

Services



February 2019

3rd	10:30 am	Sharon Wright
10th	10:30 am	Rev Jackie Case
	6.30 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner, Ecumenical Service at S&YMC
17th	10:30 am	Maggie Garton
	6.30 pm	Film Night—note now 3rd Sunday
24th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:00 pm	Café Worship at High Cross—every 4th Sunday

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www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

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*Sandhurst and Yateley
Methodist Church
Newsletter
February 2019*

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

I have to ask you: do you still send Valentine's cards on the 14th February to the one that you love best – or is it a tradition only for the young?! (I seem to recall the last Valentine card I received was from the dogs...!)

The Valentine that lent his name to this tradition was a priest who lived in Rome in the third century. Not a lot of concrete facts are known about him but there are various stories and legends. This is one of them:

Emperor Claudius, who ruled at the time, desired to have a large and powerful army. He expected that men would volunteer but, not surprisingly, they didn't rush to do so. Instead they claimed that they were needed by their wives and families. An enraged Claudius promptly passed a law forbidding marriage.

Despite the law, couples still wanted to get married and Valentine was prepared to take the risk of marrying them in a secret ceremony. Eventually he got caught and was sentenced to death. Whilst awaiting his execution, many young people visited him, throwing flowers and notes up to his prison window to show their support for him and their belief in love.

One such young person was the daughter of the prison guard whose father allowed her to visit Valentine in his cell. They would talk together for hours at a time and a warm friendship grew between them. On the day of his execution Valentine left her a note, thanking her for her friendship and signed it, 'With love from your Valentine.' It is believed the tradition of sending love notes and cards dates back to that day: 14th February 269A.D.

So much for the legend – but what has the story got to say to us today, especially since few of us can count ourselves as starry-eyed young lovers anymore? I think there are lessons to be learned from it, especially as Christians, about the importance of love: Christ's love for us and ours for one another - about how that love can never be vanquished, about the importance of standing up for something we believe in, about declaring to others what matters to us even if it costs us to do so. Our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ pay with their freedom, their jobs and sometimes their lives to stand up for what they believe in. How do *we* show others that our faith is important to us?

Then there's something about the giving of a card or a note to show that you care about someone that goes beyond simply romantic notions. Perhaps this Valentine's Day we could make or do some small but loving thing for someone who *won't* be expecting it – a child, a friend, the Big Issue seller, your local shopkeeper or even a stranger – to remind them how special they are to God.

With every blessing,
Sharon



February 2019 Rotas

Flowers

3rd Gil Forster
10th Pam Hardy
17th Robert Godden
24th Diana Middleditch

Funtime Worship

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

Cleaning

w/c 4th Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

Welcome

3rd Eunice Feeney
10th Cynthia Robinson
17th Mick Malone
24th Frankie Hiron

Coffee

Joan Taylor and Sandra Woledge
Heather Brown and Barbara Rush
Diane Knight and Sandra Fogwill
Alison Bone and Julia Spencer-Jones

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.

Please do take advantage of this service—people really do want to help.

Yateley

Pam Hardy 01252 870468
Tricia Needes 01252 658350

Sandhurst

Graham Fradgley 01276 36631
Barbara Rush 01252 876051
Douglas Brown 01252 655419

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.

February

5th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
12th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
19th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
26th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	

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.

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 12th February

Details from Sharon on minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk
Please come and join us, you will be very welcome.

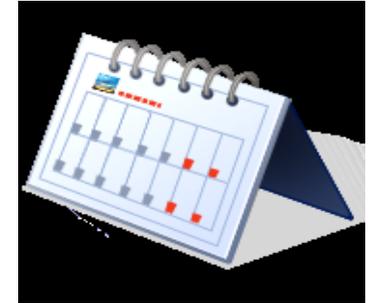
What's on?

February

5th: Bible study
6th: Wednesday house group
9th: Concert at North Camp
10th: Ecumenical Service at SYMC
12th: Praise and Prayer
14th: Coffee morning, Thursday house group
15th: Club 15
16th: **No** Family film club/messy church
17th: Film night
19th: Bible study
23rd: Safeguarding refresher course
26th: Rejoice!

March

1st: World Day of Prayer
15th: Club 15



... has been remastered for sound and is being released to the world as a web mini series of 5 ten minute episodes on YouTube every Friday evening.

The first 'aired' on Friday 11th January, episode 2 was out on the 18th, and so on.

To find it and watch it, visit <http://youtube.com> and search for "unbelievers pilot mini series".

The episodes and their Teaser Trailer will be the top matches.

Thanks!



Another thank you for all the donations kindly made to the Whitechapel Mission.

We took a very full carload over to Maggy and Colin Garton's and they were really surprised at how much we had collected.

Their garage was nearly full of all that had been donated by various churches for the Whitechapel Mission.

This will all be used for the homeless this winter.

Thank you again for your kindness.

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



February 17th The Green Mile

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Loo rolls, children's and adult toothbrushes, deodorant and hand wash.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

From December 2012(original opening date) to November 2018 the Food Bank provided for 54,620 meals.
Of which November 2018 = 1,116 meals.

This was to feed 6,180 people, of which 3,295 were adults and 2,885 were children.

As a church we have helped to provide for these people by our regular contributions to the Food Bank box. From there I deliver the goods to their base near Crowthorne Station.

With grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this ongoing and essential cause, to help the needy in Sandhurst and Crowthorne. Please continue the good work, as numbers seem to have grown over time.

February Club 15

Club 15 are having a wine & cheese evening at 24 Woodville Close, Blackwater.

ALL are welcome! Please let Sandra Fogwill know if you will be attending by **Tuesday 12th February**.

Sandraf2010@live.co.uk or 01252 870546.

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 date in your diary and pop along if you are free between 10:30 and 12 midday.

Next date **14th February**

Heather

Thanks!

A big 'thank you' from the Food Bank.

We gave all our harvest gifts to the Food Bank who have thanked us very much, saying that our generosity and kindness will help families struggling at this time of the year.

The total weight of our Church donation was 64.55 kgs.

A Big thank you from the Crowthorne Foodbank.

Their card is on the noticeboard if you would like to read this.

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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 14th February

Wednesday House Group:

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

Wednesday 6th February



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **March** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 31st February) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday February 20th**

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)

January Praise and Prayer

Praise

Twelve of us gathered for the January meeting. Frankie spoke about 'surprises' The unexpected events that happen in life and read a poem about Jesus coming to visit.

Frankie told us that she was stepping down due to ill health. The Rev. Sharon will take over for the next three months keeping the

same format and dates but with different speakers. Rev. Sharon thanked Frankie for her hard work during the last 5 1/2 years.

Messy Church/Family film club

Messy Church/Family film club usually happens on the 3rd Saturday each month.

But in February 2019 it is half-term so there won't be one.

The Christmas party in 2018 was great fun, with a visit from Father Christmas himself!

Family film club on 19th January was "Paddington 2" with marmalade sandwiches!



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.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mike and Sharon Gardner on the arrival of their newest grandson.

Noah Harry James arrived on Thursday morning at 09.02.

A brother for Reuben and Ava, a second son for Adam and Hayley.

Congratulations to you all.

Xxxxx

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". Working 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

December Praise and Prayer

Praise and Prayer: Our December meeting was the annual Carol Service and was attended by 15 members and led by Frankie with Alison playing the piano.

There were readings, read by members, and carols all following the Christmas story. It was a lovely time of fellowship which we all enjoyed.

Following this we all were all able to partake of homemade mince pies and cake - delicious - with tea or coffee.

This is a photo of our happy group taken after the service:

Thank you Frankie for all your hard work.



Safeguarding course

Would anyone who needs to attend the Safeguarding **Refresher** Course on **23rd February** at 10.00am please let me know so that I can let Jackie Case know numbers.

I believe this is to take place at Bracknell Methodist Church but will confirm this with Jackie and let you know.

Alison Fradgley
alison@gfradgley.com

National Methodist Youth Brass Band



The National Methodist Youth Brass Band is coming to North Camp Methodist Church for the weekend 8th-10th Feb.

On **Saturday 9th February** they will be holding a concert at North Camp Methodist at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 each or family tickets £10 (available from North Camp office Mon - Fri 9.30am to 12.30pm 01252 512226 or contact Erica on 01252 449610)

Club 15 programme for 2019

Date	Day	Event	Contact/Organiser
15th February	Friday	Wine & Cheese	Sandra Fogwill Sandraf2010@live.co.uk 01252 870546
15th March	Friday	Theatre— "Gaslight" at The Mill at Sonning	Graham & Alison Fradgley graham@gfradgley.com 01276 36631
15th April	Monday	Takeaway	Graham & Alison Fradgley graham@gfradgley.com 01276 36631
15th May	Wednesday	Walk	Robert Godden godden_robert@yahoo.com 01252 872503
15th June	Saturday	Seaside picnic	Diana Middleditch diana@polygonum.co.uk 07721 611700
15th July	Monday	Beer & Skittles The Toad & Stumps	Carol Baker cebaker@btconnect.com 07770 662294/01344 777902
15th August	Thursday	Shakespeare at a Fullers pub	Robert Godden godden_robert@yahoo.com 01252 872503 Sandra Fogwill Sandraf2010@live.co.uk 01252 870546
15th September	Sunday	BBQ tea	Robert Godden godden_robert@yahoo.com 01252 872503
15th October	Monday	Film & pizza	Sue Brooks Suem.brooks@btinternet.com 01344 750151
15th November	Friday	Quiz	Carol Baker cebaker@btconnect.com 07770 662294/01344 777902
15th December	Sunday	Christmas meal	Sue Truby suesandy17@gmail.com 01252 879236
15th January 2019	Tuesday	2020 Programme planning meeting	Graham & Alison Fradgley graham@gfradgley.com 01276 36631

him. He had his own hired house and soldier guarding it, so he was able to receive all, exercise important ministry as well as being able to write and meditate.

His closing years.

There is uncertainty over Paul's release, but there is strong evidence that he was released after 2 years. Paul went East and visited Epheus, stationing Timothy there. He then left Titus to complete his work at Crete. Paul became a prisoner in Rome again and was executed in AD 66 or early 67. Tradition has it that he was executed on the Ostian way.

Final part next time reflecting on his character and legacy.
Heather

Club 15 planning evening January



10 of us met to discuss the plan for the coming year. With a little bit of food and beverages, pictured, we managed to fill the plan up more quickly than some previous meetings. Please see what we have decided on. If you want to join us please talk to the people marked for the particular event you would like to attend. It is not a club you have to join, all are welcome and friends too.

Sue B

P.S Donations on the night for refreshments came to £21.00 for church funds.

World Day of Prayer 2019



This year's World Day of Prayer service is prepared by the Women of Slovenia and its theme is

Come - Everything is Ready.

It is to be held on **Friday March 1st**, 10.30am at St. Peters, Yateley.
All are welcome, look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there.
So any questions please ask Heather.

March Club 15

URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED - CLUB 15 - FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 15th - SONNING MILL

Discounted ticket price for 12 plus tickets £52.65 each including 3 course dinner. (Discount of approx. 10% applies to more than 12 tickets)

I need a firm commitment from interested parties by Friday 25th

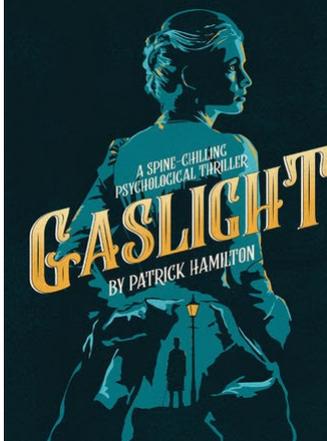
January when I will make a firm booking needing a non-refundable 50% deposit (committing me to potentially a few hundred pounds).

I am advised there is currently enough availability for my estimate of approx. 15 tickets.

Please let me know if you will be going asap (graham@gfradgley.com / 07779 176489)

Bella Manningham is convinced that she's losing her mind just as her mother did before her. And, like her Mother, she is terrified that she will end up in an asylum. She is haunted by the memory of an aunt violently murdered and sees ghostly apparitions; she hears floorboards creaking overhead; familiar objects disappear and then inexplicably reappear. While her handsome, domineering husband - Jack - is out in the evening the gaslight eerily dims and flickers.

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Does the terror exist in her imagination or are dark secrets living in her home? The surprise arrival of Rough, a retired detective leads to a shocking discovery that will shake her respectable Victorian marriage to its core. The Mill at Sonning is excited to present one of the greatest thrillers of all time written by Patrick Hamilton - who is right up there with Hitchcock & Christie as one of the masters of the psychological thriller. Adapted for the screen the part of Bella was played by Ingrid Bergman. It has become a classic movie and enjoyed by all generations. The intimate atmosphere of The Mill's auditorium will have you on the edge of your seat as the creepily atmospheric tension of the play builds and you will - believe me - be horribly frightened and entertained all at the same time.

Ray Davis

Ray, who was part of the church family for many years, passed away on 12th January, aged 83.

A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held at SYMC on 6th February at 2.15pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Club 15 Christmas meal—December



21 of us turned up at the Bird in Hand in Sandhurst on Saturday 15th December for the annual Club 15 Christmas meal.

The company was convivial.

The conversation was riveting.

The food was, as always, delicious.

I leave you with some photos of some of the desserts.



Why not come along and try them yourself in 2019.



We'll be back at the Bird in Hand again on Sunday 15th December!

Sue T



Paul continued

Second missionary journey

Paul and Barnabas separated, with Paul taking Silas with him, followed shortly by Timothy. Timothy was circumcised in order to prevent any difficulties that he might have had working with the Jews. Luke joined them when they sailed in to Macedonia. Eye witnesses gave account of Lydia's conversion, deliverance of a demon possessed slave girl and there were subtle changes against the imprisonment of Paul and Silas. They left Luke at Phillippi, went on to Thessalonika, but were forced to flee to Berea. Paul then went on to Athens to preach in the synagogue and daily in the market. However the pagan philosophers did not allow him to mention the resurrection, so he considered this a failure.

However Corinth proved to be a definite success, lasting 18 months. It was a city of commerce, wealth, squalor and gross immorality. He found employment for his trade, and was cheered up by the coming of Silas and Timothy to join him. This resulted in a church formulated mainly from the lower levels of society.

Third missionary journey

Paul started a fruitful ministry at Ephesus which lasted almost three years. It was an influential city in the East and at the heart of Greco - Roman civilization. Streams of people came in contact with the Gospel, many were converted and spread the message throughout the province, although there was always constant and fierce opposition. He then moved through Corinth and into Macedonia, where he met Titus.

The planned move to Jerusalem had to be cancelled, as Paul's life was threatened. So they went via Troas and Macedonia. Paul received repeated warnings about what awaited him at Jerusalem (Acts 21 v1-16). Paul interpreted these warnings not as prohibitions, but as willingness to suffer for the Lord and the Church.

Paul the prisoner

Although he was cordially received by James and the elders, he created tension in the church because he was teaching the Jews. Some Jews falsely charged him with defiling the Temple, but he was rescued by Romans and some soldiers. The Jews listened to him on the castle steps, but riots broke out when he mentioned his commission to the Gentiles. He avoided scourging by mentioning his Roman citizenship. The Lord appeared to him that night commending his witnessing and assured him he would go off to Rome. Paul was sent to Caesarea under a large protective guard. (Acts 32 v17-35).

The trial before Felix at Caesarea made clear that the charges were spurious, but they postponed a decision to stop antagonising the Jews. When a new governor was appointed, Festus, there were renewed efforts by the Jews to get Paul condemned. Paul saw no justice from Festus so he used his Roman citizenship and appealed to Caesar, removing jurisdiction from the lower courts. Paul was sent to Rome in about A.D.60 under a centurion named Julius. The adverse weather conditions as described by Luke (who accompanied him), resulted in a typhonic storm lasting 14 days and a totally wrecked boat on Malta Island.

After 3 months in Malta they journey on to Rome, where they were lenient on