

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary April 2025



Left...  
Christ Crucified,  
Koln Cathedral  
Picture: G Warr

Right...  
Christ in Glory  
tapestry by Graham  
Sutherland,  
Coventry Cathedral  
Picture: Patrick  
Comerford



### This month's prayers are based on Lent, Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter

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 – MPH. Prayers from the liturgy of the Easter period from the Methodist Worship Book (MWB) are featured throughout the month. Other resources are as noted.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** On this day, reflect on these words of St Paul – *God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world; and God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus - who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'*  
Pray for the Holy Spirit to enable you to become a 'fool' for God. (*From 1 Corinthians 1:25-31*)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit; in Schools, the University, other Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, HMP Send and any other locations you know. That they may be filled by the Holy Spirit as they share the love of Jesus, who by his death and resurrection brings, love, hope and new life for those they meet.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for the Ministry of Lent Reflections 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary's Guildford.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** 'Blessed is your cross, O Jesus, way for the lost, guide for the seeker and strength for the weak. Blessed is your cross, O Jesus, healing for the sick, freedom for the slave and clothing for the naked. (*10<sup>th</sup> C African Hymn from page 16 MPH*) (Read and reflect on Matthew 25:31-45)



Topiary Cross, Trinity Woking (2025).

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the South East District : Chair Rev Dr David, Assistant Chairs Rev Sam and Rev Dan B. also, their support staff, that together they will share the love, sacrifice, forgiveness and redemption through Jesus to all they meet.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Passion** – Almighty God, your Son Jesus, came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon me with the power of your Spirit, that I may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all my days, through the same Jesus, Christ my Lord. Amen.

*(from MWB p537:4)*

Pray for the Worship, ministry and mission at Cranleigh 10.30am, Godalming 10.30 am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am and 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all other Volunteers and all those who Worship in churches or online.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** As we spiritually travel through Lent reflect on these words – Lord, when I am tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers none, nourish me Lord, with your word and your way, spiritual food that sustains me by night and by day, *(From StF240 v ! Ruth C Duck)*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** When in the desert I cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, lift me to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest. *(Ibid v 2)*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry of Lent Reflections 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary's Guildford

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** When I am tempted to barter my soul, trading the truth for the power to control, teach me to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that I do. *(Ibid v3)*

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** When I have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right, Saviour, surround me with a circle of care, angels for healing, of hope, and of prayer. *(Ibidv4)*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> in Lent, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Passion** – God of all-redeeming grace, in your great love you gave your only Son to die for my sins. Help me by your Holy Spirit to worship you with reverence, and to enter with joy into the celebrations of those mighty acts whereby you bring me life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *(from MWB 537:4\*)*

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am, Byfleet 10.30am, Merrow 10,30 am, Woking Trinity English speaking congregation 10.30am, Chinese speaking congregation 1.00pm, Foundry Worship 6.00pm (also 27<sup>th</sup> April) 6.00pm.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Reflect upon these words from a North Ghanaian Song, (StF 249) In prayer seek what they mean for you** – Jesu, Jesu, fill me with your love, show me how to serve the neighbours I have from you. Christ kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, the master who acts as a slave to them.



'Washing Feet' St John's Church, Milwaukee. Ed Bierman (OpenVerse).

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Neighbours are poor folk and rich, they are black folk and white, they are nearby and faraway. These are the ones I should serve; these are the ones I should love because all these are neighbours to me.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Kneel at the feet of your friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way I should live with them. Jesu, Jesu, fill me with your love, show me how to love, show me how to serve the neighbours I have from you.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday** – Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel and washed the feet of his disciples. Give me the will to be the servant of others as Jesus was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for me, yet lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (MSB p 538:21)

Pray for the Holy Communion Services at – 6.30 pm, Stoughton – 7.00pm, Godalming, Knaphill, Sheerwater. 7.30 pm, Walton on Thames. Tenebrae Services at - 7.00pm Merrow, 8.00pm Woking Trinity.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday** – Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ endured the cross for my sake. Remove from me all coldness and cowardice of heart and give me courage to take up my cross and follow him, through the same Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen (MWB p 538:4)

Pray for the Ecumenical Services at 10.00am West Horsley. Open Air Cranleigh, 10.30am. Good Friday service at 10.00am Trinity Woking, 10.30am Walton on Thames, 2.00pm Merrow.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday** – Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Clothes4U at Knaphill 2.00 pm-4.00 pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Day – Happy Easter to you all! Christ is risen! – He is risen indeed! – Alleluia!**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him; grant that I being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen (MSB p540:12)



Children from a local school, learning about Easter, Trinity Woking (2025).

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Reflection: On the road to Emmaus** (Graham Warr ArtServe 2018, modified Easter 2025)

To Emmaus they walked, together they talked, lost and confused, distraught and bemused.  
How did it happen? Why did it go so wrong? It had started so well,  
How could they foretell –Jesus, denied, tried, crucified!  
The road to the light unrevealed.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** A Stranger appears and talks to their tears. Don't you understand? God has it all planned.  
The Prophets and Scriptures foretold of God's love through the stories of old.  
Messiah would come to bring people home – God loved them so!  
The road to the light part revealed.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** They asked him to stay, please don't go away!  
Breaking bread clarified; Christ was alive! Risen indeed! From sin we are freed!  
No longer confused, distraught or bemused they ran back to share the 'Good News!'  
That's how it happened and why!  
The road to the light now revealed!

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Street Angels in Woking and 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 in sometimes difficult times. Amen

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** In pilgrimage, O Lord, show me the path to be taken; in commitment, the will to be obeyed; in service, the cost to be borne; and in faithfulness, the crown to be won. (*Ann Mason, Bible Christian minister 1797-1826 . Day 26 MPH*)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter** - Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Stoughton 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00 am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00 am, Pudding and Praise 4.00pm, and all who participate.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Mark the Evangelist** – There is a school of thought which suggests that Mark may have been recording Peter’s experiences as well as his own. St Mark appears three times in the New Testament – sometimes known as Mark or John Mark:

**Episode 1** – Gethsemane – *‘A certain young man was following Jesus, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. The ‘soldiers’ caught hold of him, but he ran off naked leaving them holding just the linen cloth. (Mark40:51)*

This verse is only found in Mark’s Gospel, and I believe that this is Mark saying, I know this is true because it is me, and this shows his humanity.

**Reflect on and Pray:** *Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what you love and do what you would do (Edwin Hatch STF 370 v 1)*

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Episode 2:** Paul said to Barnabas, *“Let us return and visit every city where we proclaimed the Word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” Barnabas wanted to take (John) Mark, but Paul said No! He didn’t want to take a quitter because when the going got tough Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia. The argument was heated, and they separated - Barnabas took Mark with him and Paul went off with Silas (from Acts 15: 37-41)*

**Reflect on and Pray** Breath on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with you I will one will, to do and to endure (Ibid v 2)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Episode 3:** In his second Letter to Timothy, Paul writes – *Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. (2 Timothy 4:5b)*

**Reflect on and Pray:** Breath on me breath of God, till I am wholly yours, until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine (Ibid v3)

Give thanks for the life of St Mark and his writing and how, despite not always getting it right, his spiritual development shows his commitment to follow Jesus and share Jesus’ life with us through his Gospel.

May God bless you all as we continue the journey towards Pentecost.

*Graham Warr*

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