

# Services



## January 2020

5th	10:30 am	Kim Tame
12th	10:30 am	Irene Robinson
19th	10:30 am	Sharon Wright
	6:30 pm	Joint CTC and SCT Ecumenical service at Crowthorne Methodist Church Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
26th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Covenant Service)
	6:30 pm	Film night (chosen by Sandra Woolledge)

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And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

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*Sandhurst and Yateley  
Methodist Church  
Newsletter  
December 2019  
January 2020*

## The Minister writes...

Dear friends,  
How do YOU count down to Christmas? By opening doors on an Advent Calendar? By lighting a candle each evening and letting it burn its allotted span? Or perhaps you mark the date by how many jobs have been checked off your to-do list? Did you know there is an app which counts down the actual seconds to Christmas? As I type, there are 40 days, 20 hours, 7 minutes and 26 seconds left. How scary watching time vanish before my eyes! Something better suited for the children maybe who, once we get to December, can hardly wait.



Yet isn't there a little child in each of us who feels stirred at memories of Christmases past? Who listens to the carols and finds themselves humming the familiar strains? Who hears the timeless Advent readings and is inexpressibly moved? The unfathomable mystery of the Word-made-flesh somehow walks hand in hand with a Nativity cast adorned with tinsel tiaras, tea-towels and tatty curtains to the tune of 'Little Donkey.' Such a far cry from the story of a scandalous pregnancy and the birth of a baby on a dirty floor to refugee parents. In truth, if Jesus were born today, he might feel more at home at the All-Night Café or Whitechapel Mission than in our cosy, twinkling houses.

It is good to remember the poverty and simplicity of that first Christmas and resist some of the extravagance, expense and waste that is pushed upon us by clever marketing and targeted advertising. But - lest I should sound like 'Bah, Humbug!' Scrooge - let me assure you that I LOVE Christmas and everything to do with it: all its trappings and wrappings. Yet you and I know - indeed, we of all people *should* know - that without Christ at its centre, the festive season is just so much flim-flam. The 25<sup>th</sup> of December will come and go and if we haven't met with Jesus during it then we will enter 2020 poorer in pocket and in spirit. So, early though it may be for Christmas greetings, let me leave you with this timeless message from George Stringer Rowe's 'Cradled in a Manger Meanly':

*Evil things are there before thee; in the heart where they have fed,  
wilt thou pitifully enter, Son of Man, and lay thy head?  
Enter then, O Christ most holy; make a Christmas in my heart;  
Make a heaven of my manger; it is heaven where thou art.*

# Services



## December 2019

1st	10:30 am	Maggie Garton
8th	10:30 am	Karen Glossop ( <b>Nativity</b> AAW)
15th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	4:00 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner ( <b>Christingle</b> )
21st	3:00 pm	SCT service at The Meadows
22nd	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>No morning service</b>
	6:30 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner ( <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> )
24th Christmas Eve	11:30 pm	Karen Glossop (no Holy Communion)
25th Christmas Day	10:30 am	Peter Whalley
29th	10:30 am	Rev Catherine Bowstead

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## January 2020 Rotas

### Flowers

5th Ann Harper  
12th Mary Grossman  
19th Joyce Chappell  
26th Diane Knight

### Funtime Worship

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

### Cleaning

w/c 6/1 Alison Fradgley and Eunice Feeny  
w/c 27/1 Sandra Wooledge and Wendy Hart

### Welcome

5th Frankie Hiron  
12th Margaret Picken  
19th Barbara Rush  
26th Eunice Feeny

### Coffee

Eunice Feeny and Ann Harper  
Phil and Hilary Tattershall  
Joan Taylor and Sandra Wooledge  
Heather Brown and Barbara Rush

### 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.

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Tricia Needes 01252 658350

### Sandhurst

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

*And to those who never listened to the message of thy birth,  
who have winter, but no Christmas bringing them thy peace on earth,  
send to these the joyful tidings; by all people, in each home,  
be there heard the Christmas anthem: praise to God, the Christ has come!*

May the Christ of Christmas journey beside you this Advent and as you step into a new and uncertain 2020, may you find your hand securely held in his.

With love and every blessing,

*Sharon*

### What's on?

#### November

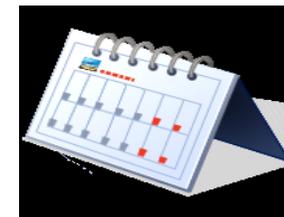
24th: film night  
26th: Rejoice!  
30th: Sandhurst Singers Concert

#### December

5th: Wednesday housegroup—note it's a Thursday  
7th: Christmas Fair & Art Exhibition/Sale  
8th: Children's Christmas service  
9th: YCS Carol Concert  
10th: Praise and Prayer  
15th: Christingle Service, Club 15 Christmas Meal  
18th: Carol singing at Fourways  
19th: Thursday Housegroup  
21st: SCT Service at The Meadows  
22nd: Carols by Candlelight  
24th: Christmas Eve service  
25th: Christmas Day service

#### January

9th: Coffee morning, Thursday Housegroup  
14th: Praise and Prayer  
15th: Club 15 planning meeting  
19th: Service of prayer for Christian Unity  
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### Film night—upcoming ...

Please join us at 6.30pm or a film, fellowship and a pizza (we order in).

In January **Sandra Wooledge** will be picking the film—that's  
**26th January 2020**



## Leprosy Mission Catalogue

If you would like to support the Leprosy Mission by purchasing items from its catalogue please contact me.

Alternatively if you see items you would like on their online catalogue, then let me know as we avoid postage charges with a combined order over £50.



Thanks, Robert Godden

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal 2019



Graham and I took a car load of 34 Shoe Boxes to High Cross on Friday, 8th November.

They were 15 boys of which there were 1 x Age 2-4; 11 x Age 5-9 and 3 x Age 10-14. There were 19 girls' boxes, 2 x Age 2-4; 12 x Age 5-9 and 5 x Age 10-14.

There were more boxes this year so we achieved our goal of increasing the number and I have also sent £10 as a donation towards carriage.

Again thank you for your contributions this year – it is an excellent achievement and will be very much appreciated by the recipients!

Alison Fradgley

## Sandhurst Singers concert 30th November



Sandhurst Singers Community Choir (which several of our congregation are members of), are having a concert at High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley (next to Camberley Theatre) on **Saturday 30th November**, 7.30pm. Admission is £8, and all proceeds will be donated to Parkinson's UK. The programme will include lots of well known and popular songs from the last few decades.

For more information please email [simonmusic45@gmail.com](mailto:simonmusic45@gmail.com) or call 07854 722650

## December 2019 Rotas

### Flowers

- 1st Eunice Feeney  
8th Hilary and Phil Tattershall  
15th  
22nd Anne and Dennis Richards  
29th Sue Brookes

### Cleaning

w/c 16/12 Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

### Funtime Worship

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

### Welcome

- 1st Margaret Picken  
8th Barbara Rush  
15th Eunice Feeney  
22nd Cynthia Robinson  
29th Mick Malone

### Coffee

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

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## Spiritual Development Group



Come along to our regular meetings:  
 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.

### December

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 and 31st		No meetings	

### January

7th	2:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
14th	2:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Praise and Prayer Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
21st	2:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
28th	<b>2:30 pm</b> 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>Rejoice! Note change of time)</b> 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.

## SCT service/carol singing at The Meadows

Sandhurst Churches Together will be holding a service/carol singing on at **21st December** at 3pm at The Meadows under the covered area.

Support from all church members will be appreciated. This is an opportunity to bring the message of Christmas into the community.

## Whitechapel Mission



Thank you again for being so absolutely generous in giving to this wonderful mission.

Sharon has taken a car load from our church to Crowthorne and I took another car load on Wednesday.

The vestry at Crowthorne is stacked with the donations for this mission.

Tony Millar from the Whitechapel Mission is speaking at Crowthorne this Sunday and will be taking a trailer back with him.

Thank you again Keg

## Club 15 November report

The November Club 15 event was a Quiz held at Carol & Jim's house.

As usual Jim prepared a variety of challenging questions. Graham gallantly elected to go solo as there was an odd number for teams.

In the event Graham didn't need a partner as he won! Jim presented him with the trophy which had been shared between Sandra and Robert previously.

Congratulations to Graham - the rest of us will just have to keep swotting!

Carol





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 Margaret Picken  
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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, 19 Harts Leap Road, Sandhurst.  
 01252 872503  
**Thursday 19th December and 9th January**



**Wednesday House Group:**

Diana Middleditch  
 —hosted at Alison and Graham Fradgley's  
 Forbes Chase, Sandhurst  
**Thursday 5th December (note Thursday). No meeting in January.**

**Newsletter and Website**  
 newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

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## Exhibition and Art Sale by 4 local artists

Mary Adams oil paintings  
Jen Truby ceramics  
Sue Truby stained glass and silver jewellery  
Keith Taylor photographer

**7th December 2019 2:00 – 7:00 pm**

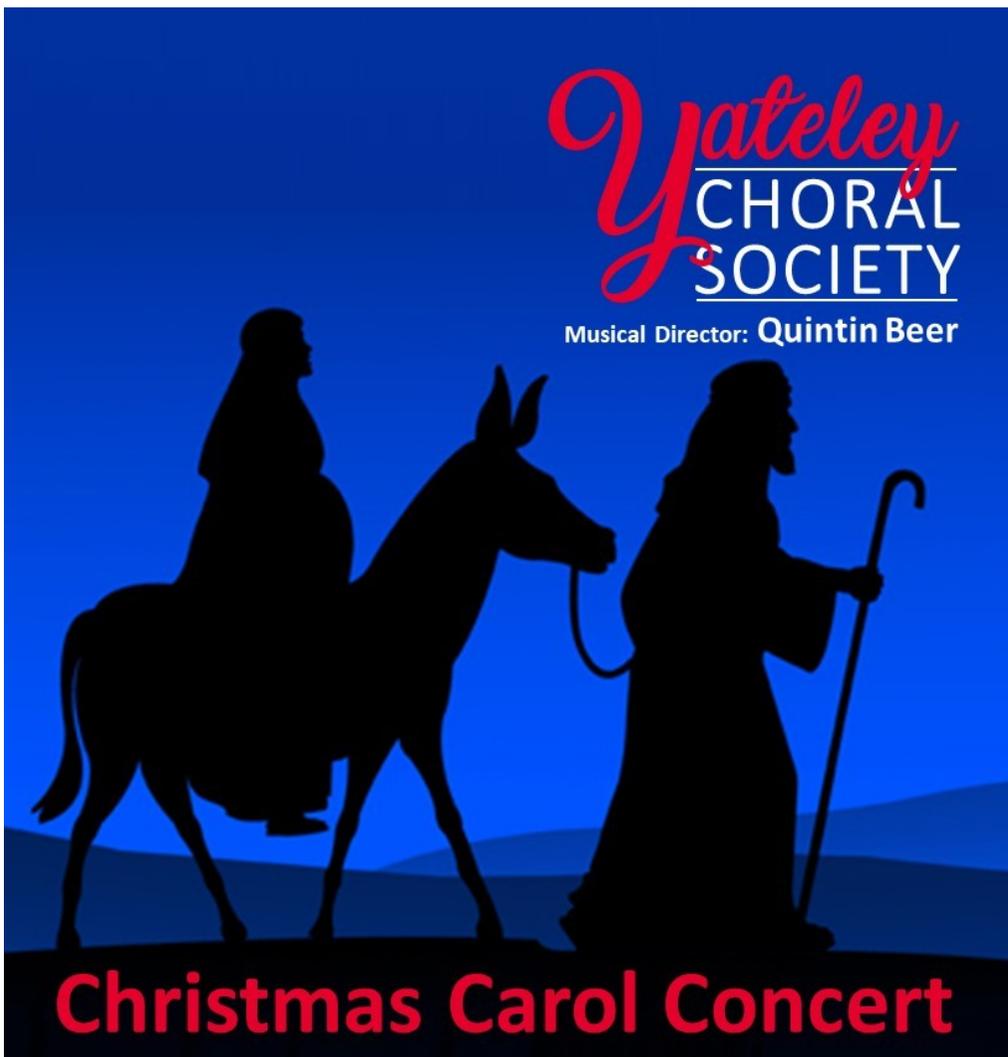
**Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church**

**New Scotland Hill**

**Sandhurst GU47 8JR**

**FREE ENTRY**





**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**St Peter's Church, Yateley, 7.30pm**

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## Ecumenical service on 17th November

About 20 from different churches attended the Ecumenical service.

Keg led the worship on the theme of The Lords Prayer.

Douglas and Sandra entertained us with a comical but thought provoking sketch, highlighting how it is easy to go about the ritual of saying the Lords Prayer without really thinking about its meaning or even in some cases understanding it.

We then had a time to visit prayer stations each focusing on aspects of the prayer while music from the Taize community played in the background.

Alison B

## All Night Café needs

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

## 22nd December—no morning service

Because of the wedding in the afternoon and the Carols by Candlelight service in the evening, it was decided at Church Council that we would **not** have a morning service.

We are aware that some of the congregation might not be keen on coming out in the evening (dark, cold etc.) and would have preferred the morning service.



Therefore, if you would like to come along to Carols by Candlelight and would like transport to be organised for you, please let one of the stewards know and a lift will be provided for you. We don't want anyone to miss out on worshipping that day.

Thanks

## Club 15 planning meeting January

Club 15 will be meeting at Alison and Graham's house on **15th January**, at 8pm as usual, to discuss and plan the 2020 Club 15 programme.

All welcome.

Alison and Graham

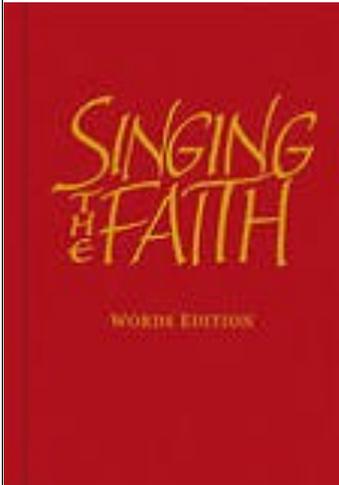
## Singing the Faith Plus

With the start of Advent also comes a fresh start for the Singing the Faith website.

The new site will go live on the first Sunday in Advent. With a wider scope of resources; a cleaner, more accessible design; and faster, easier-to-use search options, we hope that StF+ will better support the planning of meaningful, creative and inclusive worship.

[www.singingthefaitplus.org.uk](http://www.singingthefaitplus.org.uk)

## And more about Singing the Faith



Some facts about Singing the Faith for you:

- The decision to produce this hymnbook was taken at the Methodist Conference of 2009 and the book was first published in 2011
- Out of the 748 hymns and songs in the collection, 89 were written by Charles Wesley.
- The most represented hymn-writer of the 20th and 21st centuries is John L Bell who has 43 hymns included
- There are three main sections, God's Eternal Goodness, God's Redeeming Work and God's Enduring Purposes, divided into 41 subsections
- It contains 748 hymns, 42 Liturgical Settings and 50 Psalms

## Christmas Eve service 11:30 pm



We will be having a Midnight Service on Christmas Eve starting at 11.30 pm.

Keg will be leading the service, but unfortunately as there is no minister available, we shall not be having communion.

The service will be 45 minutes.

All Welcome

## Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Bin bags, J cloths, baby wipes, children's toothpaste, nappies sizes 4,5 and 6

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

## 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 January**  
**(None in December)**

## Carol singing at Fourways

A small group of us will be singing at Fourways on **18th December** at 2pm.

If you would like to join us please let Sharon know. 01344 774967 or email.



## 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** at 6.30pm

If you would like to book your seat (I have reserved 20) then please let me know. I have the menu for you to choose from and will need your deposit asap to guarantee your place.

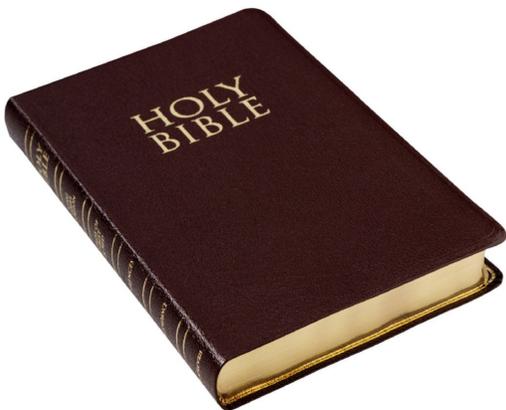
**If you haven't already let me know, paid your deposit and given me your menu choices then please do so before 1st December!**

Note—if you're vegetarian, the menu choice for Turkey with all the trimmings can be replaced by Nut Roast with all the trimmings.

Thanks, Sue T



## 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 af-

terwards 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.

## The Leprosy Mission

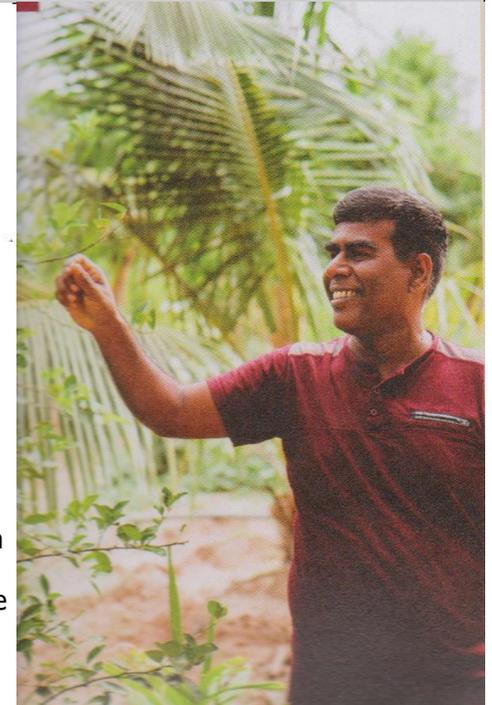


Rev Joshua is one of the people leading The Leprosy Mission's work in Sri Lanka, teaching communities to grow nutritious crops from their land.

As a nine-year old boy he found himself as a refugee on a boat to India as a result of years of conflict in Sri Lanka.

The boat was overcrowded and those on board began to fear for their lives. Rev Joshua made a promise to God that if He miraculously saved him then he would serve Him for the rest of his life.

God did save him and Rev Joshua ended up living in a displaced people's camp in India for many years where he learnt to live off the land. When he arrived back in Sri Lanka he saw many people with leprosy living in similar camps struggling to survive. Rev Joshua began working with the communities, teaching them all God had taught him about growing fresh produce, nutrition and making sure they have a sustainable food source and livelihood.



## 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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Mrs Wendy Hart  
 Treasurer  
 Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Council  
 Scotland Hill  
 Sandhurst  
 Berks  
 GU47 8JR

30 October 2019

Dear Wendy

I was very pleasantly surprised on Monday when you gave me a cheque for £500 from your Church. On behalf of the Daisy Chain Café Steering Group and all the volunteers I am writing to thank the Church Council for this extremely generous donation

As you know we have recently moved to larger premises for the Café because of its growing popularity. This donation goes a long way towards the expenses we incurred for the move.

Without financial help from the community and all the hard work by our volunteers it would not be possible for us to run the café.

Therefore I extend once again a very heartfelt thanks to you all.

Best wishes

David Key

Treasurer  
 Daisy Chain Café

## The Ox

It's a quiet time of year for me. All the harvest's been gathered in and stored and all the long days of hard work have settled into a gentler pattern. I get a well-earned rest now, somewhere sheltered to sleep at night, good hay in the manger to eat. Life's pretty good.

So, anyway, I am just settling down to sleep when I hear this kerfuffle outside my stable. Suddenly the quiet, dusty darkness is disturbed by lamplight and voices and then in comes my master with two people and a donkey. They all look rather bedraggled and travel-worn. So much for my manger of hay and a peaceful night – looks like I'll be sharing my grub with the ass. Hmmpphh. Not the first time *that's* happened.



But what's this? The couple are staying in my stable too??!! Now that's a new one on me. Good job they don't eat hay, that's all I can say!

They're not very quiet though; there seems to be quite a commotion going on. Oh, what's this? A baby?.... A baby??!! What kind of place is this to have a baby?! And wait, wait.....what...what do they think they're doing? They're putting him into MY manger! Well, I never!!

And now, what does that donkey think he's doing?! I swear he's nuzzling that human creature. Has he no dignity?! Well, you won't catch me doing that. Baby or no baby, I'm going to have some more hay. Now, let's see....I think I can just reach in there and get a bit and.....oh, lordy me, look at that baby! All wrapped up and cosy – and I do believe he's looking right at me! Well, well, I never did! Aww...and now he's going off to sleep.

Maybe I can manage without any more hay tonight – after all, I wouldn't want to disturb him.....

S. Gardner

## Recycled bras

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

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](http://www.connectcounselling.org) and [www.brcglobaltextiles.com](http://www.brcglobaltextiles.com)

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