stay. (StF 530 Noel Richards)

Friday 21st Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Lay workers with the elderly, vulnerable adults, and children's groups, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all other Volunteers, and everyone who shares in Worship in person or online. Pray too for yourself as you read this Diary. Amen.

Saturday 22nd Pray for the Ministry of the Christmas Coffee Morning at Knaphill, 10.00am-12 noon.

Sunday 23rd Sunday before Advent

As we look forward to the celebrations of Advent...

Pray May Christ's being born anew in my heart bring light, healing and wholeness to me and my loved ones. Amen (*Yvonne Morland Candles and Conifers*)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Godalming 10.30 am, St Marys Guildford 10.30 am, Sheerwater 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30 am (English Speaking Congregation), 1.30pm (Chinese Congregation), Foundry Worship 6.00pm, West Horsley 10.00am, and All who participate.

Monday 24th Christ the King

Pray and Reflect on – Christ the King – King of Justice - I belong to you! Christ the King of Integrity – I belong to you! Christ the King of Glory – I belong to you! In my life, in my love, in my hopes and journey – YOUR KINGDOM COME. (*Ruth Burgess – Candles and Conifers*)

Tuesday 25th Following <u>Women against Violence Sunday</u> Reflect upon and Pray as the Spirit Leads:

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused, at children's innocence abused and till we change the way we love, God weeps! God bleeds! At anger's fist, at trust betrayed. At women battered and afraid, and until we change the way we win. God bleeds. God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores, until we change the way we care. God cries. God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed, for hearts to hold each other's need, and till we understand the Christ, God waits. (StF 700 Shirley Erena Murray)

Wednesday 26th Pray for <u>Operation Shoebox</u> volunteers, and those who have contributed presents, time or money, to provide gifts for children and young people in need.

Thursday 27th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.30am – 12.00 noon and Advent Reflections at 12.15pm

Friday 28th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of <u>Street Angels</u> 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 keep them safe. Amen.

Saturday 29th Pray for Ministry and Mission of Carols for All at West Horsley 7.00pm

Sunday 30th

1st Sunday of Advent: In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said; 'let there be light.'

AND THERE WAS LIGHT! God's light goes on shining in the darkness AND THE DARKNESS HAS

NEVER PUT IT OUT!

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Christmas Gift Service at Knaphill 10.00am. The Salvation Army receive the gifts to be used as presents for adults and children and are distributed to families in need in Woking.

Pray: For God's light to shine in you! This light in me I'm going to let it shine; everywhere I go I'm going to let it shine, because Jesus gave it to me, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, LET IT SHINE!

Light of God lead me and make me unafraid. Power of God protect me and make me strong. Joy of God teach me to be happy; Grace of God bless and keep me loving now and into the future. (adapted from Candles and Conifers by Ruth Burgess, Wild Goose Publications 2015)

God bless you all, Graham

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