

Services



May 2019

5th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
12th	10:30 am	Christine Morgan
	6:30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service at St Michael's
19th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner
	6:30 pm	No Film night
26th	10:30 am	Nina Preston
	6:00 pm	Café Worship at High Cross—every 4th Sunday

For (nearly) up to the minute news, visit our new website:
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
May 2019*

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

The joy of Easter resurrection and the celebration of the empty tomb are still very much in my thoughts as I write. This is an opportune time for me to thank all those who have made Lent and Easter so special – all those who have organised, contributed to and supported the various events and services which have taken place: your efforts have been truly appreciated.

If we are not careful though it is all too easy now for life to return to its usual pattern and for the specialness of these recent weeks to be lost amongst the everyday demands on our time and energy. The 'Wow!' factor of the Easter message can be buried in concerns about home, health and families and in the larger problems nationally and across the world. Yet we have just been reminded of the great gift of salvation through Jesus' life, death and resurrection - a gift which is offered to us and to all who would accept it. We have heard again the message of the Good News: the Gospel message of hope fulfilled and love triumphant – and we have rejoiced.

It was a message which stirred up the friends of Jesus in ways they could never previously have dreamed of. Their lives would never be the same again – and neither should ours! But how, as disciples in our present age, do we make that message count? What do we say, how do we act so as to demonstrate the faith that is at the crux of our lives?

The friends on the Emmaus road encountered Jesus as they journeyed. His words resonated with them and finally they recognised him in the simple and familiar. Then what a difference in them! They left straightaway and retraced their steps so that they could breathlessly and joyfully share the good news of their encounter with others. How do *we* react when we meet with Jesus on our journeys of life? Do we recognise him in the simple and the familiar? Do we let his love and words make a difference to us and, if we do, do we even yet hesitate to demonstrate that love to those *we* encounter? In this post-Easter season the challenge for all of us, I believe, is to ensure that we do not put Jesus back into the tomb but live as those who have been transformed and who long, in turn to transform, through prayer and faithful discipleship, our families, our community and our world.

May God bless each of you as you continue your journey of faith with our risen Lord.

With love and prayers,
Sharon



May 2019 Rotas

Flowers

5th Heather Brown
12th Alison Fradgley
19th Robert Godden
26th Sandra Woledge

Funtime Worship

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

Cleaning

w/c 20/5 Sandra Woledge and Wendy Hart

Welcome

5th Margaret Picken
12th Eunice Feeny
19th Cynthia Robinson
26th Mick Malone

Coffee

Alison Fradgley and Sonia Walton
Margaret Picken and Cynthia Robinson
Audrey Gamlin and Eunice Feeny
Phil and Hilary Tattershall

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.

May

7th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
14th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
21st 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
28th 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.

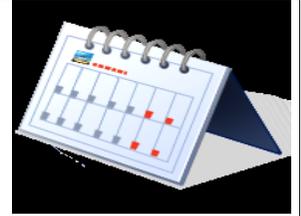
Do come along on 14th May

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

What's on?

May

1st: Housegroup
5th: Annual Church Meeting
9th: Coffee morning, Housegroup
12th: Christian Aid service, start of Christian Aid week
15th: Club 15 walk
18th: Messy Church/Children's film club, Christian Aid Quiz, Christian Aid stall at the Meadows, Caring for Life
19th: Leprosy Mission Service, District Testimony Service (Woking) for Sharon, start of Flower Festival week, Nepalese Culture Show
22nd: Christian Aid lunch
25th: Flower festival



June

1st: Action for Children sponsored walk
8th: Man vs Horse
9th: Ecumenical service here
16th: Film night
30th: Sharon's Ordination service at Wolverhampton

July

7th: Bring'n'share lunch (special birthdays for Sharon, Sandra F and Keg)
28th: Jackie's Farewell Service

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 **June 16th** (note none in May)



June 16th—either 'The Shack' or 'The Bucket List'...

Leprosy Mission Donation

The recent retiring collection at our church in aid of the Leprosy Mission (TLM) raised the grand sum of £416. That amount will be doubled by the government and will also be increased by gift aid. Thank you to all who contributed towards this donation. On Sunday May 19th Chris Stratton, TLM's regional manager for our area, will be participating in the morning service, so we will get to hear more about how our donations are used.
Robert

Man vs Horse

A good friend and amazing mother and grandmother has recently been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. On **June 8th**, myself and my friends Alex and Jody are running Man versus Horse 2019 on June 8th (along with some other events across the year), to raise money for MDNA who do amazing work with and for those living with the disease.
Please share our page and story, and if you can donate even a little it will make an important difference.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/onetrickponies>

Neil

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Washing tablets, razors, liquid soap and ladies deodorants.

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.

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 **9th May**
Heather

Action for Children sponsored walk



If you would like to take part in this very good cause please contact me to receive Registration and Sponsorship Forms. If I am not in Church please phone 01276-36631 to speak to me.
I look forward to hearing from you.

The annual Step Out for Children Sponsored Walk is taking place on Saturday **1st June 2019** starting at the Wheatsheaf Hotel Car Park at 10.00am. We will be walking 4.5 miles round Virginia Water in aid of vulnerable and excluded children.

Alison Fradgley

Minister

Rev Sharon Gardner

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Pastoral leader
Margaret Picken
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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 9th May

Wednesday House Group:

Diana Middleditch
—hosted at Alison and Graham Fradgley's
Forbes Chase, Sandhurst
Wednesday 1st May



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **June** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 26th May) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday May 15th**

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)

Jessie Hazleden

Congratulations to Jessie who celebrated her 100th birthday on 13th April.

Jessie and her husband John were active and well loved members of our congregation. John died a number of years ago and Jessie continued to come to church regularly and loved attending Network. As the years went on Jessie was not able to continue attending church but Frankie used to visit her regularly, giving her a copy of the weekly notices and catching up with all that went on in church life.

Jessie now resides in a Nursing Home and enjoys good health. She had a fantastic day of celebrations with her family and close friends.

We presented Jessie with a card with all our good wishes to her, some flowers and a big box of Belgian chocolates.

Happy 100th Birthday Jessie, love from all your friends at SYMC xxxx



Keith Jowett

Many of you will remember the Jowett family—Maureen and David, Peter and Keith.

Keith is getting married on **26th May** at Highcliffe Castle. Everyone from Sandhurst is invited to join in the evening celebrations at the George Hotel, 19 The High Street, Amesbury SP47ET from 7 till midnight.

If you'd like to go, please let Sue T know so that she can organise shared transport.

Thanks

Sandhurst Culture and Flower Festival

Sandhurst Town Council have just announced they will be holding a 'Sandhurst Culture and Flower Festival' with events from **19th - 25th May 2019**

Sandhurst Churches Together will be holding a flower festival at the Baptist Church from 10 - 3 pm on Saturday **25th May** and also providing refreshments.

Please put this date in your diary - much more information to follow!

Many thanks

Keg

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 few weeks. 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
alison@gfradgley.com

Caring for Life

YATELEY BAPTIST CHURCH, Cricket Hill, Yateley
Open Day in aid of Caring for Life
On Saturday May 18th 2019

Caring for Life is a Christian Charity in Leeds, who care for, and support, some of the most vulnerable people in society. If you are able to join us we would love to see you sometime during the day.

10.30am – 12.00pm Light Refreshments

12.30pm – 2.00pm Ploughman's Lunch

3.00pm – 4.00pm Light Refreshments

All donations to the work of Caring for Life, however if you intend coming for Lunch, could you please give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

Further details from Shirley Daines on 01252 870917
Or email Julia Davies at jtjhd14@hotmail.co.uk

Free literature will be available and we will be showing dvds of the work of Caring for Life throughout the day .Thank you.

Baby news

Congratulations to Sharon and Mike Gardner on the arrival of their 7th grandchild!

Darcey Eve arrived on Friday 22nd March at 12:05 am, weighing in at a healthy 7lb 11oz.

Darcey arrived on her Uncle Adam's birthday, so double celebrations on 22nd March in future!

Congratulations to Howard and Amy on the birth of their little daughter and the arrival of a little sister for Finley.

Love and congratulations to you all from everyone at SYMC.



May Club 15



Club 15's next event will be a short evening walk over Wildmoor Heath on **Wednesday 15th May**.

It will also be an opportunity to see some of the specialised wildlife associated with heathland - newts, raft spiders, emperor moths, woodcock

and nightjars are all possible. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will advise the meeting time and location nearer the date. All welcome.
Robert



Messy Church/Family film club

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

18th May is the next one - 3.30 - 5 pm

Please do encourage friends or relatives with small children to come along and have some fun.

More Baby news

Congratulations to Philip and Rhiannon Glossop on the arrival of their first son who was born on 11th April weighing in at 9lb 4oz.

They have called him Sebastian Maccsen (Welsh for Maximus), very fitting in light of his birth weight!).

Sending our love and best wishes to you from your friends at SYMC



Good Friday Witness at the Meadows 19th April



Sandhurst Churches Together held a service from 12.45 to 1.30 pm at the Meadows. We had 35 folk from all the churches represented and sung accompanied by a few members of the Sandhurst Silver Band. We sang hymns, had some prayers and also read the text from the book 'One Friday'. There were posters taken from the Booklet which Pastor Pete from the Baptist Church had mounted onto boards with texts, so that folk could come and admire the outstanding

artwork and read the text beneath. We handed out a lot of these booklets to adults. We had booklets 'The Miracle Maker and three friends' which were given out to the children together with sweets and various gifts of pencils, pencil sharpeners, bouncy balls, notebooks, small bible story books and stickers. The weather was beautiful which really helped us to have a lovely day. The stall was manned from 10 am to 3.30 pm. Thank you to all at SYMC who held the fort in the afternoon when the Anglican churches had to return to their churches for their services. A fantastic opportunity to witness to our community about the wonderful story of Easter and the chance for new life in Jesus. Watch this space - we are booked for the Saturday before Christmas! Put that in your diaries now! Meanwhile please pray that all those gifts and booklets may just prompt the recipients and all those who witnessed us, to ask more about Jesus and want to invite him as their saviour. Keg

Sharon's ordination service

Congratulations to Rev Sharon Gardner on reaching the milestone of acceptance for Ordination!

Sharon has a Testimony service to be held at Woking Methodist Church on **Sunday 19th May** at 6pm which does not need to be booked.

However Sharon's ordination is to be held on the afternoon of **Sunday 30th June** in Wolverhampton at 4pm for which tickets are free but limited to 4 tickets per application. go on to the Methodist website, then Conference 2019, and follow the instructions to order tickets: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2019/book-your-tickets/> this takes you to an EventBrite booking site. You need to trawl through to the Wolverhampton venue. (Note from Sue—this isn't a very straightforward process)

It may be possible to organise a coach to take a group to this venue, but tickets should be booked as soon as possible.

If you wish to attend, please book tickets and then let Heather know names, any spare tickets and contact details so that a coach can be booked as soon as possible.

Thanks

Easter Day

The Cross has been bare for the last few Sundays. It has been decorated each week with one item from the Easter Story: The 30 pieces of silver, the Cockerel, the purple robe, the crown of thorns, the scourge and finally the sponge. It has been a stark reminder of what that cross represented, the pain, the humiliation, the degradation, the betrayal, the anguish. However, today we decorated the cross with flowers, the cross blossomed as we remember the victory that Jesus had over death, the accomplishment of the mission he had been given, the love He and His Father in Heaven had shown to all us all, then and in every age since. The Cross. The Victory. For Us. May the blessings of this Easter be ours throughout the year.

AMEN



"Awhile ago, a competition to write a short radio play led to one winner, called 'The Kiss':

'Good to have you home, son. Sorry you were in so much pain.'
'It wasn't the nails that hurt, dad. It was the kiss.' "

In memoriam plaques



If you would be interested in sponsoring a memoriam plaque for the back of one of the church chairs, in memory of a loved one, please speak to Sue Truby.

We expect the cost to be of the order of £100. This includes the purchase and engraving of the plaque, and attaching to the back of a chair, with whatever is left over going to church funds.

The wording remains the same, but of course personalised with the name of your loved one(s).

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.





Christian Aid Quiz

Saturday 18th May 2019

St George's Church, Owlsmoor

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start



£10 entry including a choice of a fish, veggie burger
chicken or sausage 'n' chip supper.
£5 if you don't want a supper!

There will be a raffle
All proceeds will go to Christian Aid

Please give numbers and menu choices to either your
Church Co-ordinator.....

Or direct to
kegferretfan@aol.com

Sandhurst Flower and Culture Festival 19th - 25th May 2019



Nepalese Culture Show
Sunday 19th, 1.30-3pm
Sandhurst Community Hall

Flower Arranging Class
Monday 20th, 2pm,
Sandhurst Library



Original Poetry Readings
Tuesday 21st, 2pm,
Sandhurst Library

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library/sandhurst-library>

Flower Lovers' Walk
Friday 24th, 2-4pm
Sandhurst Memorial Park
Nature Reserve
<http://www.bvct.org.uk/>



Flower Festival and Garden
Saturday 25th, 10am - 3pm,
Sandhurst Baptist Chapel
<https://sandhurstchurches.weebly.com/>

In conjunction with *Chelsea Fringe*

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

Rev Sharon is organising a trip to this (in conjunction with Tailored Travel) - 7 days from £1369 departing **3rd September 2020** on behalf of the Berkshire Surrey Borders Circuit.

What is the Oberammergau Passion Play?

The History: In 1633, in the middle of the Thirty Years War, Bavaria was being swept by a plague epidemic and more than 80 lives had been lost in Oberammergau alone. The local elders vowed that if the village were purged of the plague, they would 'keep the Passion tragedy every 10 years'. The epidemic came to a standstill and in 1634 the villagers fulfilled their solemn promise for the first time. Ever since they have loyally kept their vow and in 2020 Oberammergau will, for the 42nd time, be staging the Passion Play telling the story of Christ's Passion, from his entry into Jerusalem and ending with the Resurrection and Ascension.



The Play: The Play is performed exclusively by amateur actors, who were either born in Oberammergau or have lived there for the past 20 years. In 2010, over 2,000 of the 5,300 or so inhabitants were involved either on stage or backstage. A special feature of the Oberammergau Passion Play is its living tableaux: colourful scenes from the Old Testament, which are woven into the story of the Passion in the form of still life pictures.

The Stage: The roofed auditorium has seats for nearly 4,500 spectators. The terraces rising towards the back of the auditorium ensure a good view from every seat of the open air stage, where the play is performed whatever the weather.

The Music: The music, with choral and prologue performances, was composed between 1811 and 1820 by Oberammergau's teacher and church musician Rochus Dedler. The music directors added their own compositions and some contemporary touches for the Passion Plays in 2000 and 2010. Please contact Sharon **urgently** if you're interested, or see the leaflets in Church.

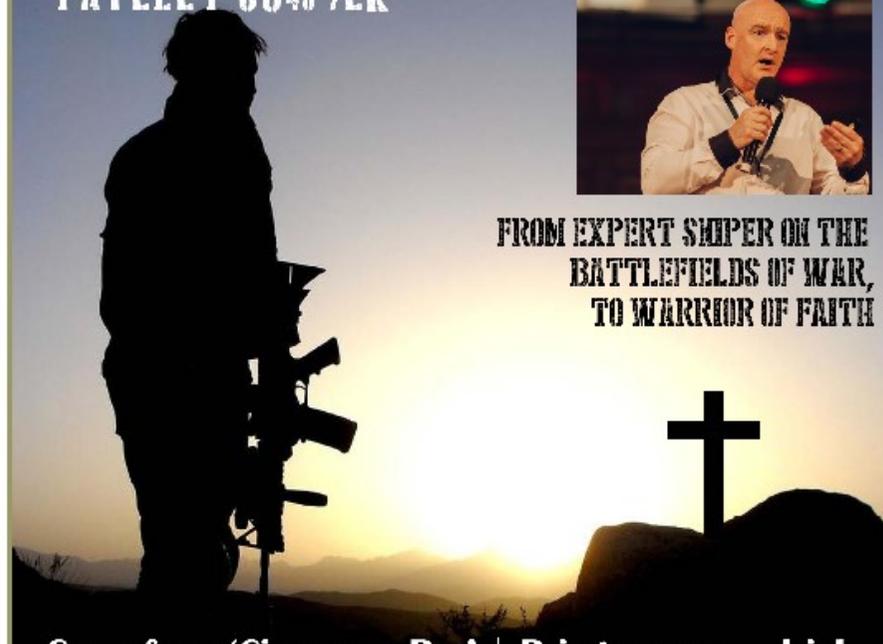
EVERYONE WELCOME!

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YATELEY GU46 7LR

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 **St Peter's**
YATELEY

For more information, contact Mark Vernon:
office@stpetersyateley.org.uk
01252 912761

Club 15—April



On Monday 15th of April Club 15 held a take away evening at Graham and Alison's home. We all know Methodist excel in good food and are never happier than when they are eating or singing. On this occasion we enjoyed a selection of both Indian and Chinese and although we did not burst into song there was a lovely sound of chit chat as people caught up with each other, discussing all sorts and I don't believe the "B" word was mentioned once.

Good food, good friends and good conversation, what more could you ask for. Perhaps a few more at the next event.

Diana (a gate crasher!)



Christian Aid week 12-18th May



Join the 57,000 people who will be active supporting Christian Aid this May. See below for details where you can help.

This year the focus is on Sierra Leone and how Christian Aid, through its local partners, is helping improve maternal care in a country where 10

women a day die in childbirth.

S&YMC Service.....Sunday 12th May

This will contain an element about the focus of Christian Aid Week and the opportunity for members of the congregation to pick up special Christian Aid Week donation envelopes plus a 7 Day Devotional Booklet.

Collection at The Meadows....Saturday 18th May

A new venture ! Down at **The Meadows** we have permission for a stall and to collect for Christian Aid. Plan is to do this from 9:00 to 17:00.

Should be fun and we will need helpers. *If you have a hour or 2 to spare could you help out and/or know someone else who could also help ?*

If so please contact me. We have reached out to other Churches for assistance.

Christian Aid Quiz.....Saturday 18th May

Sandhurst Churches Together - **Christian Aid Quiz** - St George's Owlsmoor. Doors open 7 for 7.30 pm start. We need Teams, so start planning now! Wilf and Pam are, as usual, our Quiz Masters and certainly get the old grey matter working! There will be a fish 'n' chip supper, veggie burger 'n' chip supper or sausage 'n' chip supper included in the £10 price. A £5 entrance if you don't want a supper. There is also a raffle. Contact Keg to book your place.

House to House Collection ...Sunday 12th May to Saturday 18th May

As usual there is a House to House Collection and if you can help again please let me know.

Lunch for Christian Aid.....Wednesday May 22nd Noon to 2 pm

As ever, organised by the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee and being held at St.Swithun's Church in Yateley.

Expect a great lunch !

Wilf Hardy
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07823 406908

Local preacher training!

Just in case you've not yet heard—we're delighted that Keg has applied for and been accepted to start training as a Local Preacher!

God bless you, Keg