

Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary December 2025

This month's prayer themes are based on Advent Prayers, World Aids Day, Mary, Joseph, Christmas, Evangelists - Andrew, Stephen, John

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. Poems – C&C Candles and Conifer, Wild Goose Publications.,

Prayers from Methodist Prayer Handbook, MPH, Methodist Worship, Book MWB. Other sources are as noted.



Crib Scene, Woking Crem. 2019

A child has been born, a Son is given to us – He is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (from Isaiah 9:6)

Monday 1st World Aids Day: If you light a candle during Advent tie a red ribbon or wool/thread around it and pray for all those afflicted and affected by HIV Aids across the world.

Andrew: One of the first Disciples chosen by Jesus

Reflect on and pray as led by the Holy Spirit - Andrewtide

Lord, the crowd had listened to your word, with love their hearts and minds were fired; the miracle of what they heard still kept them close, though hungry, tired. As daylight left the crowded slope, you saw their simple human need; sent Andrew and the rest in hope, to find, to gather, and to feed.

Tuesday 2nd *The smallest gift a child could share, some bread, two fishes, simple food. Broke in your hands to love and care, to feed the hungry multitude. Like Andrew, now we turn and seek; Earth's hunger haunts us. We fear the gifts we find too weak the world's distress to touch and heal.*

Wednesday 3rd *Now send me searching for the gift that hides in every human soul, that in your hands sin's power can shift and love can make creation whole. Use me, your friend to seek and trace the gift that seems of smallest worth to shape the miracle of grace, the love to feed the hungry earth.*
(Anna Briggs C&C)

Thursday 4th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Advent Reflections at St Mary's Guildford followed by Bread and Soup Lunch 12.15 for 12.30pm.

Friday 5th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of [Street Angels](#) in Guildford, Woking, and elsewhere that the Hope, Light, Love and Power of Advent will shine through them to connect, comfort, support and bless those they serve at this time. Amen

Saturday 6th Feast of St Nicholas - Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Christmas Fair at Byfleet 10.00am and for the Christingle making party 6.00 pm Godalming United Church.
Pray for the Children across the world who will receive a Shoe Box filled with Christmas Goodies from Churches in the Circuit showing the true spirit of St Nicholas who gave up his riches to serve the poor and needy.

Sunday 7th Advent 2

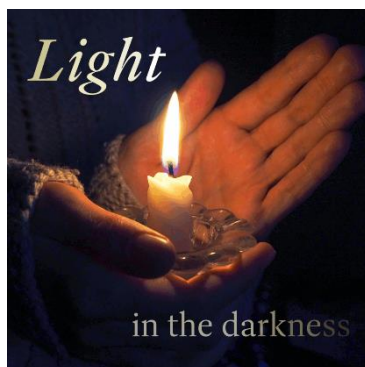
We travel in time; may God walk with you into eternity. We travel in hope; may God sing with you through the darkness. We travel in wonder; may God dance with you in holy joy. So may the blessing of the God of glory - Traveller, Storyteller, Dancer be in me today and everyday AMEN (C&C)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am & Christmas Afternoon Tea 2.00pm at Knaphill. Merrow 10.30am, and 'From Loss to Light' - an opportunity to pause and remember those who are no longer with us Merrow, 5.00pm.

Monday 8th Pray and reflect: Come, Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come to this world of mine, Lord' I need you now, Lord, I need you now; in this world of mine. Fill me with your peace, fill me with your peace in this world of mine. Touch me with your love in this world of mine. May I see your light, May I see your light in this world of mine. Amen (*from StF168*)

Tuesday 9th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning in aid of Cherry Trees at Stoughton 10.00am-12noon

Wednesday 10th Into the darkness of this world, into the shadows of the night, into this loveless place you came, lightened my burdens, eased my pain, and made my heart your home. Come again with your love to make me whole, with your light to lead me on, driving the darkness far from my soul O come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen (*from StF173*)



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Thursday 11th Into the longing of my soul, into this heavy heart of stone, shine on me now your piercing light, order my life and soul aright by grace and love unknown until in you my heart unites. Come again with your love to make me whole, with your light to lead me on, driving the darkness far from my soul O come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen (*Ibid*)

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Advent Reflections at St Mary's Guildford followed by Bread and Soup Lunch 12.15 for 12.30.

Friday 12th O Holy Child, Emmanuel, hope of the ages, God with us, visit again this broken place, till all the earth declares your praise and your great mercies own. Now let your love be born in me. Come in your glory, take your place, Jesus, the name above all names, I long to see you face to face. O come, Lord Jesus Come. (*Ibid*)

Saturday 13th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Messy Church – 'Welcome Christmas' at Godalming 3.00pm.

Sunday 14th Advent 3 God has called you to bring good news to the poor; to live with integrity; to heal the broken-hearted; to bring justice to the hungry; to hold on to what is good and to avoid every form of evil. The Spirit of God is within you, for you are God's child. Be happy, holy, brave, love justice, be merciful; walk wisely, rejoice in God this Advent and the coming years. Amen! (C&C)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Godalming United Church - Favourite Carols: a seasonal Songs of Praise service 10.30am, Weybridge 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30 am (English Speaking Congregation), 1.30pm Chinese Congregation 6.00pm Joint Carol Service.

Monday 15th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit, in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, HMP Send, and work with Families and other groups in the community who are struggling this Christmas. That the Holy Spirit will enable, strengthen, and support them in this important role, particularly at this time. Amen

Tuesday 16th Reflect and Pray: Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you. So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. (*From StF 175*)

Wednesday 17th King of all days oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God and I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (*Ibid*).

Thursday 18th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Carols at Lunchtime - St Mary's Guildford, 12.15pm

Friday 19th Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Lay workers with the elderly, vulnerable adults, children's groups, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, any other Volunteers, and all those who share in Worship in Churches of the Circuit in-person and online. Includes yourself in these prayers. Amen.

Saturday 20th Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Ecumenical Carol Service, led by Revd. Paul Glass, Elmbridge Village Hall, 2.30pm.



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Sunday 21st Advent 4: We have heard the words of prophets – may we recognise God's truth. We have heard the words of angels - may we recognise God's joy. We have heard the words of promise – May we recognise God's love – and so may God bless you – Mystery of creation, Child in the Manger, Holy Spirit of glory, may I welcome you and walk in the promises of God. AMEN (*CAC*)

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Knaphill 10.00am & Carols by Candlelight Knaphill 6.00pm, Stoughton 10.30 am & Carol Service Stoughton 2.00pm, Walton-on-Thames 10.00am & Carol Service Walton on Thames, 6.30pm.

Monday 22nd Reflect on these words: Beneath the paper wrappings, there's an open stable door, beneath the fir tree trappings, there's a welcome and there's more. Beyond the tinsel fairy is a presence that's divine, there's a child to change the future, turning water into wine. Look inside, look above, look beyond and see the love, look inside and you will see and know . (*StF 192 Claire Stainsby*)

Tuesday 23rd The miracle of childbirth now reveals God's only Son, a miracle beginning that continues on and on. The stable holds the echo of the tomb that's yet to be, on the manger lies the shadow of the cross he's yet to see. Look inside, look below, look beyond and you will know, the one who came to give his life for you and me. (*Ibid*)

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine, Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love to God and all the world, love for plea and gift and sign. Christina Rossetti

Pray for those that you love and for those you know who need to know God's love for them.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed God, the Lord Almighty, Jesus Christ; but his mother only in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss. Enough for him whom angels worship night and day, a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay. Christina Rossetti

Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Christingle Service at Walton-on-Thames 3.00pm, Family Carol Service Knaphill 4.00pm, Nativity Service West Horsley 4.30pm, Candlelight Holy Communion Service Stoughton 6.30pm, Holy Communion Service Trinity Woking 11.15pm.

Thursday 25th Christmas Day: Give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus and reflect on these words – We see the eyes of Mary shine , for all the pain of birth is past, she cradles Jesus in her arms, her time of joy is here at last. We look on Joseph's roughened hands; his eyes are filled with tender joy. He gently reaches for the child, this little scrap, this baby boy. And can they know? And could they guess at loves responsibility, that hurt would mingle with the joy of human possibility. But on this night a single star is just enough to signal grace: that this child born in Bethlehem is offered for the human race. (StF 219 Andrew Pratt)



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On this special day pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 9.30am, Byfleet 10.30am, Cranleigh 11.00am, Godalming 10.00am, St Mary's Guildford 8.00am & 9.45am, Merrow 11.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.00am.

Friday 26th Boxing Day – Feast of St. Stephen - If possible, read Acts 7:51-60 and reflect on what Stephen was prepared to do and say in the name of Jesus.

Reflect: How you might have dealt with the situation.

Saturday 27th St John the Evangelist – He was the youngest of the first disciples, at Jesus' request he took Mary, Jesus' mother into his own household, he was the most long lived of the Disciples/Apostles and wrote the Gospel of John.

Reflect: On these opening words of John's Gospel

The Word Became Flesh *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)*

Sunday 28th 1st Sunday of Christmas

Circuit Service Led by Revd Paul Glass at Godalming 10.30 am

Morning Worship with Revd Sam Funnel – On Zoom 10.30am

Radiant God, in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness, giving joy in our sorrow and revealing your presence in our loneliness. Fill my heart with your light, that in the darkness of this world my life may shine with your eternal splendour, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen . (MWB p527 25*)

Monday 29th Is it True? And is it true, this most tremendous tale of all, seen in a stained-glass window's hue, a baby in an ox's stall? The Maker of the stars and sea become a child on earth for me?

(from Christmas by John Betjemen)

Tuesday 30th Loving Lord, Child in the Manger, Crucified Christ – What can I give you? May I live next year, true to You, come what may. I give next year, in kindness to all, in every way. Spirit, may I love next year - proclaiming Christ in all I do and say, Amen *(from Journey to Christmas, Team 24-7)*

Wednesday 31st New Years Eve – As the New Year approaches reflect on these words. This, 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; we'll praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come. *(Stf 67)*

Abba Father, may I live the coming year, true to You, come what may.

Lord Jesus, may I give the coming year in kindness to all, in every way.

Holy Spirit, may I love the coming year proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.

(from Journey to Christmas, 24-7 Prayer Group)

God bless you all, Graham

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