

Services



September 2019

1st	10:30 am	Mary Elms
8th	10:30 am	Rev C Bowstead
	6:30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service at St Michael's
15th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6:30 pm	Film night—'Inception'
22nd	10:30 am	Irene Robinson
29th (Harvest)	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (All Age Worship, Holy Communion)

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

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

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

And if you tweet, we're there too:
@SandYMethChurch

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*Sandhurst and Yateley
Methodist Church
Newsletter
September 2019*

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

My last letter was written just before my Ordination and I want to thank you for your love and support which helped bring me to that point. It was a wonderful day for me, the memory of which I will always cherish as indeed I treasure all your cards, messages and generous gifts.

When I last wrote I was about to go on pre-ordination retreat and had mixed feelings about the planned Quiet Day: apprehension at the thought of keeping an extended silence but excitement too at the hope of meeting with God in the stillness. Let me tell you about it because I think you will smile at God's sense of humour.

The weather on the day was not conducive to spending time outside, either in the beautiful grounds of the retreat centre nor in the Malvern Hills behind it. With no really suitable place just 'to be' inside the centre, I and a fellow ordinand, Mary, went instead to the nearby Great Malvern Priory. What better place to find the quietness we were seeking than within the hallowed walls of what had once been a Benedictine monastery built in 1075 AD? Think of the centuries of prayer and worship that would have seeped into those stones – how easy it would be to pray in such a place.....

Imagine then, our surprise when we arrived to find it full of 500 schoolchildren! We were invited in and told to wander around freely and I admit to feeling quite at home. 25 years of working with children made it a familiar atmosphere – but not a silent one! Concerned that this was hardly what Mary had been expecting, I asked her if she'd like us to try elsewhere.

'Sharon,' she rebuked me, 'do you think it's a *coincidence* that we're here today, on this one week in the entire year in which this event takes place?! God has brought us here.'

And God *was* there in the children's excited chatter and in the dedication of the volunteers (all dressed as monks) engaged in various activities, bringing to life the history of the Priory and sharing something of their own faith. He was there in the faithfulness of the Great Malvern churches who had jointly supported this venture for 12 years. He was there in the shared lunch with those volunteers who of course thought it hilarious that we had come there for our Quiet Day! God was there in the songs that were sung, the parable that was enacted, the cairn we built together, the prayer stations we participated in.

One volunteer asked me the purpose of our Quiet Day and I replied, 'To encounter God.'

'And have you encountered Him?' she asked.

'Yes,' said I.



September 2019 Rotas

Flowers

1st	Cynthia Robinson
8th	Gil Forster
15th	Barbara Rush
22nd	Sonia Walton
29th	Marian Lammers

Funtime Worship

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

Cleaning

w/c 2/9	Alison Fradgley and Eunice Feeny
w/c 23/9	Sandra Woledge and Wendy Hart

Welcome

1st	Frankie Hiron
8th	Margaret Picken
15th	Barbara Rush
22nd	Eunice Feeny
29th	Cynthia Robinson

Coffee

Alison Fradgley and Sonia Walton
Margaret Picken and Cynthia Robinson
Eunice Feeny and Ann Harper
Phil and Hilary Tattershall
Joan Taylor and Sandra Woledge

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.

September

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

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.



Praise and Prayer

An afternoon of singing, prayer and fellowship starting at 14:30 pm.
All are welcome—
old and young, ladies and gentlemen.
Refreshments are served
following the short meeting.

Do come along on 10th September

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

'Well then...'

I do still believe that it is good for each one of us to set aside quiet time and space to pray and to wait on God.....BUT.....it seems to me that God was saying,

'I am God and I will always be there. Though life may at times be chaotic, noisy, busy and stressful, even in the midst of that, I will yet speak and you will hear me.'

I hope you find that as reassuring as I do.

May you hear God's voice in the stillness AND in the storms of life.

Sharon

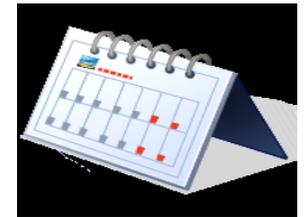
What's on?

August:

31st, and 7th Sept: A Bunch of Amateurs

September

3rd: Steven's Deanery Pilgrimage
4th: Creative Spirit, Wednesday Housegroup
5th: Speakers of other languages
8th: Ecumenical service at St Michael's
10th: Praise and Prayer
12th: Coffee morning, Thursday Housegroup
15th: Club 15 BBQ, Film night
21st: Messy Church/Film club
24th: Rejoice!
28th: Harvest Supper



October

13th: Dave Bilbrough at North Camp
19th: Bereavement Care Awareness (see October newsletter)

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

15th September: Inception (2010)



Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned potatoes, Rice Puddings, Washing up liquid and squash.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

Film night—film choices

Films for the next few months:

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 **12th September**.

Heather

Speakers of other languages—English classes

At SBC we hold weekly SOL English classes (speakers of other languages) from 10am - 11.30 am on a Thursday, term time only.
These are relational and some of them creative as well as written and conversational groups that help (mainly Nepalese) plus other folk to be able to be part of our community here in Sandhurst and to communicate and to improve their language.

The range of levels is vast .

It is very rewarding as well as challenging.

At the moment we have 60 on our books with an average of 40 attending each week.

We are looking for more enthusiastic folk to join in with this who may feel able to assist with the groups in some way.
We would love to have 2 or 3 helpers per class to enable better learning opportunities and smaller group work.

If anyone is interested please contact Louise Ratcliffe on 07801790580 or the Baptist Church office on 01252879088.

There is a meeting on **Thursday 5th September** at 10am to talk about the coming term.

The term begins again on **Thurs 12th September**.

Many thanks

Louise

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Matt Rowell	01344 775744	

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

Thursday House Group:

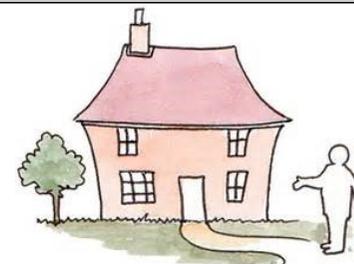
Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst.
01252 872503

Thursday 12th September

Wednesday House Group:

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

Wednesday 4th September



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **October** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 29th September or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday September 18th**.)

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)

Sunday school—what year? Who are they?



Well this is a blast from the past!

Can you identify all the Sunday school teachers in this photo (thanks to Sandra) and also guess what year it was taken?

No prizes :-)

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.

Club 15 September BBQ

For Club 15 in September, we will be meeting at my house (11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst) for a barbecue tea. Arrive from 3pm onwards on **Sunday 15th September**. It has always rained in the past when I've tried to arrange one of these, but if it looks like being nice enough to sit outside then a few extra picnic chairs would be welcome. Please let me know by 11th September if you intend to come, along with any dietary requirements. There's free parking in my drive and when that's full please use the church car park rather than the road. All welcome.

Robert Godden

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Big birthday party

My thanks for the lunch on the 7th July to celebrate the 'big birthdays' for Joyce, Karen, Sandra and myself.

Sharon

Steven's Deanery Pilgrimage 3rd September

Please join us at St George's Church, Owlsmoor 9am for Morning Prayer

Then, if you are able, walk with +Steven across the heath to St John's Crowthorne.

+Steven is making a Pilgrimage across Sonning Deanery and would like to be accompanied by any who feel able to join him for all or part of the day.

He will start at St George's, then go on to All Saints Church, Wokingham, via St John's, Crowthorne and St Sebastian's.

After celebrating the Eucharist at All Saints he will journey on to Woosehill Church and end his day's Pilgrimage at St Catherine's Church, Bearwood just after 3pm.

We hope you can join us on 3rd

God Bless.



Messy Church/Family film club

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

September 21st is the next one - 3.30 - 5 pm

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

BRIGHTLIGHT
THEATRE COMPANY

A BUNCH OF AMATEURS

The hit comedy by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman



Saturday 3 1st Aug, 7:30pm & Saturday 7th Sept, 2:00pm & 7:30pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, Frimley, GU16 7AQ

Tickets: £8 (£5 over-60s & under-16s)



Book: www.brightlight-theatre.co.uk | 07546 737813

This amateur production of "A Bunch Of Amateurs" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.

Club 15 July



For the July Club 15 event, Carol and Jim kindly hosted a games evening at their house, with five others from the church attending. Jim had prepared another of his fiendish quizzes, but there were also games such as skittles, shove halfpenny and

bagatelle, the latter offering an extra degree of difficulty as its base had warped over the years. At half time we broke for some tasty refreshments before resuming the contest. No idea who won overall -



it was fun taking part. Eventually it was time to go, though we probably left some time later!! Many thanks to Carol and Jim for getting in all the games and organising such a good evening. Robert

Kessingland Methodist Church



While on holiday in north Suffolk (Kessingland, just south of Lowestoft) I attended the local Methodist Church on the Sunday morning. It was about a mile away from the caravan site so I walked. The church looked least like any church I've ever seen. More like a residential house, but inside it was clearly a church and I was made to feel very

welcome. The wall behind the communion table was of flint, and it was explained to me that the more flint there was in a building, the more expensive and impressive it was. There was an electronic piano (not organ) and the seating was arranged in a horseshoe. Like us the Sunday service was at 10:30. They also had a prayer group on Thursday evenings, coffee morning on Tuesdays, and other activities. There were 13 of us at the service, including the minister and organist, and, of those, 3 (including me) were holiday visitors.

They were using Singing the Faith, and although I didn't know some of the hymns, a music version was found so that I had a chance of singing them :-)

Do you attend a service while away on your holidays? If so, we'd love to hear about it, with some photos if possible. Thanks Sue



Memories of Sharon's ordination service



Dave Bilbrough—at North Camp Methodist Church

DAVE BILBROUGH
Hidden Kingdom Tour

Live Music
North Camp Methodist Church
GU14 6EG

Sunday 13th October 7pm

Tickets £5 single or £10 Family ticket available from
<https://ncmc.churchsuite.co.uk/events/usand21a>
or tickets can be reserved by calling Tel 01252 328959 or 07941 997841

Dave has just released his new album "Hidden Kingdom" and we are very pleased to have the opportunity to welcome Dave back to North Camp Methodist Church to share with us some of these new songs.

Tickets are £5 for individuals and £10 for a family ticket.

Further details, including booking information can be found on the North Camp Methodist Church Facebook page.

In case you don't recognise the name, Dave has written many songs—for example no 1 in Songs of Fellowship—Abba Father.

Club 15 August

The original idea to attend an outdoor production of a Shakespeare play was abandoned as there wasn't a local performance on the 15th. Instead Sandra Fogwill kindly invited Club 15 to a Cheese & Wine evening at her house. Her table was spread with a sumptuous array of nibbles and especially cheeses, including the ever-popular Spanish Manchego which appeared to be hidden under the other varieties in the hope that her guests didn't notice it!! The conversation flowed, that is until Robert produced a quiz which entailed each of us to individually solve the missing words of a Macbeth poem. Word options were given, but much concentration was needed in order to fit the correct



words into the poem. Graham was declared the winner, and took home a Baked Camembert cheese as a prize! Grateful thanks to Sandra for organizing an enjoyable evening and laying on such a fine spread.
Robert

A wonderful time of fellowship was had by all, and in particular Jackie was blessed by all those who turned up to wish her well in her 'semi-retirement', but certainly to thank her for all her love, support and jolly good sermons! We wish her well in the coming months and also a happy, healthy, fruitful and blessed retirement.

Keg

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal 2019



Yes it's that time of year again!! This means it will soon be time for the Shoe Box Appeal.

Leaflets will be in the Vestibule from the beginning of September and, as before, I will arrange for the boxes to be dedicated before I take them to High Cross for collection. The transportation donation of £5.00 per box can be paid on line if you wish.

There is one important change this year. Due to tougher import regu-

lations there can be **NO SWEETS OR TOOTHPASTE** in the shoeboxes. I realise this is going to make filling the boxes more difficult but these are the instructions from Samaritans Purse.

I have flat packed pre-decorated boxes available if you can't face wrapping a proper shoe box. I do have one or two ordinary shoe boxes available at my house. The challenge is to improve on last year's total of 30 – can we manage it?

I know it is difficult to decide which age group to select, the age categories are 2 – 4, 5 – 9 and 10 – 14.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07811-870183 or alison@gfradgley.com.

Thank you.

Alison Fradgley

In memoriam plaques



I am delighted to be able to tell you that **Camberley and District Funeral Directors** (Yorktown Road, College Town) are now sponsoring our memorial plaques.

Just talk to Sue Truby about the words you'd like and they will provide the plaque for free! Douglas W has been attaching them to the seats once done. Thanks Douglas!

A donation to the church of £50 is suggested but not required.

Jackie Case Farewell and Happy Retirement



We had a wonderful tea before the farewell service to which the whole circuit had been invited. We had approximately 60 guests for tea and a full church to Jackie's farewell service. Catherine opened the service and lead us in prayer. Conrad Hicks who has worked with Jackie over the last few years, took the sermon which lasted about 15 minutes but was so engaging it was a shame it came to an end. Thanks were given by Marjorie Mitchell on behalf of herself as Senior Circuit Steward and Andrew Mitchell on behalf

of Crowthorne. Keg thanked Jackie on behalf of our church and presented her with her card and gift. Andy Knight and Mary Elms did the readings and Sharon did the prayers of intercession.

Jackie said she was overwhelmed by the gifts, good wishes and love that everyone has shown her. She is now going to work part-time at Woking, as the Minister they were expecting to start in September is no longer going to be there, so part-retirement at the moment! Many thanks to Doug and Sandra for ordering and picking up all the sandwiches and the

stunning cake, Jackie was so thrilled with the cake and ceremoniously cut it in honour of her retirement. She took what was left of her cake to share at a fellowship she was visiting on Tuesday.

Eunice, Sandra, Cynthia and Wendy worked very hard in the kitchen to set everything up on the food table and drinks beforehand, and also providing all our guests with teas and coffees. Also many thanks to them and Robert for clearing away all the tables and the 68 chairs! Thank you to Alison and Mary for being superb musicians and leading our singing, and to Heather for being Assistant Steward to Keg.



Recycled bras

We Need YOUR Support!

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:

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

Connect is a Counselling Service, 11 Polesbury Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3TA
Tel: 01276 24211 | www.connectcounselling.org | Registered Charity No: 1142952

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

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Charities

Please consider which, if any, charities you would like the church to donate money to and pass this information onto me together with either a link or short paragraph about their work. This information will then be distributed prior to the next Church Council and then we will vote at the church council as to which charity(ies) and how much.

Keg

Christian Aid Week

In Sandhurst & Yateley, we had another successful Christian Aid Week, as can be seen in the table below. The continued decline in House to House collections was partially off set by new ventures, such as the collection at The Meadows, but more needs to be done if we are to continue to assist the poorest in the world.

Our Church continues to actively support Christian Aid, and for that we are all grateful. A date for your diary is **Saturday May 16th 2020** when the Quiz for Christian Aid will be held again at St George's Church, Owlsmoor.

If you wish to know anymore about Christian Aid, please contact Wilf Hardy
wjhscot@aol.com
 07823 406908

	2019	2018	2017
<u>Church Collections:</u>	£	£	£
St Marys Eversley	56	62	63
Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist	140	162	162
Sandhurst Baptists	24	15	70
Sub-Total	220	239	295
House to House Collection	422	627	739
<u>Events:</u>			
Sandhurst Churches Together Quiz held at St George's	164	168	162
WWDOP Lunch held at St Swithun's	184	235	135
Sandhurst Churches Together Ecumenical Service	-	98	-
Events at St Michael's Sandhurst	39	90	-
The Meadows Collection	153	-	-
Sub-Total	540	591	301
Total	1,182	1,457	1,335
<i>Gift Aid Benefit</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>147</i>

