

*Sandhurst and Yateley
Methodist Church
Newsletter
June 2019*



The Minister writes...

Dear friends,
The month of June sees us enjoying the longest day of the year when it will stay light (weather permitting!) from sunrise at 4.46am until sunset at 9.21pm. Perhaps to us in our modern era with artificial lighting and some shops open 24 hours a day it makes little difference, but to our ancestors those long hours of daylight meant more time in which to accomplish necessary tasks – and still have a remaining hour or two to relax in.

During Lent our daytime Bible study group studied 'At home in Lent,' a book by Gordon Giles which linked 46 familiar household objects with various passages of Scripture and thoughts for each day. The reflection that has stayed with me most was when we looked at clocks – and time. The author wrote about the Corpus Clock at



Corpus Christi College in Cambridge University with its large mechanical locust on top of the dial called the Chronophage (from 'chronos' meaning time and 'phage' meaning to eat). He described how the locust would appear to devour the minutes as it moved around the clock – a slightly disturbing reminder of how time moves on inexorably, never slowing nor speeding up, but steadily eating away at the minutes. It is reminiscent of Rudyard Kipling's poem 'If' and the challenge of filling each

'unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run.'

On May 12th our good friend, Ian Walton, sadly passed away and our thoughts, love and prayers have been and remain with Sonia and the family. I'm sure over the coming weeks, and especially at Ian's funeral, we will hear stories of his life: the things he did as a young man and the treasured memories of him as a husband, father, grandfather and friend. When someone dies we have the dates of their birth and death but, as Linda Ellis memorably notes in her poem 'The Dash' (part of which I have adapted and printed below), what is important is not the dates themselves which mark the beginning and end of our lives but how we spend the time – the dash – in-between. I know that Ian has spent his 'dash' well and has left a legacy of memories, of love and of friendship.

*For the dash represents all the time
that we spend alive on earth
And now only those who love us
will know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own,
the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend the dash.*



The writer of Ecclesiastes speaks of there being a time for everything under the sun and how time, our time on earth, is God's gift to us. It is a gift we should use wisely, so that our moments count for something. Even so, we are reminded that God is eternal. Indeed, he is outside of time and not bound by it. Time and space are our continuums, not his. Yet this infinite and unlimited God became finite and earth-bound in Jesus in order that we might come to know the full and surpassing measure of his love. How comforting to think that our lives, though so brief in the grand scheme of things, matter to an everlasting God and that through his love in Jesus we may share that eternity with him. So, how will you spend the longest day of the year? Will you arrive at bedtime and think, 'That was a day well-spent'? Will you offer the minutes and hours of your day to God that he may make use of them? Not just that day but every day? I leave you with that challenge, and also with this thought from Henry Van Dyke:

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is eternity.

With every blessing,

Sharon *(Image of Corpus Clock and Chronophage courtesy of Youtube.com)*

What's on?

May

25th: Flower festival

June

1st: Action for Children sponsored walk, Work Party

5th: Wednesday housegroup

8th: Man vs Horse

9th: Ecumenical service here

13th: Coffee morning, Thursday housegroup

15th: Messy Church/Family Film Club

16th: Film night

23rd: Local Arrangement here (Songs of Praise)

24th: Circuit meeting at Woosehill

30th: Sharon's Ordination service at Wolverhampton

July

6th Yateley Choral Society

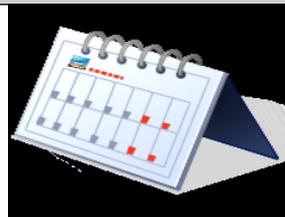
7th: Bring'n'share lunch (special birthdays for Sharon, Sandra F and Keg)

9th: Stewards meeting at the Manse

14th: Ecumenical service

16th: Church Council

28th: Jackie's Farewell Service here



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**

June 16th—'The Bucket List'...



Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Potatoes, custard, sponge puddings, squash, coffee, bleach, washing tablets and conditioner

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

Film night—film choices

Films for the next few months:

21st July: A Serious Man (2009)

18th August: The Tree of Life (2011)

15th September: Inception (2010)

20th October: The girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2011)

17th November: Leviathan (2014)

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 **13th June**

Heather

Action for Children sponsored walk



**action for
children**

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.

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.

Alison Fradgley

Jackie Case farewell service

Will be here on Sunday **28th July** at 18:30 pm after a tea at 16:30 pm.

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
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alison@gfradgley.com

Local arrangement June 23rd

We are holding an ever popular Songs of Praise on **23rd June** as we haven't had one for several years. We would love to invite you to let us know your favourite hymn and if you are able to, to introduce it to the congregation telling us why it is special to you.

If you have any poems, prayers, memories, funny or sad stories you would like to share during the service, then please see a member of the Stewarding Team or email them on - steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk.

Many thanks - Stewarding Team

Messy Church/Family film club

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

15th June is the next one - 3.30 - 5 pm

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

Work party 1st June

The next Work Party will be on Saturday, **1st June** at 1.00pm for general maintenance, ongoing gardening and spring cleaning. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available – if anybody is available to help it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.
Alison Fradgley



May Club 15

Last Wednesday, Robert led 12 intrepid explorers on a walk around the Wildmoor Heath area.

While it was still light we saw several Roe Deer



and some were able to catch a glimpse of a Palmate Newt just beneath the surface of a pool.

As dusk came and the faded, our focus turned to the abundant birdsong. The most stunning to me was that of the Nightjar - it sounded more like a machine than a bird.



I am assured that we also heard a Dartford Warbler,



a Dunnock

and a Whitethroat!

At one point we deviated off the main path and nearly lost Douglas and his spritely mother. Fortunately Jon turned back, with his torch and picked them up.



Thank you Robert for being our knowledgeable tour guide.

Alison Bone

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

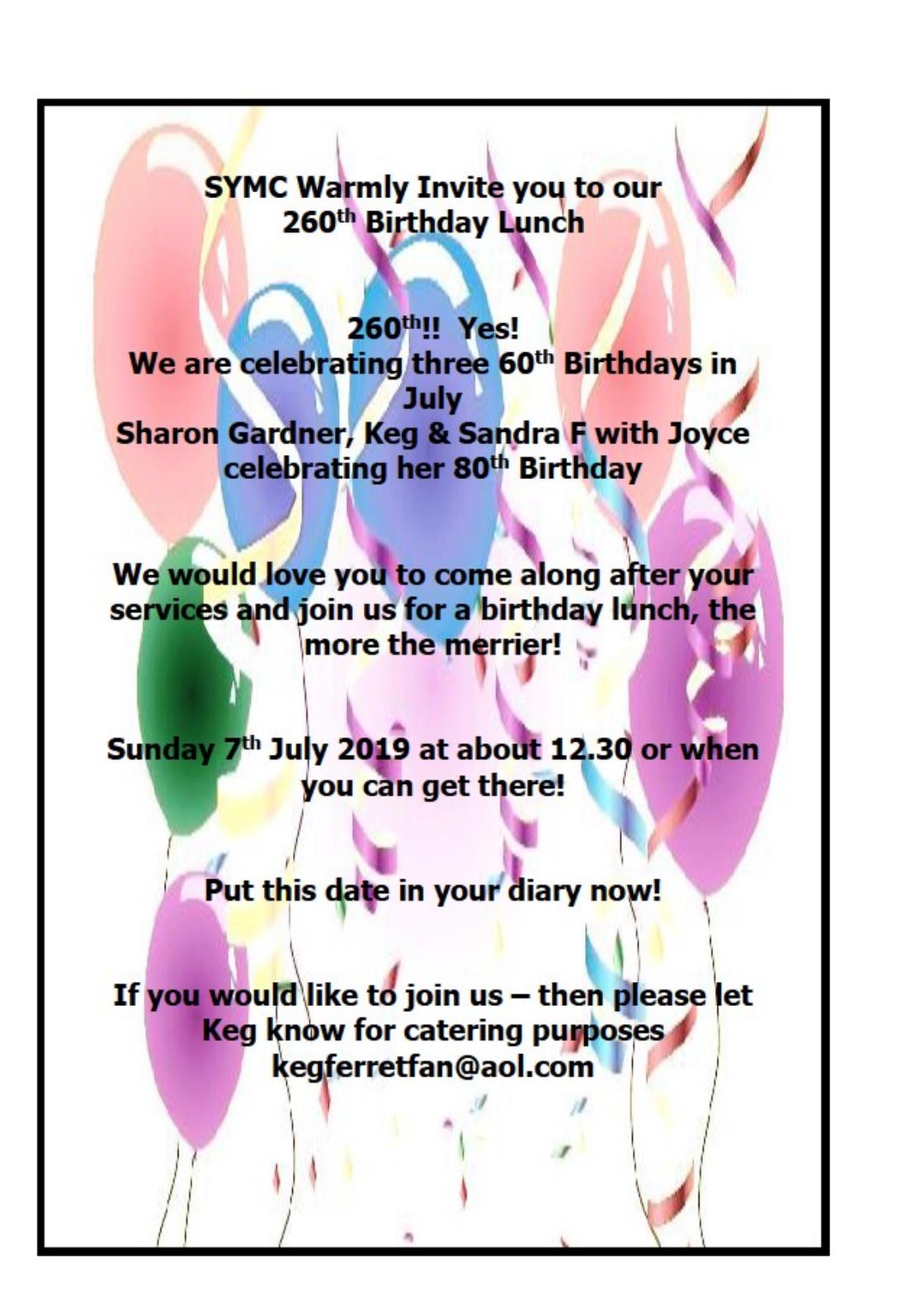
Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 12:00,

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.





**SYMC Warmly Invite you to our
260th Birthday Lunch**

260th!! Yes!

**We are celebrating three 60th Birthdays in
July**

**Sharon Gardner, Keg & Sandra F with Joyce
celebrating her 80th Birthday**

**We would love you to come along after your
services and join us for a birthday lunch, the
more the merrier!**

**Sunday 7th July 2019 at about 12.30 or when
you can get there!**

Put this date in your diary now!

**If you would like to join us – then please let
Keg know for catering purposes
kegferretfan@aol.com**

Summer Organ Recitals - 2019



HIGH CROSS CHURCH
FOR GREAT FOR WOODHURST PARISH

High Cross Church

Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3SY

Tel: 01276 66798

During the months of June, July and August, High Cross will be hosting its 11th series of lunch time organ recitals in the Sanctuary on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 12.45 until 1.30 pm as follows:

Thursday 13 th June	George de Voil	Wellington College
Thursday 27 th June	Geoffrey Tuson	Garrison Church, Aldershot
Thursday 11 th July	Peter Beaven	Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst
Wednesday 24th July	David Markby	High Cross
Thursday 8 th August	John Wood	High Cross
Thursday 22 nd August	Richard Bittleston	Abingdon

There is no charge for admission, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of the High Cross Organ Student Fund and church charities.

For more organ recitals see www.organrecitals.com

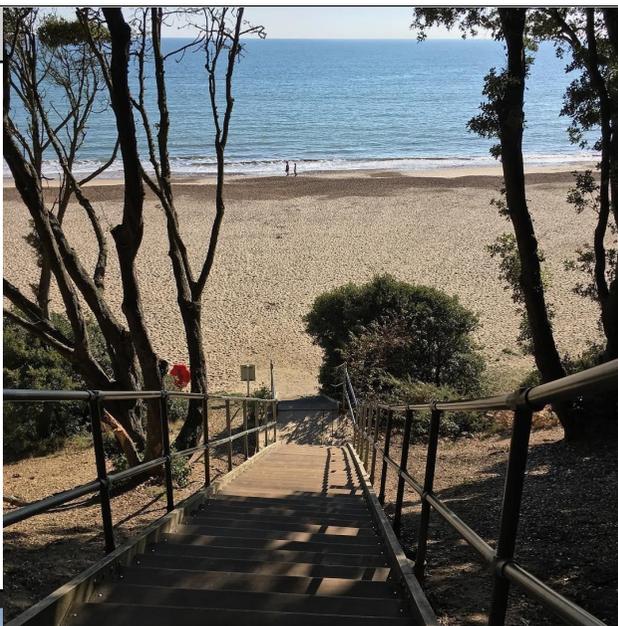
Club 15—June

On the 15th of June why not pack up a picnic and head off down to the seaside at Highcliffe,

to enjoy great scenery, fresh air good conversation and then a leisurely walk along the seashore for a well earned coffee/tea and cake at Highcliffe Castle.

Meeting point 5 Edwards Court, Wortley Road, Highcliffe, BH23 5DR for 1pm.

Diana



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.

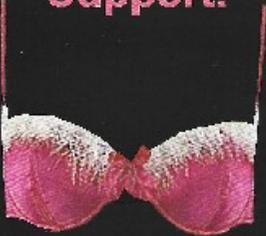
Please share our page and story, and if you can donate even a little it will make an important difference.

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

Neil

Recycled bras

We Need YOUR Support!



Recycle Your Bras and help Raise money for your local counselling charity 'Connect', and the developing world.

What?
Connect is a counselling service based in Camberley offering help and support to individuals, couples and families. Connect, in association with BCR Global Textiles, intend to raise funds through 'bra bank' recycling.

More information at www.connectcounselling.org and www.brcglobaltextiles.com

What?
All you need to do is pop unwanted bras into your local bra bank recycling bin. Please ensure bras are clean, wearable and in plastic bags. Your contribution will not only 'uplift' people in third world countries, but also help raise money for 'Connect', your local counselling charity.

So when support fails you, support someone else instead!!

Where?
Bra banks' located at:



BRA BANK

BRAS SHOULD BE IN REASONABLE TO GOOD CONDITION & LEFT IN A COLLECTION POINT IN THE HALL.

Connect - Counselling Service, 11 Farnborough Road, Camberley, Surrey GU16 8TA
Tel: 01276 242111 www.connectcounselling.org Registered Charity No: 1142652

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Bras should be in reasonable to good condition and left in the collection point in the hall.

Molly the Donkey—Palm Sunday service

Dear Douglas

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved for taking such good care of Molly. She certainly enjoyed her special triumphal day out—after all that is why she came into this life!

Giga

Yateley CHORAL SOCIETY

Musical Director: **Quintin Beer**

Madrigals

FOLK

Saturday 6th July 2019

St Peter's Church, Yateley, 7.45pm

Jazz piano – Stuart McSweeney

Double bass – David Barnes

Harp – Cecily Beer

Rutter's jazzy **Birthday Madrigals**

McDowall's joyful **A Fancy of Folksongs**

**Traditional folk songs from around
the British isles**

www.yateley-choral.org.uk

Tickets £12 – including a drink

Students £5, under 16s free

Available on the door
from 01276 31850
from Yateley Town council
St Swithun's parish office
Discoveries

Registered Charity: 295665

**making
music**

A few thoughts on the Lord's Prayer

*I cannot pray **our**, if my faith has no room for others and their need.*

*I cannot pray **who art in heaven** if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.*

*I cannot pray **hallowed be thy name** if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy.*

*I cannot pray **thy kingdom come**, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.*

*I cannot pray **on earth as it is in heaven**, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.*

*I cannot pray **give us our daily bread**, without expending honest effort for it, or if I would withhold from my neighbour the bread that I receive.*

*I cannot pray **forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**, if I continue to harbour a grudge about anyone.*

*I cannot pray **lead us not into temptation**, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.*

*I cannot pray **deliver us from evil**, if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.*

*I cannot pray **thine is the kingdom**, if I am unwilling to obey him.*

*I cannot pray **thine is the power and the glory**, if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first.*

DW Brownlaw—author

For those of you following Douglas' career as an author, his newsletter is available here <https://www.dwbrownlaw.net/newsletter/newsletter-2-may-2019>

Many congratulations to him on having a short story "Sabra on Mars" published in the Nebula Tales anthology Issue 3, on Amazon. As all budding authors will tell you, getting something actually published is a major achievement!

Douglas is also continuing working on The Orison, and The Battle Hymn of the Asbahri.

It looks like this is just the first step!

Sharon's ordination service

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

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

The Leprosy Mission

Chris Stratta from The Leprosy Mission came to our service on 19th May.

Chris has been with TLM since January and it was a pleasure to hear him talk about his calling, initially to spend 6 months in India, and now, via a number of other positions, working for The Leprosy Mission.

The slides featured Paralympian Stef Reid who visited Anandaban Hospital, and is featured in the latest TLM newsletter:

GB Paralympian Stef Reid lost her right foot in a boating accident, aged 15. Her talent and tenacity have seen her

Paralympian Stef Reid at Anandaban Hospital, Nepal, in February





become a triple Paralympic medallist in the long jump and 200 metre sprint but it is her heart to encourage others struggling with disability that makes her stand out. She recently took time out of training for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to meet leprosy patients at TLM's Anandaban Hospital in Nepal.

So that Stef might literally 'walk in the shoes' of a leprosy-affected person, she had her state-of-the-art prosthetic foot replaced with one made in the workshop at Anandaban Hospital.

She said "A lot of the way they did the casting was really similar to what I experience in the UK, and this is bearing in mind I go to an amazing private clinic."

Pick up your copy of the May TLM newsletter from the vestibule to read more about this and other people living with leprosy in Nepal and many other areas of the world.

The saddest thing of all, to my mind, is that leprosy is completely curable, yet so many people are scared to admit they have the disease—partly because of the stigma attached to it, but also because they don't know that they can be cured. So people often delay getting the diagnosis.

As little as £24 can pay for the diagnosis and treatment for one patient!

Thanks Robert for organising for Chris to come, and the collection that we had earlier in the year (when the government was doubling up on donations).

Sue T

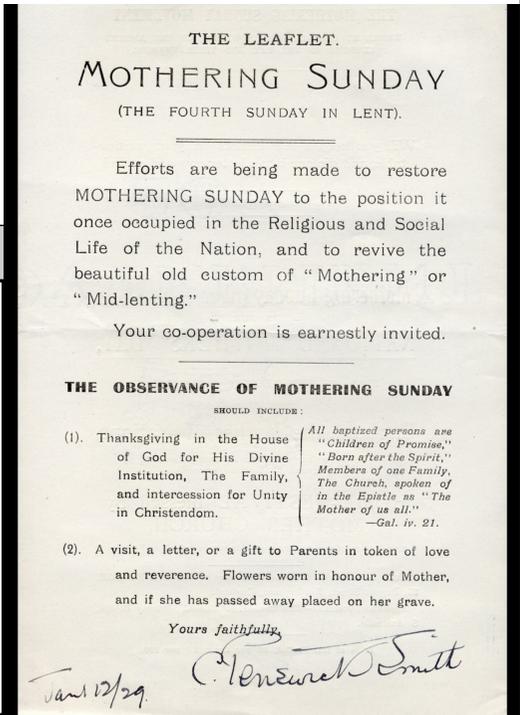
Mothering Sunday

This is part of a BBC article about Mothering Sunday.

The interesting thing is that the custom is called "Mothering" or "Mid-Lenting".

It is apparently always on the 4th Sunday in Lent when people's food stocks were at a low ebb.

Heather



Sharon's testimony service



Audrey and I went to Sharon's testimony service at Woking Methodist Church this evening. What an excellent service! It was very interesting hearing how Sharon and Brye heard and answered their calling and their journey to where they are now.

Ordination next!
Sue T

Aldersgate Sunday

In the Methodist Church calendar, Aldersgate Sunday is the Sunday nearest to 24th May (traditionally known as 'Wesley Day') or the Sunday before it. It commemorates a life-changing moment in the Christian journey of John Wesley, the most prominent of the founders of Methodism. In May 1738, John unwillingly attended worship at a Moravian 'Religious Society' meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. It was during this service that he felt his "heart strangely warmed", as he experienced God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. Until then he had known God in his mind, but not in his heart. Now he understood the value of a personal experience of God that would bring assurance of salvation to the believer.



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

Thursday House Group:

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst.
01252 872503

Thursday 13th June

Wednesday House Group:

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

Wednesday 5th June



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **July/August** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 30th June) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday June 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)

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.

June

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	
25th 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 11th June

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

June 2019 Rotas

Flowers

2nd Jon and Alison Bone
9th Alison Fradgley
16th -
23rd Sue Truby
30th Hilary and Phil Tattershall

Funtime Worship

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

Cleaning

w/c 10/6 Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

Welcome

2nd Frankie Hiron
9th Barbara Rush
16th Margaret Picken
23rd Barbara Rush
30th Eunice Feeney

Coffee

Brenda Kegal and Ann Harper
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

Services



June 2019

2nd	10:30 am	Peter Whalley
9th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion, All Age Worship)
	6:30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service here
16th	10:30 am	Sharon Wright
	6:30 pm	Either 'The Shack' or 'The Bucket List'
23rd	10:30 am	Local Arrangement (Songs of Praise)
30th	10:30 am	Mary Elms

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

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and join in the conversation -

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And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

And if you tweet, we're there too:
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