

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary March 2025

This month's prayers are based on the themes of St David, Ash Wednesday, Lent, World Day of Prayer, St Patrick, Joseph of Nazareth, Annunciation of Jesus, and Mothering 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. Prayers from the Methodist Worship Book -MWB
Other resources are as noted.

Saturday 1st – St David: Patron Saint of Wales - Encouraging words attributed to St David spoken before he died – *'Lords, brothers and sisters, Be joyful, keep your faith and your creed and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. As for me, I will walk the path that our fathers have before us.'* *'Do ye the little things in life.'*



Daffodils: Antony Chammond, Open Verse

Sunday 2nd - Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am Woking Trinity 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Cantonese speaking Congregation, Foundry Worship 6.00pm – and all who participate.

Monday 3rd A prayer of self-examination: Have your own way Lord, have your own way; You are the Potter I am the clay. Mould me and make me, after your will, while I am waiting yielded and still.
Have your own way Lord, have your own way; search me and try me, Master today. Whiter than snow, Lord wash me just now, as in your presence humbly I bow.



Hand made: Potter at Work (Rajesh)
Open Verse

Tuesday 4th Have your own way, Lord, have your own way; wounded and weary help me, I pray. Power, all power surely is thine; touch me and heal me Saviour divine.
Have your own way Lord, have your own way; hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill me with your Spirit until all shall see Christ, only, always, living in me. Amen (*156 Songs of Fellowship A. A. Pollard*)

Wednesday 5th Ash Wednesday



'Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and a day of thick darkness! Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

(*Joel 2:1b-2a*) Lectionary, for Ash Wednesday -The Methodist Worship Book
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Reflect on the reality of these words of Charles Wesley – *And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviours blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that you my God, should die for me!*

He left his Father's throne above – so free, so infinite His grace – emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race; Tis mercy all immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me! Amen (StF 345 Charles Wesley)

Thursday 6th The Devil Tempts Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13) Reflect upon and Pray –

When I am tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish me, Lord, by your word and your way, food that sustains me by night and by day.

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, my only true rest. (from StF 240vv1-2 Ruth C Duck)



Cacti, ChrisGold OpenVerse

Friday 7th 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.

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 of healing, of hope and of prayer. (Ibid vv 3-4)

World Day of Prayer: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that I know very well (Psalm 139:14)

Pray for the people of the Cook Islands and for the worship, ministry and mission of the World Day of Prayer here in our Circuit and across the world.

Saturday 8th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the [Circuit Mission Supper](#) led by Trey Hall, at Woking Trinity

Sunday 9th 1st Sunday in Lent: Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am. Merrow 10.30am, Weybridge 10.30am – and all who participate.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son, Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give me this bread, that he may live in me: through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen. (MWB p 534)

Prayer (based on StF 336 Charles Wesley)

Monday 10th Lord Jesus, Son of God, your free grace can raise me up, call me still to seek your face and give me back my hope. Still your loving kindness show, keep me, keep me, gracious Lord, and never let me go!

Tuesday 11th By me, O my Saviour, stand in sore temptations hour; save me with your outstretched hand, and show forth all your power. O be mindful of your word, your all-sufficient grace bestow, keep me, keep me, gracious Lord, and never let me go!

Wednesday 12th Never let me leave your breast, from you, my Saviour stray; you are my support and rest, my true and living way; me exceeding great reward, in heaven above and earth below; keep me, keep me, gracious Lord, and never let me go!

Thursday 13th Pray for the Ministry of Lent Reflections 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary's Guildford

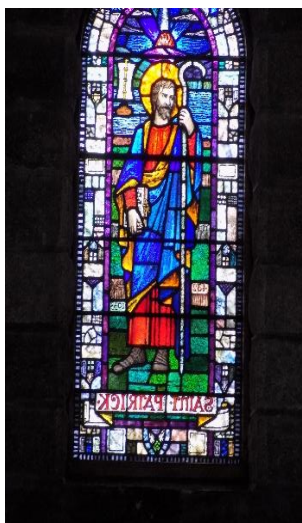
Friday 14th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church, Woking Trinity 5:00pm -7.00pm weekly. - including a meal for children, parents and caregivers.

Saturday 15th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Clothes 4U](#) at Knaphill 2.00pm-4.00pm

Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday in Lent: Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Cranleigh 10.30am, Guildford St. Marys 10.30am, Woking Trinity - Foundry Worship 6.00pm

Merciful Lord, grant me, your child, grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with a pure heart and mind to follow you, the only God through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen. (MWB p 534)

Monday 17th St Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland



Reflect and Meditate on these words attributed to Patrick-

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in Danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Pictures G Warr: Saul Church – believed to be on the site of Patrick’s first church in Ireland.



Tuesday 18th 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 the Holy Spirit will work through them as they reach out to those in need.

Wednesday 19th Joseph of Nazareth – Reflect on these words and the significant role played by Joseph in the birth and childhood of Jesus. *‘The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph, but he discovered Mary was pregnant. (he didn’t know it was by the Holy Spirit,). Joseph, nobly, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced. God’s Angel spoke to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David, don’t hesitate to get married. God’ the Holy Spirit has had made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and you, Joseph, will name him Jesus – ‘God saves’ because he will save his people from their sins.”*

After the birth Joseph had another dream *and the Angel commanded him, “Get up! Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt. Stay until further notice. Herod is on the hunt for this child and wants to kill him!” Joseph obeyed. He got up, took the child and his mother under cover of darkness to Egypt!*

What faith and trust Joseph had! (From ‘The Message’ Matthew 1:18-25, 2:12-15)



Escape to Egypt –Breamore Church, Hampshire

Thursday 20th Pray for the Ministry of Lent Reflections 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary’s Guildford

Friday 21st Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God I praise you, Word everlasting I bless you, Light undying I glorify you, Fountain of Mercy I adore you, Joy of the saints I worship you. (Clement of Alexandria (c150-215)

Saturday 22nd Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the South Sudan Study Morning, 9.30am to 12noon at St Mary’s Guildford

Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday in Lent Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Godalming 10.30 am, Stoughton 10.30 am, Walton-on-Thames 10.00am, West Horsley 10.00am, and all who participate.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (MWB p 535)

Monday 24th Be fruitful within me, O God and fill my words with your love, my life with your glory, and my labour with your blessing. (*Ann Gilbert, Cornish Methodist preacher c1735-1790*)



Minack Theatre, Cornwall
Image: Internet blogger

Tuesday 25th Annunciation of our Lord: God sent the angel Gabriel to the village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, and the virgin's name was Mary. Gabriel greeted her – “Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, both inside and out! God be with you!” *From Luke 1:26-28 The Message*)

Reflect upon the faith and commitment of Mary in the light of your own faith.

Mary had found true favour with the Lord, yet she trembled at God's strange reward, She knew this was the special One, hope for many through God's Son. Mary's gift beyond all telling, was to give Christ room. For she gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb. Who could guess the final story? – cross and glory; empty tomb!!

(*StF 174v5 John L. Bell, 165v4 Mark Earey*)



The Annunciation CharlesFred Open Verse

Wednesday 26th Pray for yourself: Give me the faith which can remove and sink the mountain to a plain; give me the childlike praying love, that longs to build your house again; your love let it my heart o'erpower, and all my simple soul devour. (*Stf 661v1 Charles Wesley*)

Thursday 27th Pray for the Ministry of Lent Reflections 12.30-1.30pm at St Mary's Guildford

Friday 28th 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 sometime difficult time. *Amen*

Saturday 29th Pray for the Mission of the Messy Church Easter Egg Trail 3.00pm – 5.00pm at Godalming United Church

Sunday 30th 4th Sunday in Lent

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Woking Trinity 6.30pm Foundry Worship

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel and washed the feet of his disciples. Give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for me, yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (*MWB p 536*)

Mothering Sunday: Prayer 1: A Prayer for Mothers and Caregivers - Loving God, We thank You for the gift of mothers and caregivers—those who nurture, guide, and love with patience and wisdom. We celebrate the peace they bring into our homes, creating safe spaces for growth and love. Bless all the women who care for us, whether through motherhood or other acts of kindness. May they feel Your peace in their hearts and experience Your strength each day. We also pray for all who work to support families and communities in the name of Your love. May their efforts continue to spread Your peace and hope in the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Hug a Mum today: Open Verse

Monday 31st Give thanks for the service provided by our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers and any other volunteers and all Congregations – in Church or online.

God bless you all as you prepare through Lent, the coming of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Saviour.

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