Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

November 2026 Part I, written by Graham Warr

The themes for this month are 'All Saints', Jesus the Light of the World, Remembrance, Christ the King, Woman against Violence, and the Apostle Andrew.

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.

Sunday 1 November
All Saints Day
Reflect on these words and pray for those 'Saints' who have been part of your Spiritual life.
For all the saints who from their labours rest, who you by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed: Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, I pray with thanks for the witness of …

All Souls Service at Trinity Woking, 4.30pm.
If you would like to register the name of someone you would like to be remembered in the Service you can do so HERE.

Monday 2 November
Reflect on these words as you pray:
Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory cascades through my life in overflowing grace, to tell creation's meaning in the story of love evolving love from time and space.
Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious, in you, deserted, scorned and crucified, God's love has fathomed sin and death's deep darkness, and my flawed humanity is glorified. (StF 3,vv1-2, Alan Gaunt)

Tuesday 3 November
Eternal Spirit, be with me like a mother, embracing me in love serene and pure: you nurture strength to follow Christ my brother, as a full-.grown child confident and sure.
Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining; love which commands, enables and obeys; you give yourself, in boundless joy, creating one vast increasing harmony of praise.
I ask you now, complete your image in me; this love of yours, my source guide and goal. May love in me, seek love and serve love's purpose, till I ascend with Christ and find love whole. (Ibid vv 3, 4, 5)



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Wednesday 4 November
'Seeking the Lord:'
Help me, O Lord, to learn the truths your word imparts, to study that your laws may be inscribed upon my heart.
Help me, O Lord, to live the faith which I proclaim, that all my thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your name.
Help me, O Lord, to teach the beauty of your way, to share with others I meet, your love, in all I do and say.
(from StF 501 vv 1-2 William Reid v 3 adapted by G .Warr)

O Lord, give me more love, more likeness to you. Teach me to sacrifice my comforts to others. Make me kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach me that it is better to give than to receive. Better to forget myself than to push myself forward.
To you, the God of Love, be all my glory and praise.
(*Adapted from a prayer by Henry Alford)*

Thursday 5 November
Jesus, the Light of the World:
Tonight and over the next few days our night sky will be filled with bright, colourful flashes of light – many will enjoy them- particularly children, others may not, for example the elderly or vulnerable, and those who own pets. Pray for your area that the evenings will be enjoyable and safe. Amen.

Friday 6 November
Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World, anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

He also said to his followers, (and it's also a challenge for us today), "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp (or an electric bulb), and puts it out of sight, but in a prominent place visible to all. In the same way let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works.
(From Matthew 5:14-16)

Reflect on this song you may well have sung many years ago but in its simplicity is so relevant today:
Jesus bids me shine with a pure, clear, light. Like a candle/lamp, burning in the night.

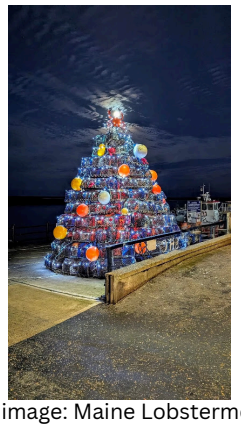
In this world of darkness, so I/we must shine – you in your small corner of this world and I in mine. Jesus bids us shine first of all for Him. Jesus sees, and knows it when our light grows dim.
(607 The School Hymn Book of the Methodist Church, Susan Warner 1819-85, amended by GAW)

Saturday 7 November
Jesus constantly calls us to shine the light into the world's darkest places.
Moving to Lymington back in 1965, I often used to preach in small chapels in the villages along the Coast. For me, shining a light in the world's darkest places, has a double meaning at sea and on land. Reflect on these words in prayer for we are **all** part of the lower lights. *(Based on MHB 582)*

Brightly beams our Savour's mercy from his lighthouse evermore: but to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore. Saying: Let the lower lights be burning, send a gleam across the wave; some poor fainting struggling person, you may rescue, you may save.

Dark the night of sin has settled, Lord the angry billows roar; Searching eyes are watching, longing, for your lights along the shore.

So, trim our feeble lamps my brothers and sisters, some poor struggling person tempest tossed trying now to make the harbour, in the darkness may be lost.


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Not only did I see the Lymington lifeboat turn out on occasions but as a member of the tenor section of the Sandleheath and District Methodist Gospel Male Voice Choir we visited chapels across Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire.

Significantly we made an annual visit to the *Winterslow Lifeboat Mission*, which was 15 miles away from Southampton Water(!), because it was their aim to save souls by shining the light of God's love into those in need – responding to the words of Jesus.

Pray these words of Catherine Walker:
Lord of my life, I come to you, Lord of all, my Saviour be. Come to heal and bless with the light of your love, Amen. *(StF 651 amended)*

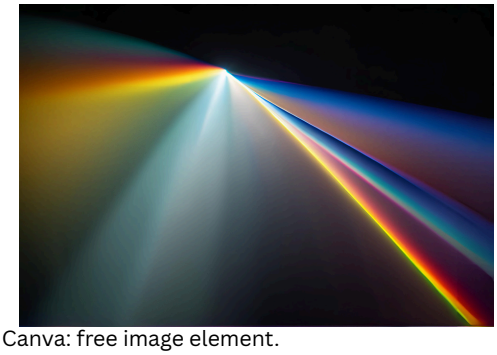
Sunday 8 November
Remembrance Sunday
Take two minutes to remember those you may know from your family and friends, currently or in the past, who gave their lives, or were hurt, in service to others.
Add any friends/family you mourn.

Reflection: *God reminds us, every sunrise that the world is ours on lease; for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase; may all races live together, share its riches, be at peace: (from StF 705 v 4).*
Pray as the Spirit leads.

Pray for the worship and remembrance in your church or at the War Memorial for the peace of the Lord and those places where there is no peace.

Monday 9 November
Jesus' light of the world (ii):
Longing for light, I wait in darkness. Longing for truth I turn to you. Make me your own, one of your holy people, a light for the world to see. Lord Jesus, be my light! Shine in my heart, to reflect into the darkness of those in need. Lord Jesus be my light to shine in your world today. Amen.
(From StF 706 amended).

Tuesday 10 November
Light of the World (iii):
Light of the world enter into the depths of my life. Come into the dark places and spread your glorious light that others may see it in my words and actions. Amen.


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Wednesday 11 November
Give thanks and pray for the ministry and mission of the ministers, chaplains, local preachers, worship leaders, pastoral visitors, stewards, administrators, musicians, technicians, readers, flower arrangers, refreshment providers, cleaners, all those who volunteer their time and talents and all who share in Worship to show the Light of Jesus throughout the Circuit and the neighbourhood. Amen.

Thursday 12 November
Light of the world (iv):
Reflect on these simple words as you pray.
This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine; everywhere I go I'm going to let it shine because Jesus gave it me to share with those in darkness. Lord help me to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine! Amen (*so be it*).

Friday 13 November
Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Street Angels in Guildford and Woking and elsewhere, who serve those in need on a Friday and Saturday night that God will bless the work they do. Amen.

Saturday 14 November.
Pray for the success of the **Big Quiz,** fundraising for Tearfund at Trinity Woking. All are welcome. Enjoy the company and have fun!

Bring a savoury or sweet dish of food to share and your plate, cutlery and a mug/tumbler.

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