

## Wey Valley Circuit Prayer Diary July 2025

This month's prayers are based on Prayer, The Nicene Creed, Apostolic Witness – Thomas, James, Mary Magdalene, Action for Children, Rural Mission.

Kniveton Methodist Church in rural Derbyshire



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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** This month I have received very few prayer requests. However, a couple of weeks ago I was asked by the Foundry Worship Team at Trinity if I would lead at 'Back to Basics' session on Prayer. Reflect on these questions – Why do I pray? How do I pray? What do I pray for? Who do you pray to? Share your thoughts with the Lord.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Jesus gave instructions about prayer recorded in Matthew 6:5-13** – How do your reflections compare?

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas the Apostle** – I have a great deal of empathy with Thomas, as he had doubts and was prepared to air them and, when faced with the truth he fully accepted it. He spent the rest his life spreading that truth wherever he travelled. Give thanks for the life and service of Thomas and that you will have the integrity and faith to serve our Lord as Thomas did.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** As a member of the Primary Section at Bromley Temple Corps of the Salvation Army I learned this chorus *Whisper a prayer in the morning, whisper a prayer at noon, whisper a prayer in the evening, to keep your heart in tune; God hears my prayer in the morning, God hears my prayer at noon, God hears my prayer in the evening and keeps my heart in tune. Prayer changes things in the morning, prayer changes things at noon, Prayer changes things in the evening and keeps my heart in tune.*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Pray for – Practical Aspects of Spirituality – The Nicene Creed led by Andrew Wheeler** at St Mary's Guildford, 09.30 – 12.00. Refreshments from 09.15. email [gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gmc.info@hotmail.co.uk) if you wish to attend

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Addlestone 10.30am, Cranleigh 10.30am, Merrow 10.30am St Michael's Sheerwater 10.30am, West Horsley 10.00am, Weybridge 10.30am, and all who participate.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nicene Creed - Personalised (MWB)** (*Abba Father was the term Jesus used when praying to God personally*) Take the opportunity to explore your doubts and beliefs using the Nicene Creed - Reflect on - I believe in one God, the (Abba) Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. Talk to God, in prayer about your reflections. (*continue this discussion daily*)

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Abba - Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Abba - Father; through him all things were made.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** For me and for my salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For my sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Abba - Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. who proceeds from the Abba - Father and the Son, who with the Abba - Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the [Street Angels](#) in Woking, Guildford and elsewhere that the love, light, power and hope of Abba Father, Son and Holy Spirit will shine through them and bless their commitment to serve. Give them strength and security at this sometimes-difficult time. Amen

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Action for Children Sunday - Pray for the Work and Mission of Action for Children** – for all those who serve the needs of children with love, compassion and understanding and all those who are in their care.

Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Stoughton 10.30am, Woking Trinity 10.30am English speaking Congregation, 1.30pm Cantonese speaking Congregation, Foundry Worship 6.00pm, Walton-on-Thames 3.30pm and all who participate.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Pray** for the Ministry and Mission of Chaplaincy across the Circuit in Schools, the University, Colleges, Hospitals, Care Homes, HMP Send. For chaplaincy work with families and those who serve and work in caring for the community. That the Holy Spirit may enable, strengthen and support them. Amen.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for God's blessing on the South East District, its Chair and Vice Chairs and other staff, pray also for our Circuit that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us, at this time of uncertainty, to the form of Mission, our Lord has planned for the future. *(re Circuit Document recently circulated)*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** 'At this time of change reflect and pray on these words from Isaiah Chapter 41 "Do not fear for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** Reflect and Pray in faith – Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired me, cheered me on my way, sought me and saved me, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, I bring my thanks today. Lord, for myself; in living power remake me, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind me, for the future take me, Lord of my life, to live for you alone. *(Timothy Dudley-Smith, StF 470 vv 1, 5)*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Work, Ministry and Mission of Messy Fun Church at Woking Trinity 5.00pm-7.00pm Art and Craft activities, assorted Games, time for a 'chat 'a Bible Story and a free meal for all. (Suitable for children up to 8/9 years old. Runs every Friday in Termtime Only)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Mission and Mission of **Clothes 4U at Knaphill 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Rural Mission Sunday** – *(Personal Note)* During my late teens in rural Dorset, then later as a young local preacher in the New Forest Circuits, and surrounding chapels, and as a student at Cliff College I preached in many small chapels to loyal congregations - most now closed; a few amalgamated. Pray with me for those who serve the needs of Rural Communities - especially those who lead worship to small congregations facing church closures and amalgamations. That the Holy Spirit bless their worship and work and enable them to find ways to continue serving and worshipping in their communities.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for all those who live and work in Rural areas. - *God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give; take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that all may live. Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain, all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain. All our labour, all our watching, all our calendar of care, in these crops of your creation, take, O God; they are our prayer.*  
*(Leslie Thomas John Arlott StF122v3)*

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Magdalene** – Mary was a significant figure in the final period of Jesus's life. Scripture tells us she was one of the group of women who sat at the foot of the Cross and then tended to the body of Jesus. Mary was the first person to see the 'Risen Lord'. and had the responsibility of informing the disciples that Jesus was risen. She spent time in the Garden alone reflecting on her life with Jesus. He came and talked to her. I am reminded that we can all talk to Jesus.

I have frequently sung this song as a solo. If you know it sing it as a Prayer.

**In the Garden** - *I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear; the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him although the night around me be falling, but He bids me go through the voice of woe; His voice to me is calling. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. (C. Austin Miles)*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** A follow up prayer – Lord seeing life from your perspective makes your challenge plain, as your heart is grieving over those who live in pain. Teach me how to show by my compassion, you may fashion hope again. Spirit, pour your power through, that I may be free living my compassion, you may fashion hope again. Lord, I set my human limits on the work I do. Send me your directing Spirit, pour your power through, that I may be free in living and in giving all for you. (*Marjorie Dobson StF664 pp 3, 4*)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of Coffee and Cake at St Mary's Guildford 10.30 – 12 noon, This month's Charity – **the Salvation Army Foodbank, Guildford**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> James the Apostle** Some challenging words from James' Letter – Reflect on the passages and pray as prompted by the Spirit - You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness, but be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Ministry and Mission of the Coffee Morning at Knaphill 10.30am-12.00 noon

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Worship, Ministry and Mission at Byfleet 10.30am, Godalming 10.30am, Guildford St Mary's 8.00am, 10.30am, Knaphill 10.00am, and all who participate.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> James continued** - What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill, and does not supply their bodily needs what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save. So, who then, are you to judge your neighbour?

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** The Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy – and a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Pray – Lord make me a peacemaker, in my thought, words and deeds.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** Give thanks and pray for the Ministry and Mission of all our Ministers, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Visitors, Stewards, Administrators, Musicians, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Providers, any other Volunteers, and all those who Worship in the Churches or Online, including yourself. Amen.

Please let Lucy in the Circuit Office know if you would like to submit prayer requests. Thank you.

God bless you all.

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