

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

September 2026 Part II written by Graham Warr

Peace is the main theme for this half of the month.

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, Song Book of the Salvation Army – SBSA. Prayers are from the Methodist Prayer Handbook – MPH, Methodist Worship Book, - MWB. Other sources are as noted.

Sunday 20th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission

at: Addlestone 10.30am, Guilford St Mary's 8.00am & 10.30 am, Cranleigh 10.30am, and all who participate with their presence in person or online.

Monday 21st St Matthew - give thanks for the writings and mission of Matthew - which gave us the teachings of Jesus.



Image of St Matthew, 8th century, Switzerland. Openverse image.

Tuesday 22nd Peace 1: Two Saturdays ago, I had some new shoes to test. As it was such a lovely morning, I decided to take a stroll around Goldsworth

Park lake and get some shopping on the way. I stopped at the lakeside Café for my usual morning coffee and cake. It was so peaceful with a gentle breeze, I felt calm and relaxed. I had finished preparing for the following day's service and I found myself thinking of the hymn by John Greenleaf Whittier, 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' (StF 495).

Reflect on this verse as a prayer:

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with the silence of eternity, interpreted by love'



One of Dan's photos of Goldsworth Park Lake.

It was so gentle in the breeze but when I got home the news was about another act of violence in the Middle East. My soul cried out within me – yet more violence, injury, pain and death.

Wednesday 23rd Peace 2:

Looking to develop this focus on 'Peace' I turned to the section 'Justice and Peace' in Singing the Faith, and I found No. 719 written by Alan Gaunt, a hymn which is so relevant to present times.

Reflect on each verse over the next few days and pray as the Spirit leads: *Pray for peace, but not the easy peace built on complacency and not the truth of God. I pray for real peace; the peace God's love alone can seal.*

Thursday 24th Peace 3:

Pray for peace, but not the cruel peace leaving God's poor bereft and dying in distress; pray for real peace, enriching all the human race.

Friday 25th Peace 4:

Pray for peace and not the evil peace defending unjust laws and nursing prejudice, but for the real peace of justice, mercy, truth and love.

Saturday 26th Peace 5:

Pray for peace; holy communion with Christ your risen Lord and every living thing: God's will fulfilled on earth and all creation reconciled.

Sunday 27th Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission

at: Walton on Thames 10.00am (all age Harvest Festival), West Horsley 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate with their presence in person or online.



Tomato Harvest: Openverse



Modern Harvester: Openverse

Monday 28th Peace 6: Pray for peace, and, for the sake of peace, look to the Risen Christ, who gives the grace we need to serve the cause of peace and make our own self-sacrifice.

Tuesday 29th Peace 7: God, give me peace; if you withdraw your love there is no peace for us, or any hope of it. With you to lead me on, through the tumult, peace will come.



Openverse image: LucaXino

Wednesday 30th Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all those in the [Circuit](#) who serve us on a regular basis: Ministers, Chaplains, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Circuit and Church Administrators, Lay Workers, Volunteers (with the elderly, vulnerable adults, young people and children's groups), Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, Cleaners, Caretakers, and any other volunteers who give their time and talents. Pray for all those who share in Worship in person or online. Amen.

God bless you all.
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