

*Sandhurst and Yateley
Methodist Church
Newsletter
April 2018*



The Minister writes...



Dear friends,

"Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

This joyful shout of acclamation starts our Easter morning service. These are words of praise and also of faith because they declare our belief in a risen Saviour. The cross is empty and the tomb deserted – no wonder we rejoice!

When Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of the Christ* was released in 2004 I went with friends to see it at the cinema. I expect many of you did too. The violence of some of the scenes was, undoubtedly, very upsetting. I have no idea whether it was humanly possible for a person to survive such a flogging as the film portrayed, but we do know that the Roman method of execution by crucifixion was barbaric and a form of torture. It certainly caused us to reflect on what Jesus went through and to give the events of Good Friday their due.

The resurrection scene, by contrast, was beautifully understated. We saw a black screen and heard the sound of a heavy stone being rolled back as a crescent of light appeared and gradually banished the darkness of the tomb. The camera panned around and we glimpsed a movement as the grave clothes crumpled into folds as if suddenly empty of what had been contained in them. Then, through the dusty dimness, we saw the figure of Jesus standing in the corner. Sideways on, our eyes travelled down his body and rested on the holes on his hands. Slowly and purposefully he moved towards the sunlight and the world beyond the tomb.

The cinema was silent when the film finished and we filed out as if at a funeral. The shock of Christ's Passion was still with us and the joy of his resurrection had not yet sunk in. Then the person in front of me turned to his friend and said, "I believe they're going to make a sequel."



Although we laughed about the comment, his words stayed with me because of course, in Christian terms, there *has* been a sequel. It is told in the Book of Acts and in the epistles we find recorded in our New Testament. More than that, it is a sequel that is ongoing. WE are part of it.

When the women came to the tomb on that first Easter morning and found it empty, they were told, "He is not here for he is risen, just as he said." They ran back to tell the disciples. They were the first witnesses to the resurrection – but they weren't the last. WE are part of that long line of witnesses. WE continue to tell the Gospel message of hope, joy and, above all else, love. It's not a message to be shut away in a dark and dusty place. Jesus walked out of just such a place that the world might hear the message and discover its wonder. We must do likewise.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

With every blessing of Easter,
Sharon

Picture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAG7jC_FaxU

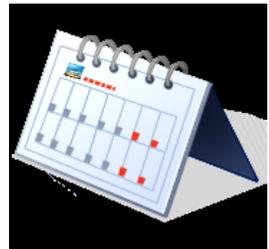
What's on?

March

26th: Purple Passion
29th: Maundy Thursday Supper
30th: Good Friday

April

1st: Easter Sunday
4th: Wednesday House Group
10th: Praise and Prayer
12th: Coffee Morning, Thursday House Group
14th: Club 15 Theatre Trip (not 15th)
15th: Film night – Risen
21st: Messy Church
22nd: Local Arrangement
24th: Rejoice!
28th Carmina Burana



Film night—upcoming ...

We have moved film night so that it doesn't clash with the café style worship at High Cross. Please join us for a film, fellowship and a pizza (we order in).
Next one is

'Risen' on Sunday 15th April

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables and Potatoes, Custard, Rice Puddings and LL Milk.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

Coffee mornings

Coffee Mornings every **second Thursday** in the month

We have started a monthly Coffee Morning at church for members and visitors. The first one was held in January and we had a dozen people attend. It was a lovely opportunity to catch up over coffee and cakes.

Do put the dates in your diary and pop along if you are free between 10:30 and 12 midday.

Next date **Thursday 12th April.**

Heather

Communion Steward

Currently we have a vacancy for another Communion Steward. This entails setting up Communion and clearing away afterwards and leading folks forward during the service to take Communion.

We have about three Communion services a quarter, so if you could offer to take up a position on the Team, you will potentially have just one duty every three months. Please consider if you could undertake this and let Keg or one of the Stewarding Team know.

Thank you in anticipation - Stewarding Team.

Musicians

Calling all musicians.

We are in desperate need of people to accompany singing on Sunday mornings be it on piano, organ, guitar or other instrument. With only 2 of us playing regularly there are a lot of Sundays to cover between us. There is a real chance that sooner or later we will have days when neither of us are available and singing will have to be unaccompanied.

If you can help in any way please speak to me.

Alison B

Action for Children Collection Boxes



Now is the time of year when I empty your Action for Children Collection Boxes so could you please let me have them in the next week or two. I can then count the money and bank it in the next month or so. If I am not around then please leave them at the back of the Church where I will collect them. Remember that every penny counts to help needy children everywhere so please give generously.

Alison Fradgley
01276-36631

Stewards and Assistant Stewards

Stewards Rota

We are currently trying to put together the next rota from May to December 2018.

Please consider committing to a couple of duties, whether as Steward or Assistant (or both!).

The Team really need some help.

Please let Keg know so she can update the rota.

This information is needed by the end of the month please.

Many thanks for your help with this, it is much appreciated.

Flower rota

The new flower rota is in operation now.

If you're using the silk flowers, then please give your donation to the stewards so that it can be recorded as going towards the 'flower fund' so that, at some point, we will be able to pay for another silk arrangement. **Please remember that a simple bouquet of flowers in a vase is perfectly ok—there is no need to do a fancy arrangement.**

There are still some gaps in the rota. If you would like to help with one of these, please let Sue Truby know.

Dates still vacant are:

3rd June

17th June

15th July

12th August

26th August

Any questions, please ask Sue.



New GDPR Regulations

New GDPR regulations are coming into operation on 25th May 2018. This is across the EU and is to protect individuals from having their personal information which may be stored for one purpose, being forwarded to another user for a different purpose. You now have to opt in for us to be able to store and use your information to contact you.

You may be assured that take your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your SYMC offertories, donations and/or provide other relevant information and/or support that you might reasonably expect from us. We will only use details that you have given us and not collect further information about you from third party organisations. We will only retain your information for the duration of your attendance and then only use it if you request that we continue to send you information after that time. We will not pass or share your information with any third party, contractor or agency unless required by law.

Personal information you give us is held securely by SYMC. Access to this information is restricted to officers of SYMC in order to undertake their roles. In return for your support we will update you primarily by the SYMC Newsletter and Weekly Notices to keep you informed about news and the work of SYMC, the Circuit, the District and the Methodist Church Connexion as well as advise how your support is being used. In addition from time to time we would like to contact you with details of associated promotions, relevant events and/or information that we consider may be of interest to you.

Some of you have already been contacted via email with both details of this information and also with a GDPR Privacy Notice Return Form 'Permission to Keep in Touch'. If you have not, or do not have an email address, then we have hard copies which will be given to you to complete and return to Keg.

Please note that without your reply we will no longer be able to communicate with you after 25th May 2018.

Easter baskets and Easter Day flowers

Just to let you know that we will do Easter Baskets again this year. For those willing and able, please take home a basket and decorate it in your chosen flowers for our Easter service.

We will also be decorating the cross on Easter Sunday so please bring an individual flower for God's glorification.

Many thanks , Heather

Maundy Thursday supper

Our Maundy Supper and Service is at 7 pm on **Thursday 29th March 2018**, with Communion and we have again invited members from other churches.

We know it seems a long way ahead but planning is important! Please put the date in your diary now.

Purple Passion



You may remember Purple Passion, a musical, performed in 2013 and 2014, with some of our members taking part?

It is to be screened on Monday **26th March**, 2:30pm, Holy Trinity Hall, Aldershot Road, Church Crookham.

No tickets are required but donations to charity are gratefully received.

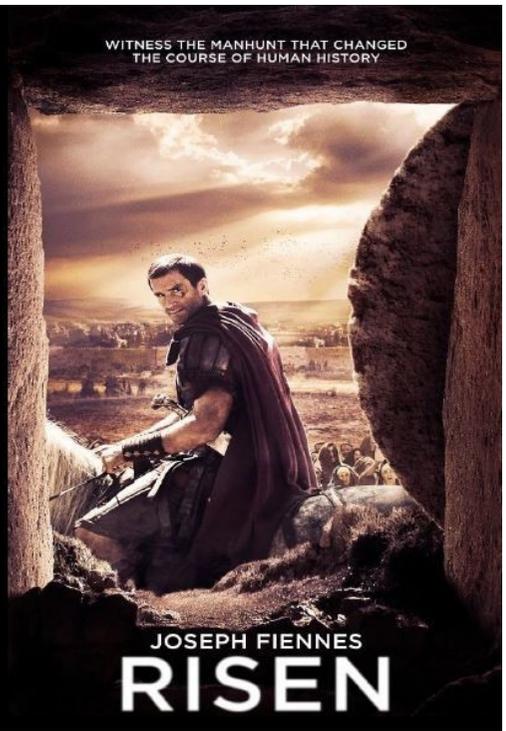
Ask Douglas for information if you're interested in going.

Film Night **15 Apr**

Advance notice:

Next month's film will be '**Risen**', the story of a Roman Tribune tasked with finding **Jesus** after the **Resurrection**.

More details to follow.



Women's World Day of Prayer

All God's Creation is Very Good!

Even though the service had to be postponed (because of snow) there was a good turnout a week later. The service for the Women's World Day of Prayer was written this year by the women of Suriname in the north of South America.

Quite a few people were involved in the service, all dressed in bright colours, demonstrating how we should be looking after our planet. Heather led the service really well and ladies from around the Yateley and Sandhurst area did readings representing the women of Suriname. The 'litter louts' then brought forward various items - bottle of water, candle, fruit, table lamp, wooden animal, picture frame etc. after readings relevant to the item - unwrapped them and then just threw the bottle/paper/boxes on the floor!

After further readings about how we should be more careful about how we dispose of our waste, the litter louts then went and cleared up the mess they had made, putting them in the appropriate recycling boxes.

Heather got us learning some of the language of Suriname (which is not easy!!) - try it and see: A heri grontapu di Gado meki bun doro, doro! (pronounced: a hair gront-ar-pu dee gardo metchi, boon, doro, doro. This means: All God's Creation is Very Good. And so the service was to prove.

The hymn singing was happy and joyous. We sang 'Beauty for Brokenness' 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' and one was said (as we didn't know the tune and it was difficult to learn) and we ended with the WWDofP hymn, 'The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is ended'. The other hymn we had, 'Made in the likeness of God' was very catchy and so Rev Sharon had us all singing at the service on Mothering Sunday.

Afterwards we were treated to cakes (some made like the cakes in Suriname, with coconut) and tea and coffee and lots and lots of friendship and fellowship.

Well done to all who took part, and to Heather for organising and leading.

ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD - Amen.

Margaret

Club 15 April—on Saturday 14th, not 15th

Club 15 in April is a visit to see All My Sons by Arthur Miller at The Electric Theatre, Guildford (7:45pm - £15.50)

https://electric.theatre/shows/allmysons2018/?spektrix_bounce=true

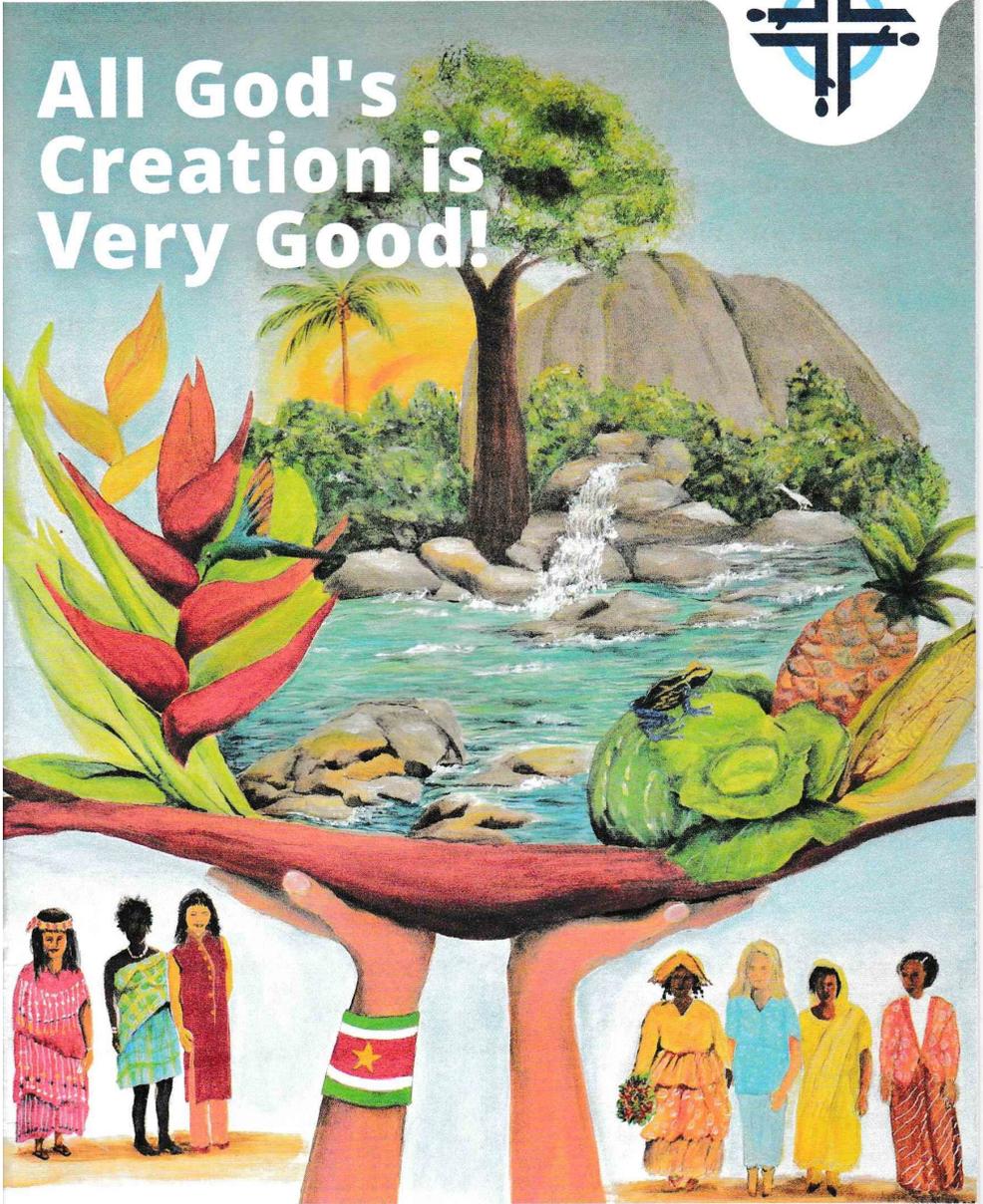
Tickets have been booked now, contact Graham or Alison.

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Women's World Day of Prayer 2nd March 2018



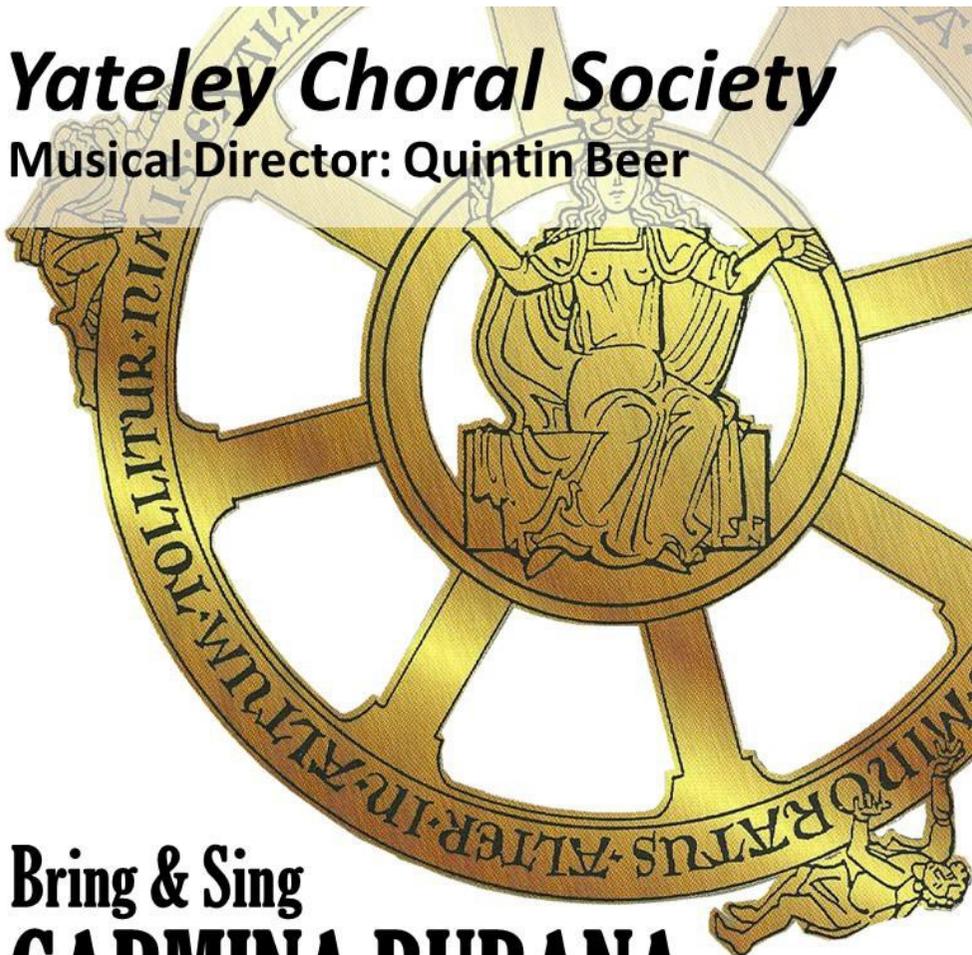
All God's Creation is Very Good!



PREPARED BY CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF **Suriname**

Yateley Choral Society

Musical Director: Quintin Beer



Bring & Sing **CARMINA BURANA**

Saturday 28th April 2018

Yateley Manor School, Yateley

Tickets for workshop and performance: £15

Audience tickets for performance: £10

For further information, please contact us at:

info@yateley-choral.org.uk

Registered Charity: 295665
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www.yateley-choral.org.uk

Club 15 Quiz evening



Club 15's event in March was a quiz evening and it fell to Carol & Jim to do the organizing. Jim had been busy compiling the questions, a few easy, some tricky and others that tried to tease out useless nuggets of knowledge stored in our brains for posterity.

To be seen to be fair, the nine quizzers were randomly assigned to teams of three and battle commenced with a round on religion. Round 2 on sport played into the hands of the blokes team who emerged with a commanding lead amid protests from the other teams. Surely the balance would be restored in the following rounds with questions perfectly suited to those familiar with geography, history, the Cornish flag, music or general knowledge? Not a bit of it - the blokes remained victorious to the end, and even after a process of quantitative easing whereby the sports round was ignored, the overall result was unaffected.

At half-time we broke for some tasty refreshments and to mingle. In reality, no one cared about the scores - a good time was had by all, and our thanks go to Carol & Jim for their hard work to prepare for and host an evening full of fun and friendship.

One of the blokes

Newsletter and website

Thanks very much to all those people who send in articles and reports and news unsolicited. You make my job much easier!

But please, if you are about to put a poster up in the foyer or noticeboards—pass it to me first.

If you've been to some event—please tell me about it afterwards.

If you're aware of a change of date or venue—let me know as soon as you can.

The newsletter is (usually) in church on the last Sunday of the month for the following month. In order to do that, I have to send it to the printer the previous Sunday, and since it takes me several days to put it together, copy date is usually the middle of the week before that. I always put the next issue's copy date in the newsletter (see the bottom of the next page) and Barbara puts it in the notices, so you will always know when I need things, although with plenty of notice and by prior arrangement, I can usually still accept things between the copy date and the Sunday evening.

The more notice people have of upcoming events, the better!

Thanks. Sue

Messy Church

Messy Church happens on the 3rd Saturday each month.

The next date is **Saturday 21st April** Please do encourage friends or relatives with small children to come along and have some fun.

Babes and Tots

Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 12:00,

If you know of anyone in the community with a young baby or child, please invite them to attend.

Small friendly group, all welcome,
mums, dads, grandparents.



Facebook page: Babes and Tots—Sandhurst.

Prayer Group and Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 2pm—daytime Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 7:30—Prayer Group—followed by, from 8-9, evening Bible Study.

Minister

Rev Sharon Gardner

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01344 774967

Pastoral leader
Margaret Picken
pastoral@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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Karen Glossop	01344 762407	Senior Steward
Sandra Wooledge	01344 775177	
Heather Brown	01252 655419	
Matt Rowell	01344 775744	

House Fellowship groups providing a friendly platform for discussion ...

Thursday House Group:

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst.
01252 872503

Thursday April 12th

Wednesday House Group:

Diana Middleditch—hosted at Alison and Graham
Fradgley's for a while
Forbes Chase, Sandhurst

Wednesday 4th April



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newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **May** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 29th April) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Thursday April 19th**

Contributions should either be:
Handed to Sue at Church,
Emailed to: newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk
Or posted to 58 Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst GU47 9EP (01252 879236)

Praise and Prayer



An afternoon of singing, prayer and fellowship starting at 14:30 pm.

All are welcome—
old and young, ladies and gentlemen.

Refreshments are served
following the short meeting.



Do come along on 10th April,
Then 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 14th August.

Details from Frankie on 01344 772485 or fhiron137@btinternet.com
Please come and join us, you will be very welcome.

Spiritual Development Group



The spiritual development group organise:

Regular Prayer meetings and evening Bible Study, every
Tuesday evening

Tuesday Praise and Prayer (2nd Tuesday)

Rejoice! (4th Tuesday)

Daytime Bible Study (1st and 3rd Tuesday)

Please join us—or speak to Keg, Frankie or Sue for
more details.

April

3rd	2:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
10th	2:30 pm 2:30 pm 8:00 pm	Praise and Prayer Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
17th	2:00 pm 7.30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
24th	2.00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom

April 2018 Rotas

Flowers

- 1st Flower baskets, and
Gil Forster
- 8th Diane Knight
- 15th Audrey Gamlin
- 22nd Sue Truby
- 29th Karen Glossop

Funtime Worship

Funtime Worship is available during term time. If children are present then there will be someone to provide FTW.

Welcome

- 1st Audrey Gamlin
- 8th Barbara Rush
- 15th Margaret Picken
- 22nd Dennis Richards
- 29th Mick Malone

Coffee

- Audrey Gamlin and Eunice Feeney
- Brenda Kegal and Ann Harper
- Heather Brown and Barbara Rush
- Joan Taylor and Sandra Wooledge
- Diane Knight and Sandra Fogwill

Lifts to Church on Sunday morning

If you require a lift to church and you live in Sandhurst or Yateley, please ring through the listed names. They are happy to give lifts if they are available. Please alternate between the names if using the service regularly.

Yateley

- Pam Hardy 01252 870468
- Tricia Needes 01252 658350

Sandhurst

- Graham Fradgley 01276 36631
- Barbara Rush 01252 876051
- Douglas Brown 01252 655419
- John Mason 01344 775250

Services



April 2018

1st (Easter Day)	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion and All Age Worship)
8th	10:30 am	David Morgan
	6:30 pm	No SCT Ecumenical Service
15th	10:30 am	Sylvia Boys
	6.30 pm	Film Night—note now 3rd Sunday
22nd	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6:00 pm	Café Worship at High Cross—every 4th Sunday
29th	7:00 pm	Mike Bowstead

For (nearly) up to the minute news, visit our new website:
www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

If you're on Facebook—then 'like' our Facebook pages—
and join in the conversation -

Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

And if you tweet, we're there too:
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