

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – March 2024

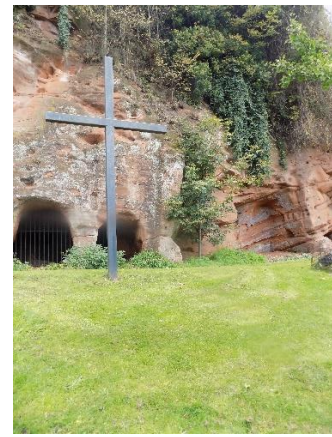
Lent to Easter



**'Christ Carrying the Cross', artist unknown,
Bishop Otter College Chapel
Chichester**



**'The Corona' – Crown of Thorns
John Hayward
Blackburn Cathedral**



**Empty Caves and a Cross
Bridgenorth**

Bible references are from the NRSVA unless otherwise stated. Prayers are in line with the Lectionary and other sources as noted.

Friday 1st World Day of Prayer 'I beg you, bear with one another in love.' (From Ephesians 4:2)

Pray for the ecumenical service at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking 10.30am and other World Day of Prayer Services throughout the Circuit.

Pray for the ministry of Lent Reflections: 5.30pm-6.30pm St Mary's Guildford (on Zoom, for further details see page 6 The Way Forward)

Saturday 2nd In line with the text above, pray for ways to, *'Put Peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.'*

(Fred Kaan from 712, Singing the faith vv 2-3)

Sunday 3rd Pray for the Worship and Ministry and Mission at Addlestone, Byfleet, Woking Trinity, Cranleigh, West Horsley and Weybridge, and all who participate.

Monday 4th Pray for the ministry of Chaplaincy across the Circuit; in Hospitals, Care Homes, Schools, the University, other Colleges and locations. May God empower and bless the Chaplains in their work.

Tuesday 5th Pray – *'It passes knowledge, that dear love of yours, my Saviour Jesus! Yet I want to know more and more of the breadth, length, height, and depth of that love.'* (Mary Shekleton from Hymns and Psalms 526 v1)

Wednesday 6th Pray – *'O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in you, I give you back the life I owe, that in your ocean depths its flow might richer fuller be.'* (George Matheson from Singing the Faith 636)

Thursday 7th Pray for the ministry of Lent Bible Study, 2.00pm at Byfleet.

Friday 8th Pray for the ministry of Lent Reflections: 5.30pm-6.30pm St Mary's Guildford (on Zoom, for further details see page 6 The Way Forward)

Saturday 9th Continuing the Theme of God's love for the world – reflect upon and pray as led by the Spirit: *'The great love of God, it binds the whole world, every barrier it breaks, it's for all and lavishly given – the pearl of great price and the treasure of heaven.'* (From Hymns and Psalms 45, Daniel T Niles and Matthew 13:45-46)

Sunday 10th Mother's Day – Lord we pray for Mothers all over the world, including our own. For those where life is difficult, trying to protect their children in places of strife, famine, and war. For those despairing in poverty, facing illness or bereavement. We give thanks for mothers and all their love and care, also for new mothers and pray for strength and grace in caring for their children. We grieve for those who have not known their mothers, have had difficult relationships with their mothers. We pray for those who have been unable to be mothers or had opportunities to mother snatched from them. (*The Methodist Church*)

Monday 11th

As we prepare ourselves, just as Jesus did before Easter, reflect on and pray in response to the words based on 461 The Methodist Hymnbook by William Cowper:

Verses 1-2: 'Pray for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road, that leads you and those you meet, to the Lamb of God, through your witness. Seek the blessedness you knew when first God found you. Re-live again the soul refreshing view of Jesus – Lord and Saviour,' and the work he undertook to bring that salvation to you as revealed through the words of the Gospel.

Tuesday 12th Verses 3, 4 Reflect upon the peaceful hours you have enjoyed and the memories they have left. Seek to deepen them and for the Holy Spirit to enable you to develop your service for your Lord. Be prepared to confess your sins and to tackle those 'idols' that weaken your witness to the Lord.

Wednesday 13th Verse 6 – Give thanks that Jesus has paid the price of your sins and will go with you into the future as you are led towards the Lamb and Heaven. Amen

Thursday 14th Pray for the ministry of Lent Bible Study, 2.00pm at Byfleet.

Friday 15th Pray for the ministry of Lent Reflections: 5.30pm-6.30pm St Mary's Guildford (on Zoom, for further details see page 6 The Way Forward)

Saturday 16th Pray for the Ministry of 'Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2pm-4.00pm

Sunday 17th St Patrick's Day Give thanks for the work and ministry of St Patrick and the words he gave us- '*Christ be with, within, behind, before, beside me. Christ to win, comfort, restore, beneath, above me. Christ in the quiet and when I am in danger. Amen*' (*from St Patricks Breastplate Attributed to St Patrick.*) Pray for the Worship and Mission at Guildford St Mary's, Knaphill, Stoughton, and Sheerwater, and all who participate, also Pudding and Praise at Walton-on-Thames 4.00pm

Monday 18th Pray – Lead me Abba Father, lead me over the world's tempestuous sea. Guard , guide, keep and feed me for you are my help and blessing for you are my God. (*Inspired by Singing the Faith 238 James Edmeston*)

Tuesday 19th Joseph of Nazareth Day Give thanks for the role of Joseph in the childhood and development of Jesus. For without Joseph accepting the role of Jesus' human father, Easter, as we know it, would not have happened. Pray that when God calls you to serve – you will respond as Joseph did.

Wednesday 20th Pray – 'Saviour, forgive me, you know all my weaknesses. You have been here on earth and know its needs and want, without question, wherever you were needed'. (*Ibid*)

Thursday 21st Pray for the ministry of Lent Bible Study, 2.00pm at Byfleet.

Friday 22nd Pray for the ministry of Lent Reflections: 5.30pm-6.30pm St Mary's Guildford (on Zoom, for further details see page 6 The Way Forward)

Saturday 23rd Pray for the ministry of 'Practical Aspects of Spirituality' at St Mary's Guildford 9.30am–12noon (See page 15 The Way Forward), and for the ministry of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am -12noon

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday – Join in the celebrations of the crowd on that day; *‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ (Luke 19:38)*

Pray for the Worship and Ministry at Godalming UC, Mellow, and Walton-on-Thames and all who participate.

Holy Week – at this special time pray for our world that the peace of Christ that passes all understanding, the Light of the World and the love of God will reach out to all.

Monday 25th Meditate on these words of Jesus, *‘Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you – for I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was in prison, and you visited me.’ (Matthew 25:34b-36)*

Tuesday 26th Over today and tomorrow pray for those situations which your reflections from yesterday have prompted.

Wednesday 27th Continue your prayers for those situations prompted by your reflections on Matthew’s words (see Monday 25th).

Thursday 28^h Maundy Thursday – Pray for the ministry of Service of Reflection at Addlestone, 10.00am, Ecumenical Service at Byfleet, 12.00 noon, Holy Communion at Stoughton 6.30pm, Holy Communion at Godalming, 7.00pm, St Mary’s Guildford, 7.00pm, Sheerwater 7.00pm, Tenebrae Service Mellow, 7.00pm Tenebrae Service at Walton-on-Thames, 8.00pm Tenebrae Service at Woking Trinity.

Friday 29th Good Friday – pray for the ministry of the Open-Air Ecumenical Service at East Horsley 10.00am, Service of Reflection at Woking Trinity 10.00am and Act of Witness in Woking Town Centre, Ecumenical Service at Knaphill 10.30am, Ecumenical Service at Weybridge at 10.30am, Good Friday Service at Mellow 2.00pm

Saturday 30th Give thanks for the service provided by our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all Congregations, and any others who have enabled Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

31st Easter Sunday – Christ is Risen – He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pray for the Worship and Easter Celebrations of all churches in the Circuit and the work and mission of the South East District, the Methodist Connexion in Britain and Ireland, and around the world, along with other Christian Churches throughout the world.

May God richly bless your Easter celebrations and Worship.

Graham



Warr Family Easter Eggs 2022