

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – October 2024

### The Themes for this month are ‘Harvest’, ‘Homelessness’, Prisoners Week & One World 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. Other sources are as noted.

*To you, O Lord our prayers we raise in hymns of adoration, to you bring sacrifice of praise with shouts of exultation. Bright robes of gold the fields adorn, the hills with joy are ringing the valleys stand so thick with corn that even they are singing. (From StF 129 alt, based on Psalm 65:9-13)*



Barley fields ready for harvesting near Weedon, Northants



Wild blackberries ripening at College Lake, Tring, Herts

*I am sorry the prayer diary is late this month, I have been in hospital. I'm sending the diary to Lucy with a start date of Sunday 13 October, which is Homeless Sunday, and the start of Prisons Week...*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Homeless Sunday, Prisons Week begins** – Pray for all those you know who are, or at risk, of becoming homeless and those organisations, eg Whitechapel Mission, Salvation Army, Shelter that work to support the Homeless.



Painted by a prisoner in HMP Send. I purchased it at St Mary's during the recent heritage weekend.

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Reflections for this week** – *'An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you!" (Matthew 2:13-15)*

Pray for those who are homeless/stateless because they are frightened for their safety. Remembering that Joseph, Mary and Jesus were homeless refugees too.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** *'A woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening .... The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home" And she prevailed upon us. (Acts 16:14-15)*

Give thanks for those who share their homes with the homeless and seek ways that the Lord may be calling you to give support to the homelessness,

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those at HMP Send who work with the prisoners through art, enabling them to express themselves and grow in confidence and self-esteem.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Bible Study at Merrow 7.30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Luke the Evangelist:** *'Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eye witnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, (and us), so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed'. (Luke 1:1-4)* Give thanks for the writings and ministry of Luke.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Prisons Week ends**

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Freedom Sunday**

Pray for all those who are trafficked, often against their will, and for those who work to bring an end to this dreadful situation.

Pray for the Methodist Church in North India which has opened and runs a 'Safe House' to prevent teenage girls from being trafficked, by providing shelter, education and skills that they can use to support themselves.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Merrow 10.30am, Stoughton 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30am - Chinese Congregation 1.30pm, Foundry 6.00pm (fortnightly), and all who participate.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist** Give thanks for the example of Matthew in his writings and mission.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Additional Needs Service Showcase at Cranleigh Village Hall 9.30am – 2.00pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Street Angels in Guildford and Woking and any others you know – thank God for their care, compassion and commitment to those in need. Keep them safe as they serve late at night.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Reflection:** Lord teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of you, my God and share them with those I meet in my daily living.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission Of Messy Fun Church, Woking Trinity 5pm – 7pm  
*Children, parents and carers only. Hot meal included.*

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00am, and all who participate.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Reflection:** *'Never be afraid to ask God for help'* (A. Jackson, Woking Trinity).

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the Ministry provided by our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Technicians, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all Congregations, and any others who enable Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for yourself that God will bless you, fill you with the Holy Spirit, and guide your listening, speaking and actions today and every day.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> The end of the month.**

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at Guildford St. Mary's, 10.30am – 12 noon.

*Loving Lord you have guided and supported us through the ups and downs of this month – we thank you for your presence and power to support us. and that you hear our prayers. Amen*

God bless you all as we enter the season of All Saints and Remembrance.

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