

# Services



## January 2019

6th	10:30 am	Peter Whalley
13th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Covenant Service and Holy Communion)
20th	10:30 am	Christine Morgan
	6.00 pm	Ecumenical Service— St George's
	6.30 pm	Film Night—note now 3rd Sunday
27th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6:00 pm	Café Worship at High Cross—every 4th Sunday

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*Sandhurst and Yateley  
Methodist Church  
Newsletter  
December 2018  
January 2019*

## The Minister writes...

Dear friends,  
*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely,  
Love divine  
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels  
gave the sign.*



During Advent our thoughts turn towards Christmas and all the well-loved traditions of the season. For the children – or the child in each of us! – there is pleasure each day as the next window of the Advent calendar is opened, the sound of carols and Christmas songs is heard in every shopping centre, interestingly-shaped packages are squirrelled away out of sight, Christmas trees are put up and decorated and tinsel hung on everything that stands still long enough, manger scenes are created (with the wise men always too early!) and the baby is laid in his hay-filled crib. Finally, the day itself arrives and the delight on children's faces is reflected by a deeper, more profound joy in our hearts.

For many that picture of Christmas is familiar and lovely but there are also those – more than we'd perhaps like to think – for whom this is not a season of joy and peace: those living with the fear of conflict, the refugees, the homeless, those struggling financially, the lonely, the housebound, the bereaved. For all these Christmas can be a difficult time when the reality of their situations is made all the more apparent by the contrast with others.

It helps when we remember that the true gift of Christmas is not the cards or presents, not the friends visiting and visited, not the turkey, sprouts or mince pies consumed, not even the gathering of family. The true gift of Christmas is that God sent his Son, born as one of us – a gift of total and unconditional love. Love came down at Christmas as Christina Rossetti's simple but beautiful song reminds us.

That first Christmas the star and the angels gave the sign to Magi and shepherds, the greatest and the least – but what is the sign to our present generation? Jesus said, 'They will know you are my disciples by your love.' Our love for one another and for all those

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<b>2nd</b>	10:30 am	Rosemary Morgan-Barry
<b>9th</b>	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Nativity Service)
<b>16th</b>	10:30 am	Jonny Cunningham
	6.30 pm	No Film Night
<b>23rd</b>	10:30 am	David Morgan
	6:30 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner (Carols by Candlelight)
<b>24th</b>	11:30 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
<b>25th</b>	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner
<b>30th</b>	10:30 am	Rev Roy Smith

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## January 2019 Rotas

### Flowers

6th -  
13th Mary Grossman  
20th Joyce Chappell  
27th Diane Knight

### Funtime Worship

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

### Cleaning

w/c 14th Sandra Woledge and Wendy Hart

### Welcome

6th Frankie Hiron  
13th Sue Truby  
20th Audrey Gamlin  
27th Barbara Rush

### Coffee

Margaret Picken and Cynthia Robinson  
Audrey Gamlin and Eunice Feeney  
Phil and Hilary Tattershall  
Brenda Kegal and Ann Harper

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whom God loves must be our sign to the world of what Christmas is about, our Christmas and New Year message.

As the hymn concludes:  
*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.*

Wishing you all God's peace and love in your hearts this Christmas time and his guiding presence into 2019.

*Sharon*

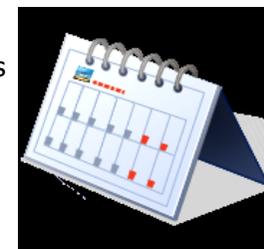
## What's on?

### November

27th: Rejoice!

### December

2nd: Woosehill special service  
6th: Wednesday housegroup  
8th: Christmas Fair  
9th: Nativity Service  
10th: Christmas Carol Concert, Working with the Homeless  
11th: Praise and Prayer Christmas service  
13th: Coffee morning, Thursday housegroup  
15th: Club 15 Christmas Meal  
23rd: 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight  
24th: Midnight service with Holy Communion  
25th: Christmas Day service **10:30am**



### January

8th: Praise and Prayer  
9th: Wednesday housegroup  
10th: Coffee morning, Thursday housegroup  
15th: Club 15  
20th: Ecumenical service, Film night  
22nd: Rejoice!

## 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 ones are

**No film night in December  
January 20th "I, Daniel Blake"**



## Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Adult and children's toothbrushes, Antibacterial spray, Washing up liquid, Washing tablets, hand-wash, tinned pulses, Sponge puddings, Tinned tomatoes.

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 dates **Thursday December 13th** and **January 10th**  
Heather

## Woosehill special service 2nd December

Dear Sisters & Brothers,  
How time flies – this year is the 25th anniversary of the completion of the Woosehill Community Church building. It does appear to have sneaked up on us, but we have planned a series of services to celebrate the event.  
The culmination will be a 10.00 am service on Sunday 2nd December led by Rev. John Hellyer, Chair of the SE District of the Methodist Church. Afterwards there will be a simple meal to allow time and space for all those gathered to share memories and catch up with news and this will be followed at 2.30 by our Advent Carol Service, finishing at about 3.30 pm.  
We do hope you will be able to join us for all or part of the day and very much look forward to seeing you.  
Other events that you might opt to attend is the Harvest Service on 30th September and an anniversary service led by Elaine Steere one of our former ministers on October 28th at 10.00 am.  
I look forward to hearing whether you can make it. Kind regards,  
The Revd. Patrick Mukholi

## Carols by Candlelight—Action now!

A traditional Carol Service with favourite hymns and readings will be held at our Church on **Sunday December 23rd at 6:30pm** led by Rev. Sharon Gardner.

That's all well and good but who is going to attend ? We all like a full Church, but how do we try and achieve this ? We could spend £ millions on TV advertising but research has shown the personal touch works best ( and is cheaper ! ) So.....

- choose a friend, a neighbour and a family member.
- ask them individually " *what are you doing for Christmas ?*" or " *anything*"

## December 2018 Rotas

### Flowers

2nd -  
9th Hilary and Phil Tattershall  
16th -  
23rd Anne and Dennis Richards  
30th Sue Brooks

### Funtime Worship

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### Welcome

2nd Audrey Gamlin  
9th Barbara Rush  
16th Margaret Picken  
23rd Dennis Richards  
30th Mick Malone

### Coffee

Joan Taylor and Sandra Wooledge  
Heather Brown and Barbara Rush  
Diane Knight and Sandra Fogwill  
Alison Bone and Julia Spencer-Jones  
Alison Fradgley and Sonia Walton

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## 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.

### December

4th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
11th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
18th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	

### January

8th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
15th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
22nd 2:00 pm	Rejoice!	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	

## 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 11th December  
Then 8th January**

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

*special planned for Christmas ?"*  
c) almost certainly your friend, neighbour and family member will ask you the same question back.....so that is the opportunity to - say in your own words something like "*going to a traditional candlelit carol service at Church, the Sunday evening before Christmas.*  
- *Should be good and hopefully we'll have some mince pies !"*  
d) So far so good but now the "presumptive close."..... "*If you'd like to come along, can I give you a lift "* or "*if you'd like to join me you'd be more than welcome"*  
e) If you do not ask you do not get.



Good luck!  
Wilf

## World Day of Prayer (WDP)

I am writing this article having just attended a preparation day for next year's WDP (World Day of Prayer) as prepared by the Women of the world, but now dropping the first W in order to encompass all people. This was an uplifting day centred on the theme of "All are welcome". Woking URC helped us understand the broad subject as well as their own minister giving an insightful talk on the topic.

I have been a representative for this organisation going back a VERY long time, to my days when I went to Trinity Church back in Yateley village hall. So after I left there, and was trying decide where to continue worshipping, the then committee requested me to carry on with them, even though I did not belong to any church. After that I decided to join S&YMC and carried on as the representative as there was no regular representative from there. I then managed to co-opt on Rosemary G to help and she kindly took over as secretary for a number of years. Since she left some little while ago nobody has stepped forward to replace her, so I have been our sole representative.

The job entails a few meetings per year to sort out the running of the service in March and helping with the running of the Christian Aid soup lunch in May. It also encourages us to learn about the Women of the world and their geographical environment. As well as learning about costumes, new recipes and dramatic interpretation of Bible passages.

I am hoping that someone would be kind enough to step forward to replace me after about 25 years of service I feel it is time for fresh blood. As we are the only non Catholic or Church of England representative on the ecumenical Sandhurst and Yateley group, our input is vital to keep the group going. So please if anyone feels led to help out the group it would be a welcome reprieve for our local WDP.

Obviously I am happy to talk to anyone considering the role.  
Please prayerfully consider this request

Yours in Christ  
Heather



*... still going strong and proud to announce their new branch in Mubende, Uganda".*

### Praise and Prayer

Praise and Prayer will be having a carol service on **Tuesday 11th December** at 2.30 pm in the school room. Everyone is welcome to join us for singing and mince pies. Any queries please contact Frankie.

**I really hate this damn machine  
I wish that they would sell it  
It never does quite what I want  
But only what I tell it**

*Anonymous*

### Minister

**Rev Sharon Gardner**  
minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk  
01344 774967

Pastoral leader  
Margaret Picken  
pastoral@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

### Church Stewards—steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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 13th December**  
**Thursday 10th January**

#### Wednesday House Group:

Diana Middleditch  
—hosted at Alison and Graham Fradgley's  
Forbes Chase, Sandhurst  
**Thursday 6th December—Christmas Quiz**  
**Wednesday 9th January**



### Newsletter and Website

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Contributions for the **February** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 27th January) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday January 16th**.

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)

Merry Christmas!



Churches Together  
Crowthorne

## Working with the Homeless

LT JAN HOWLIN, WOKINGHAM SALVATION ARMY

**MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 8-9:30PM**

Crowthorne Methodist Church, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne

Leading the work of the Wokingham Salvation Army amongst local homeless people, Lt Jan is well placed to comment on the local scene and share her experience of how Christians and churches can best respond to this challenging social issue.

Open to all Churches

### Christmas Day Service

This year our **Christmas Morning Family Service is starting at 10.30 am** and not our traditional 10.00 am. This enables Sharon to lead the service at Bagshot before she leads our service. So please make a note of this. We have advertised this change in the Sandhurst Resident's Magazine and also on our wonderful new Christmas poster on the outside noticeboard.

### Club 15 January—planning

January's Club 15 is the annual planning session.

For 2019 it will be held at Sue Brooks.

Please let her know if you're coming and for more details.

Thanks





## 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 page 17) 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—contact [newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)

## 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.

## Paul part 2

### His early years

With the proclamation of the Messiahship of Jesus to the synagogues in Damascus, Paul caused consternation amongst the Jews. He then went on to visit Arabia and probably to rethink out his beliefs. There had been no hint of his purpose being to preach until then.

He then returned to Damascus but his aggressive preaching forced him to flee to Jerusalem. He was viewed with suspicion until Barnabas secured his acceptance. After the hostility he returned to Tarsus and remained in obscurity for some years.

Later Barnabas brought him back to Antioch to assist him in his teaching ministry and then took him on to Jerusalem.

### Missionary Journeys

These were inaugurated at the Antioch church under the direction of the Holy Spirit sending forth "Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 13 v1-3).

### First Missionary Journey

These began in spring AD48 among the Jews in Cyprus.

After events in Paphos, (Acts13v4-12) Saul became known as Paul and became the recognized leader of the missionary party. He aimed to take the Gospel to new and untrodden regions. He went to Pisidian Antioch and found a ready opening in the Jewish synagogue. His message to the Jews and God fearing Gentiles is reported at length in Acts 13v16-41. This made a deep impression and they asked for more on the next Sabbath. On the next Sabbath the large crowd, of mainly gentiles, caused deep resentment among the Jewish leaders. So Paul announced he was turning to the gentiles and they formed the core of his church in Pisidian Antioch. Jewish led opposition caused him to move to Iconium, south east of Antioch, with the same results and a flourishing Church therein. So they fled on to Lystra, where there was seemingly no synagogue and a congenital cripple was healed. This led to a pagan attempt at offering sacrifices to the missionaries, as gods in human form. Paul was horrified at this. (14v15-17) Agitators turned the disillusioned pagans against the missionaries and in the uproar Paul was stoned. Paul became unconscious, so they dragged him out of the city, and left him for dead. As the disciples stood around him he regained consciousness and the next day they moved on to neighbouring Derbe. This was a fruitful and unmolested ministry. He later returned to his Syrian Antioch converts and organised them into churches, reporting that "God had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles." (14v27). This was the summary of Paul's philosophy of his Gentile missions, salvation solely through faith in Jesus Christ.

During this time Timothy was also converted.

### Jerusalem Conference

(Acts 15 and Gal 2v 1-10)

This was caused by the mass influx of the Gentiles into the Church. It resulted in the opposition of the Pharisaic party in the Church, who taught that unless the people received circumcision they could not be saved. As this caused controversy Paul, Barnabas and others were sent to Jerusalem to sort it out. The two different standpoints in the Bible passages mentioned above, are explained by Luke's being more historic and Paul's more personal. After ample

discussion of the problems, the conference refused to impose the law on Gentiles believers and only requested they abstain from any offensive practices. After this Paul and Barnabas continued their ministry in Antioch.

Next time  
Paul's further missionary journeys.

## Christmas Carol Concert

led by  
**Yateley Choral Society** with Westfields Junior School Choir  
on **Monday 10th December** at 7:30 pm  
at St Peters Church, Yateley  
Refreshment available  
Free entry with collection for Naomi House.

Further information from Wilf Hardy  
[wjhscot@aol.com](mailto:wjhscot@aol.com)  
07823 406908

## YCS Taster Session

Over the years you will have seen concerts advertised for Yateley Choral Society (YCS) The main reason for this is that the concerts are very often based around Christian music and have biblical texts so may be of interest to our Church.

YCS is growing but needs to ensure it has a good balance of singers so is looking for new members. As there are no auditions for potential members, two "Taster session" are being held in January . This is where you turn up and see if what YCS is offering suits you. No commitment.

The sessions will be on Mondays at 7:45 to 9:45 at Yateley Manor School.  
To know more and book a place at a session please contact:  
Wilf Hardy  
[wjhscot@aol.com](mailto:wjhscot@aol.com)  
07823 406908 or 01252 870468

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal 2018

Graham and I took 30 Shoe Boxes to High Cross on Monday, 12th November. They were made up of 16 boys of which there were 2 x Age 2-4; 12 x Age 5-9 and 2 x Age 10-14. There were 14 girls boxes, 1 x Age 2-4; 9 x Age 5-9 and 4 x Age 10-14. There were fewer boxes this year but I have donated £40 towards carriage.

Again thank you for your contributions this year – it is an excellent achievement and will be very much appreciated by the recipients!

Alison Fradgley



## Carol of the birds

Out on the plains the  
Brolgas are dancing  
Lifting their feet  
like war horses  
prancing:  
Up to the sun  
the woodlarks  
go winging  
Faint in the  
dawn light  
echoes their  
singing



Orana! Orana! Orana! to Christmas Day.



Down where the tree ferns grow  
by the river  
There where the waters sparkle  
and quiver,  
Deep in the gullies Bellbirds are  
chiming,  
Softly and sweetly their lyric  
notes rhyming.

Orana! Orana! Orana! to  
Christmas Day.



Friarbirds sip the nectar of flowers,  
Currawongs chat in wattle tree bowers;  
In the blue ranges Lorikeets calling—  
Carols of bushbirds rising and falling

Orana! Orana! Orana! to Christmas Day.

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