

# Services



## October 2019

6th	10:30 am	Kim Tame
13th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement (Prison Sunday)
	6:30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service at the Baptist Church
20th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:30 pm	Film night—'The girl with the dragon tattoo'
27th	10:30 am	Christine Morgan

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

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*Sandhurst and Yateley  
Methodist Church  
Newsletter  
October 2019*

## The Minister writes...

Dear friends,  
Whilst the middle-of-the-day warmth may try to convince us it is still summer, the signs of autumn are all around us and the evening chill and earlier nightfall remind us that the year is turning inexorably onwards. The end of this month sees the 'celebration' of Hallowe'en, now the second biggest event after Christmas. Bigger than Bonfire night, bigger even than Easter. How has that happened?! It used to be much lower key – hardly more than a date on the calendar. Trick or treating was rare and no one seemed to hold Hallowe'en parties. The two big autumn celebrations were Harvest and Bonfire Night.

I suspect the reason it has grown so much owes a lot to the influence of American TV. Of course, all the shops have got in on the profitable act, promoting it via the sale of costumes, cards and gruesome foods and sweets.

So what should Christians think about it? Is it a bit of harmless fun or something rather more sinister? Well, let me share a little about its pagan roots.

Its origins date back 2,000 years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (*sow-in*). The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1<sup>st</sup>. They believed that on the night before New Year the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred and that the spirits of the dead could return and roam the earth. In an effort to frighten away or confuse the spirits, villagers would dress up in costumes and masks and parade around during the night. They would also leave parcels of food on their doorsteps to appease the spirits and hasten their progress. Mischievous children learnt to dress up as spirits and steal the food! Eventually the adults got wise to this and stopped putting the food out, so instead, the children knocked on doors, begging for the food and promising prayers for the dead in return - the early beginnings of trick-or-treating!

By the 7<sup>th</sup> Century Christianity had spread to the Celtic lands. Pope Boniface IV designated 1<sup>st</sup> November as All Saints' Day, a time to honour saints and martyrs, in an attempt to replace the Celtic festival with a Christian one. The celebration was called All Hallows and the night before it, previously Samhain, became All Hallows Eve, later corrupted into Hallowe'en.

Of course, most people who participate in modern Hallowe'en festivities do so without any intention of associating themselves with the occult or other satanic traditions. So it may be hard to take a stand against it – especially if you have children or grandchildren who think you are being unreasonable if you stop them going to a Hallowe'en party. But if we, as Christians, join in, then the message we are giving is that we too think that all the talk of witches, devils and evil spirits is frivolous. If we hang scary decorations in our windows or entertain each other with macabre tales, then what are we doing but imitating that which is evil? Even the more innocent past times of Hallowe'en, such as trick-or-treating, can mislead children about what is good and wholesome and can be worrying for



## October 2019 Rotas

### Flowers

6th Muriel Mason  
13th Heather Brown  
20th Sandra Fogwill  
27th Frankie Hiron

### Funtime Worship

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

### Cleaning

w/c 14/10 Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

### Welcome

6th Mick Malone  
13th Frankie Hiron  
20th Margaret Picken  
27th Barbara Rush

### Coffee

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

## 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.

### October

1st 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	<b>No</b> Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	<b>No</b> Bible Study	
8th 2:30 pm	Praise and Prayer	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	<b>No</b> Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	<b>No</b> Bible Study	
15th 2:00 pm	Bible Study	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
22nd 2:00 pm	Rejoice!	Schoolroom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	
8:00 pm	Bible Study	
29th 7.30 pm	Prayer Group	Schoolroom
8.00 pm	Bible Study	

## 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.

those who live alone and are concerned that not giving away sweets could have unpleasant repercussions.

As Christians we believe that Jesus is the Light of the World and has power over all that is evil or dark in this world, casting out all fear. We, in turn, are called to be Children of the Light. What can we offer then as an alternative? We could promote any local 'Light Parties' which may be taking place. Instead of sweets, there are lots of giveaways which we could hand out at the door: pencils, erasers, stickers and bookmarks etc which give a different message to children – that of the love and light of Jesus.\* We can refuse to buy the Hallowe'en goods on offer. If we are brave, we might even say why!

Whatever you find yourself doing on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, may it be filled with the eternal peace and light which can only be found in Jesus Christ.

With every blessing,

Sharon

*\*If you'd like me to obtain some giveaways for you, then please just ask me.*

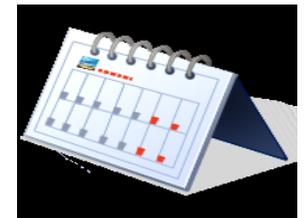
## What's on?

### September

28th: Harvest Supper  
29th: Harvest Festival

### October

2nd: Wednesday housegroup  
10th: Coffee morning, Thursday housegroup  
13th: Local Arrangement, Dave Bilbrough at North Camp  
15th: Club 15  
19th: Bereavement Care Awareness, Messy church/  
family film club  
20th: Songs of Praise - Reading, film night  
27th: Whitechapel Mission talk



### November

9th: Yateley Choral Society

## Film night—upcoming ...

Please join us for a film, fellowship and a pizza (we order in).  
Next one is

**20th October: The girl with the dragon tattoo (2011)**



## Club 15 September

Hot on the heels of the popular barbecues hosted by our minister at the manse, the church was invited to yet another barbecue, this one being Club 15's event for September. We were fortunate to have a fine, sunny afternoon so we were able to sit outside, moving the umbrella around to cast its shade in just the right place. A total of eleven folk turned up and spent a relaxing afternoon catching up and enjoying the usual barbecue fare. Club 15 events are open to everyone at church, as well as their families and friends - check out the notices for the next event, a film and pizza evening on October 15th.



## Annual Whitechapel Mission collection



It is that time of year when we ask for towels, clothes, sleeping bags, toiletries, underwear (new for men and women) socks and anything you can please donate. Last year Maggy and Colin Garton took three car loads up to the Whitechapel Mission.

This year, a speaker called Tony Miller from the Whitechapel Mission will be at Crowthorne Methodist on **27th October 2019** at 10.30 am, talking about the work of the Whitechapel

Mission and we will make sure that any donations are delivered up to Crowthorne, for him to take back with him on 27th October.

It would be good to get him to come and speak to us at some stage as I am sure it would be really interesting to hear of the work they do.

If you have anything to donate, please give it to a Steward, we will hold onto the donations in the Vestry until we deliver them to Crowthorne for Tony to take away with him. You were all so generous last year, please see if there is anything you can donate this year.

Best wishes

Keg

## Messy Church/Family film club



Messy Church/Family film club usually happens on the 3rd Saturday each month. October 19th **is the next one** - 3.30 - 5 pm

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

## Minister

**Rev Sharon Gardner**

minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk  
01344 774967

Pastoral leader  
Margaret Picken  
pastoral@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

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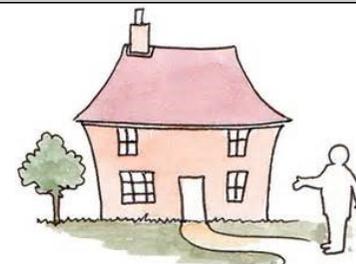
## House Fellowship groups providing a friendly platform for discussion ...

### Thursday House Group:

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst.  
01252 872503  
**Thursday 10th October**

### Wednesday House Group:

Diana Middleditch  
—hosted at Alison and Graham Fradgley's  
Forbes Chase, Sandhurst  
**Wednesday 2nd October**



## Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

Contributions should either be:  
Handed to Sue at Church,  
Emailed to: newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk  
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## Thanks!

We would like to thank you all for your good wishes as we celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary last month, and a special thank you to Sharon for giving us a blessing at the start of the service.

We are very blessed we know with our family and also with our 'church family' who have supported us in the good, and also the not so good times. Times when one or other of us have had medical problems, the love and support you've shown us has meant so much to us both .

So thank you one and all, with much love and light from

Terry and Joyce.



## Club 15 October

Our next Club 15 for October (Tuesday October 15th) is to be held at my house.

It will be a film night with pizza. If you are interested please let me know. I will then send you a possible list of films to choose from, and the one with the most requests will be the one. Nothing too heavy, we need to enjoy ourselves.

Sue B



## Work Week Report – August 2019



This year's Work Week was a general clean and tidy up together with touching up damaged paintwork in the Hall and other places. Sandra was responsible for the improvements to the décor in the Hall. Robert worked tirelessly taking down one of the dead trees (most of it in the heat on Tuesday afternoon) situated at the edge of the Car Park. Alison Bone, Julia, Doug Wooldge and Heather helped him. Sandra, Doug, Eunice, Julia, Heather and Robert also helped to clear the leaves and overgrown branches down the side of the Church behind gates.

An awful lot has been achieved so thank you to all concerned – everyone's time is precious and your help is very much appreciated.

Alison Fradgley

## Tom Williams



Thomas Williams, "Tom", funeral was held at Banbury crematorium today Wednesday 14th August. Douglas and I drove up to the crematorium on an increasingly wild day with the rain lashing down on the motorway as we got nearer to our destination. After leaving the motorway and approaching the outskirts of Banbury we came off the roundabout to find ourselves behind a hearse car that turned out to be heading to the same crematorium as we were aiming for. This was a short while before the service was due and we realised that we were actually following Tom's coffin into the crematorium, awaiting his

cremation service.

Those attending the service included his only daughter Bridget, four of his five step children as well as Wendy King, her sister and daughter.

The service was led by a local lady Methodist minister.

The moving eulogy was given by Elaine, one of his step daughters. Tom's life covered a large number of differing aspects from sailing through engineering to his Masonic duties. Back in February 2009 he became the longest serving member of the Lodge with 56 years and 11 months. Also mentioned was his work on developing the Harrier jump jet, as well as his days at the Transport and Road research lab where he developed the mini roundabout. He also worked up at Broadmoor and latterly helped residents at Lord Harris Court with quizzes and the like.

He died at the age of ninety two and his generosity of spirit to everyone will be sadly missed.

Heather

## 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 regulations there can be **NO SWEETS OR TOOTH-PASTE** in the shoeboxes. I realise this is going to make filling the boxes more difficult but these are the instructions from Samaritan's 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](mailto: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.

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More information at [www.connectcounselling.org](http://www.connectcounselling.org) and [www.brcglobaltextiles.com](http://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!!



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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

## Dave Bilbrough—at North Camp Methodist Church

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**Sunday 13th October 7pm**

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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 Christmas meal 15th December

As for the last few years, having canvassed all the attendees, we will be going to the Bird in Hand in Sandhurst for our Christmas meal on Sunday 15th December.

If you would like to book your seat (I have reserved 20) then please let me know asap.

Thanks, Sue T



## Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Squash, custard, sponge puddings and rice puddings

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

## Film night—film choices

Films for the next few months:

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 **10th October**.  
Heather

## Baby news!



Heather and Douglas Brown are delighted to announce they have become besotted first-time grandparents to Jessica Isabelle Brown, born 4:16pm on 8th September, 5lb 9oz (three weeks early).

Despite needing an emergency c-section, both mother (Helena), father (Adam) and baby are now doing fine.

## Compassion UK



Compassion UK (www.compassionuk.org) are in need of Christmas Elves to ensure sponsors' precious Christmas Cards and letters reach the children waiting for them in time for Christmas.

Christmas help for local charity supporting the poorest children in many parts of the world Christmas starts in September at Compassion.

Could you gift a morning/afternoon/day a week during September to December to work with a fun and friendly Christian team of volunteers to help out in the post room?

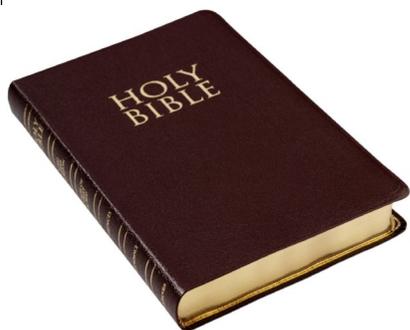
Any time you can gift will be greatly appreciated.

We are just down the road in Fleet and will reimburse travel expenses. Please contact Helen Rogers—helenr@compassionuk.org or call 07917 793143

## All Night Café needs

Roll mats, sleeping bags, new men's socks, new men's pants/boxers/trunks and any full-size toiletries

## Evening Bible Study



We are nearly at the end of our Bible Study on Hebrews (half way through chapter 11 and there are 13 chapters).

Once we have finished this study Sharon would like to do something on advent—which will be so interesting.

After that, we intend to use booklets called 'Know Your Bible' (£4 each) The topic we intend to do is 'Five Lives—Women who have encountered God' (short study of 5 units). We can read up on the material beforehand, reflect on the material afterwards and pick up

the topic if we are unable to attend one week.

If you would be interested in joining this, please let Keg know so that she can order enough booklets.



## Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

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We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you know you are able to come.

Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,  
**Songs of Praise Team**