

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary – July 2024

The Themes for this month are Serving the Lord, and the General Election, the Apostles Thomas and James, Mary Magdalene, and Action for Children.

Bible references are from the NRSVA, unless otherwise stated. Hymns are Singing the Faith - StF Hymns and Psalms – HP, The Methodist Hymn Book – MHB. Other sources are as noted.

**Action for
Children**



*The Apostles and Saints doorway
Bern Munster CH*

'Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you: pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. *(Richard Gillard StF 611)*

Monday 1 - 8th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Whitechapel Mission Clothes Collection at Godalming.

Tuesday 2nd Give thanks for all those whose have served our Lord in Parliament and that whatever the result tomorrow God's will is done.

Wednesday 3rd Thomas the Apostle: Give thanks for the honesty and practicality of Thomas who doubted and questioned and then recognising the reality, said to Jesus in sincere faith – *'My Lord and my God!'* (John 24:24-29). Ancient traditions suggest that Thomas worked and witnessed in the region around Northern India and may have been martyred for his faith.

Thursday 4th General Election pray that God will guide your thoughts and actions in using your vote.

Friday 5th Pray that God will support, encourage and empower all those in the newly elected Parliament who love and serve their Lord.

Pray for the Mission and Ministry of Chaplaincy in Parliament, and across the Circuit, in Hospitals, Care Homes, Schools, the University, other Colleges and locations. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower and bless the Chaplains in their work.

Saturday 6th 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.

Sunday 7th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Walton-on-Thames Cultural Heritage Service 10.00am, Byfleet 10.30, Godalming 10.30, West Horsley 10.00, and all who participate.

Monday 8th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Bible Study, Prayer and House groups across the Circuit

Tuesday 9th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of all the fellowship and adult support groups across the Circuit

Wednesday 10th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Chat 10.30am – 12 noon (Weekly) at Woking Trinity

Thursday 11th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning, in aid of Merrow Scouts – Merrow 10.30am – 12.30pm

Friday 12th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the weekly Messy Fun Church at Woking Trinity for children and families – including a hot meal 5.00pm-7.00pm.

Saturday 13th Reflect on these words of Jesus about children - “Don’t push children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. Children are at the very centre of life in the kingdom.” Then he gathered up the children into his arms and blessed them. *(from Matthew 10:15-16 The Message)*

Sunday 14th Action For Children Sunday – Pray for the work, Ministry and Mission of Action for Children Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30, Cranleigh 10.30am

Circuit Service at Byfleet 3.00pm - Farewell Service for Rev Sydney-Samuel, and Trainee Minister Anna

Iona Pilgrimage Information Meeting – Byfleet 2.00pm

Monday 15th Pray for all the work with children and young people across the circuit that God may bless them and the leaders and lead them to a strong relationship with Jesus.

Tuesday 16th Pray for the Work, Ministry and Mission of NCH in its work with Children, Young Adults and Families

Wednesday 17th As we remember that God loves us and all children everywhere, join Sophie in her prayer: ‘Dear God, Please be with us when we are sad, scared or frightened, Help us to remember you’re always in our hearts’. *(Sophie Y2, Methodist Prayer Handbook 2023/24 p80)*

Thursday 18th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Bible Study at Merrow 7.30pm

Friday 19th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church at Woking Trinity for children and families – weekly 5.00pm–7.00 pm including an evening meal.

Saturday 20th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00 pm – 4.00pm
Messy Church at Godalming – 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday 21st Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Knaphill 10.00, Guildford St Mary’s 10.30, Sheerwater 10.30, Weybridge 10.30, and Woking Trinity 10.30, Chinese Congregation 1.30pm, Foundry 6.00pm (fortnightly), and all who participate.

Monday 22nd Mary Magdalene – Give thanks for her example as a woman of faith – ‘*Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister. Mary the wife of Cleopas and Mary Magdalene.*’ *(John 19:25).*

Tuesday 23rd ‘*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed, She ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him’.* Mary returned to the tomb and stood weeping outside and in tears met the Gardener but didn’t recognise that it was Jesus himself. When he spoke to her, she did recognise him and responded ... {From John 20}

Reflect on Mary’s commitment to Jesus and your own – pray as led by the Spirit.

Wednesday 24th Jesus calls us who do his will his sister, brother and mother. Lord, teach us to live as members of one family, united in faith and love (Church of England: adapted)

Thursday 25th James the Apostle – Give thanks for the work, ministry, and writing of James – reflect on these challenging words, *Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they are like, but those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.* (James 1:22-25)

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford – 10.30am-12.00 noon

Friday 26th Lord, teach me to look for you in the storm, in the earthquake and in the fire; lest in the stillness of the silence you go undetected. Amen (Based on 1 Kings 19:11-12)

Saturday 27th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.00am – 12 noon

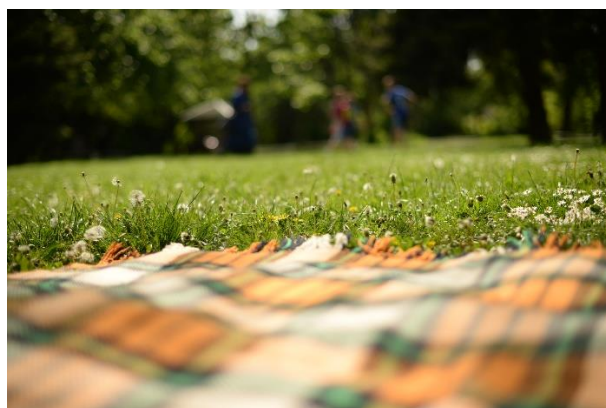
Sunday 28th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Merrow 10.30, Stoughton 10.30 and all who participate

Monday 29th Lord God, let your peace rule in my heart, that I may delight in your strength, rejoice in in your grace and find fulfilment in your will. Amen (*Matthew Henry*)

Tuesday 30th Give thanks for the Ministry provided by our Minister's, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Readers, Musicians, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, all Congregations, and any others who enable Worship and Mission to take place in the Circuit.

Wednesday 31th On this last day of the month, reflect on these words: *'This is the God we adore our faithful unchangeable friend, whose love is as great as his power and neither knows measure nor end. Tis Jesus the first and the last whose Spirit shall guide us safe home; thank him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come.'* (*Joseph Hart StF 67*)

God bless you all and may you find the themes and prayers helpful. Graham



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