

Services



February 2020

2nd	10:30 am	Rev John Amankwatia
9th	10:30 am	Rev Roy Smith (Holy Communion)
	6.30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service at St George's
16th	10:30 am	Rosemary MorganBarry
23rd	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6:30 pm	Film night (chosen by Keg)

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

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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
February 2020*

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,
I saw some pithy sayings the other day to do with being busy and I thought they might resonate with you as they did with me.

'The greatest enemy of good thinking is busyness.' *John C. Maxwell*

'Never confuse activity with productivity.'
Rick Warren

....Hmm, food for thought in both of those for sure, but then this one really struck a chord:

'When the fire of prayer goes out, the barrenness of busyness takes over.'

George Carey

It made me think how often this may be true, not just individually but as a church too. Of course, if we did not have people 'being busy' in our church then many of the activities that we are engaged in - from worship to outreach to fellowship to service - would not happen, so I for one am very grateful to all those who give of their time, often sacrificially and uncelebrated.

It is, though, rather like the story of the two sisters, Martha and Mary, when Jesus came to visit them at their home in Bethany. You will recall of course how Martha, busy preparing the meal, got so frustrated with her sister for sitting at Jesus' feet listening to him, that she demanded that Jesus tell Mary to come and help her. Yet Jesus took *Mary's* side, telling Martha that Mary had chosen the better course. I am sure that many of us have felt a good deal of sympathy for Martha and puzzled at just how Jesus and his friends would have been fed if *someone* hadn't been working away in the kitchen!

The point is there are characteristics of Martha and Mary in each one of us (yes, gentlemen, you too!) – the practical side of us that sees something needs doing and rolls up our sleeves to get it done, and the side that yearns to receive the blessing of Jesus' presence in our lives. Too often we subjugate the latter - that God-given desire - to the demands of the immediate moment, the urgent need, the stranglehold of our diaries.

People will always need feeding, churches will always need 1001 things doing, but the reason Mary had chosen the better part is because she made being with Jesus and listening to him her first priority.

We must not let the 'fire of prayer' go out, not in our own lives and not in the life of the church. It is only through prayer that we will discover what it is that God wants us to do. What are we engaged in that he wants to bless and grow? Is there something new which he wants to bring us to? Is there something that needs to change or even be laid down because though it was good it has now served its purpose?

I have no hidden agenda here. I am not thinking of particular activities as I write. I am not about to suggest we stop this or start that or change the other. You, my dear friends, are the people to whom God will reveal his vision for this church – but only if you seek him first and foremost.



February 2020 Rotas

Flowers

2nd Gil Forster
9th Pam Hardy
16th Diana Middleditch
23rd Robert Godden

Funtime Worship

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

Cleaning

w/c 17/2 Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

Welcome

2nd Cynthia Robinson
9th Mick Malone
16th Margaret Picken
23rd Barbara Rush

Coffee

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

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.

February

4th 2:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
11th 2:30 pm 8:00 pm	Praise and Prayer God in Love Unites us (meeting) (no Prayer Group or Bible Study)	Schoolroom
18th 2:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom
25th 2:30 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.



So, to those of you who are constantly 'doing,' I urge you to pause and pray. Put God first and everything else will fall into place, all that is needful will be done.

And to those who have reached a stage of life when the pace is a little slower, who maybe miss those days when you were busy and felt needed, well, you *are* needed now just as much. If prayer is the fire, you are the ones who have the greatest opportunity to stoke it!

As I write this we will soon be sharing in our annual Covenant Service, where we individually and corporately renew our covenantal promise. As we say the words (below) which declare our intention to put God first in our lives, may he grant us the strength of his Holy Spirit to live them out.

With every blessing,
Sharon

I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.

Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things, and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all I have and am
to serve you, as and where you choose.

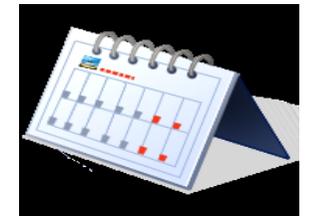
Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.

What's on?

February

2nd Rev John Amankwatia preaching here

5th Wednesday Housegroup
11th Praise and Prayer, God in love unites us
13th Coffee Morning, Thursday Housegroup
15th Club 15 Takeaway evening
21st Connect quiz
23rd Film night
25th Rejoice!



March

10th God in love unites us
14th Club 15 Theatre trip
28th Yateley Choral Society

Bookings!

I have just returned from the Christmas Party of the Sandhurst Stroke and Disabled Club to which I have been invited every year since they took up residence in our hall. (Make a note for future reference, there *are* advantages to doing the bookings.) There was plenty of food and drink – and some of the committee were very keen to show me the latter was non-alcoholic - maybe they thought I was policing the event! The entertainment was a couple of the bell-ringing team from St Michael's who demonstrated how to ring 'four in hand' very ably - I find it amazing that they can keep one bell-clapper still as they ring the one held at right angles to it but in the same hand. Everyone had a great time and wanted me to tell you all how much they enjoy having our hall for their meetings. Pam Owles, who runs the group, also wanted me to add that anyone who is registered disabled is eligible to attend and would be made very welcome. I can certainly vouch for the welcome!

It is at this time of year that we are also made aware how very much the AA appreciate our hall – our contact with them always trots up my drive the week before Christmas complete with sweets and biscuits plus the huge card which I placed on the noticeboard – I hope you managed to read the comments, again expressing their thanks at being able to use our hall for their meetings.

I know we benefit from the revenue but I just wanted you all to know that our community do enjoy using the hall, none more so than the attendees at our toddler group and the Sandhurst Singers choir, which we hear about more regularly through our members. And to end, I have also heard more appreciative comments about the refreshments served at The Hustings than about the speeches!

Joan

Club 15 Theatre trip in March

The March Club 15 event will be on **Saturday 14th March** to the evening performance of "EDUCATING RITA", starring Stephen Tomkinson, at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford.

Ticket prices are between £34 and £39.50 and will depend upon what is available when booked.

Please let Graham or Alison Fradgley know of your **FIRM interest** (01276 36631 graham@gfradgley.com / Alison@gfradgley.com) as soon as possible and **no later than Sunday 26th January** in order to have the best chance of reasonable seats for us all.

Transport by train is probably possible or we can maximise car space by discussion nearer the date.

Graham & Alison Fradgley.



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Rev Sharon Gardner

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Pastoral leader
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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:

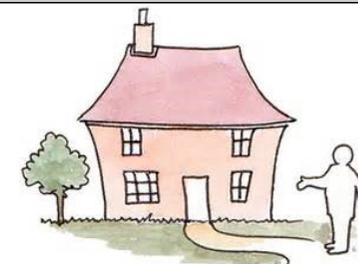
Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst.
01252 872503

Thursday 13th February

Wednesday House Group:

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

Wednesday 5th February



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **March** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 23rd February) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday February 12th**

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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Meeting monthly
 First Wednesday
 9.30 am → 12 noon
 (excluding Jan, July, Aug)

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 ICONS, WOODWORK, FLOWER ARRANGING, COLLAGE,
 MOSAIC, FILM, PHOTOGRAPHY, PROSE, DRAWING

MORE INFO?
 CHRISTINE MORGAN
 brandywimp@hotmail.co.uk

Hustings

With the general election less than a week away, the afternoon of Sunday 8th December saw a hustings event take place at our church, the result of a collaboration between ourselves and St Michael's Parish Church. We provided the venue and Revd. John Castle organised, inviting the five candidates and publicising around the local area. As the audience arrived, each was invited to write a question and as so many were received, they were sorted into common topics. In the event, the Green Party candidate was unable to attend, but as proceedings were about to start, candidates from the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Conservative parties and an Independent candidate took their seats at the front of the church facing a virtually full church with some 90 members of the public attending.

Rev. Sharon Gardner welcomed everyone and after a prayer handed over to the master of ceremonies, the Rev. John Castle, who explained the ground rules and asked for everyone's opinions to be met with respect. Each candidate was given three minutes to introduce themselves and explain why we should vote for them. Questions from the audience were then put to the candidates, topics covering Brexit, the health service, education, immigration, climate change, abortion and euthanasia. The candidates responded well to being put on the spot with no advance notice of the questions. An hour and a half later, the formal session was being wound up with closing remarks from each candidate; they paid tribute to each other in the respectful manner in which the entire local contest had been fought, in contrast to the experience elsewhere in the country.

Discussions continued informally over refreshments in the Schoolroom, and many people commented that they were grateful for the opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their views.



Club 15 February – takeaway meal

The club 15 event for February is a takeaway at my house on **Saturday 15th**. Please could you let me know if you intend to come along, and if so would you prefer Chinese or Indian.

Food will be ordered for 8pm.

Please could you let me know if you are coming by Wednesday 12th February.

Sandra Fogwill 24 Woodville Close, Blackwater. GU17 0BN
Sandraf2010@live.co.uk or 07803 605548.

The Connect Annual Quiz



The Connect Annual Quiz will be held at:
**St Paul's Church,
Crawley Ridge, Camberley. GU15 2AD**
On Friday 21st February 2020
Arrive by 7.00pm for 7.15pm start

Quiz Master - Geoff Andrew
£10 per person donation, 6 members maximum per team.

Please submit as team payments through your team organiser. Entry by pre-booking/payment. Cash or cheques made payable to Connect Counselling Service, through Graham personally or for his attention at the office address below.

Please advise us of your intended entry by phone or email. Table allocation will be as previous years with the early bookers nearer the front, unless you request otherwise. Please advise us of any wheelchair users in your team.

Please arrange amongst your team to bring your own meal or refreshments with any plates, cutlery and glassware needed. The format will be as previous Connect quizzes, with ample opportunities to socialize during the breaks between the 6 rounds of 10 questions. Connect will provide tea, coffee and cake during the interval and we will do our best to provide some good raffle prizes.

There will be an opportunity if you wish to give a personal donation towards the work of Connect during the evening. Gift Aid forms will also be available.

Looking forward receiving your entry.
Cathie Russell & Graham Le Clercq
Connect Counselling Service,
8, Portesbery Road,
Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3TA

Contact Sandra Fogwill if you're interested

All Night Café needs

The **all night café** on the A30 is in need of:
Roll mats, sleeping bags, new men's socks, new men's pants/boxers/trunks and any full size toiletries

The **shelter in Brighton** is in need of:
Individual size toiletries (such as provided in hotels).

Please bring in and give to Keg

Jemima, Jenny and Rob



Jemima Elsie Sally Gibson was christened at our church on 24th November.

Jemima's mother, Jennifer Baker, was herself christened in this church in 1981 and Jemima's father Robert Gibson was accompanied by Rob's 2 older children, Bella and Harrison, 6 godparents and lots of family and friends.

It was a wonderful service where our minister Sharon involved many of the children in a word game to describe the qualities of Jesus before conducting the christening and taking communion.

Afterwards in the church hall there was a buffet where all the congregation were invited to continue the celebrations.

On 22nd December Jenny and Rob finally got married! Again the service was conducted by Sharon, with a very full congregation of family friends and church members. The church looked very Christmassy and the 6 bridesmaids carried lanterns down the aisle and baby Jemima was pulled along in a special crib. It was a lovely relaxed service, made extra special by all the church stewards and members who came especially to help on their wedding day so near Christmas and Rob and Jenny wish to extend their thanks to Sharon and all those who helped with both the christening and wedding.



Club 15 programme 2020

Date	Day	Event	Contact/Organiser
15th February	Saturday	Takeaway evening	Sandra Fogwill sandraf2010@live.co.uk 01252 870546
14th March (note not 15th)	Saturday evening	"Educating Rita" at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford	Graham & Alison Fradgley graham@gfradgley.com 01276 36631
15th April	Wednesday	Wine and Cheese evening	Margaret Picken margaret.picken@gmail.com 01252 879802
15th May	Friday	BBQ	Robert Godden godden_robert@yahoo.com 01252 872503
15th June	Monday	Walk	Robert Godden godden_robert@yahoo.com 01252 872503
15th July	Wednesday	Seaside picnic (Highcliffe)	Diana Middleditch diana@polygonum.co.uk 07721 611700
15th August	Saturday	Visit to Dorney Court near Windsor	Sandra Fogwill sandraf2010@live.co.uk 01252 870546
15th September	Tuesday	Board Games evening	Alison and Jon Bone jonathan.bone@btopenworld.com alison.bone@btopenworld.com 01344 780703
15th October	Thursday	Painting with Instruction or Film and pizza	Diana Middleditch diana@polygonum.co.uk 07721 611700 or Sue Brooks suem.brooks@btinternet.com 01344 750151
15th November	Sunday	Quiz	Carol Baker cebaker@btconnect.com 07770 662294/01344 777902
15th December	Tuesday	Christmas meal at The Bird in Hand	Sue Truby suesandy17@gmail.com 01252 879236
15th January 2020	Friday	2021 Programme planning meeting	Sue Brooks suem.brooks@btinternet.com 01344 750151



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Durufle **Requiem**
Vaughan Williams **Five Mystical Songs**
Saint-Saëns **The swan**

Saturday 28th March 2020

St Swithun's Church Yateley, 7.45pm



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Children, Youth & Families Worker



This is a Full Time Post or we would consider two Part Time Posts

Location: Crowthorne and Sandhurst/Yateley Methodist Churches (Berkshire/Hampshire border)

Pay:

Full time post during term time (37.5 hours per week: termly plus 2 weeks) with a pro rata salary of £22,035.

Part time pro rata.

Closing date: **12 noon Friday 7th February 2020**

Interview date: **Monday 24th February 2020**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, creative and self-motivated person to work with us to lead and develop our ministry among children, young people and families. The role would be to primarily support and develop outreach and pastoral work with the children, young people and families in the churches and local community.

This will be a friendly and supportive working environment with opportunities for development and working with others.

The current work includes working with children and young people and volunteer leaders in the Sunday Club and our two thriving toddler groups, but we are also looking to widen our mission to youth and families through other events and activities.

An application form and further information is available from Rev. Sharon Gardner
email: sharon.gardner@methodist.org.uk

Club 15

Club 15 is an informal social group within the Church that meets on the 15th of most months for a variety of social events: walks, theatre, barbecues to name but a few. Food often features!

Young adults, older adults, indeed anyone who feels 'young at heart' from our congregation - and their friends - are all welcome to join us.

Don't be shy! We have no leader as such, just a planning meeting each January, and somehow it all manages to happen.

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 February

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

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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Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Nappies size 4,5 and 6, kitchen rolls, bleach, anti bacterial spray and washing tablets.

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 **13th February**

Film night—upcoming ...

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

Next one is
23rd February—film chosen by Keg



Club 15 Christmas meal 15th December

On Sunday 15th December a group of 20 or more gathered at The Bird In Hand in Little Sandhurst. We were bidden to arrive before 6.30 as that was the time for food to be served. As we were the only group in, we had plenty of space and as coats were removed it was obvious that the Christmas spirit was alive and well; novelty jumpers were in abundance and plenty of glitz and glitter too. Crackers to be pulled and crowns adjusted, groans over the jokes.

The noise of chatter built up then at 6.30 it rapidly subsided, FOOD WAS BEING SERVED. For a while the only sounds were "mmm mine's lovely, how about yours?"

As the starters were finished the noise of chatter built up again, then plates were cleared and the main courses arrived, what a feast! There was turkey in abundance but other dishes too, vegetarian, spicy monk fish stew, slow cooked brisket of beef and those are just the ones I can remember. This food was enjoyed by all, I think someone even had a doggy bag, but I maybe wrong on that.

After the plates were cleared away we had a bit of a break before desserts, to catch up on how folk were and what they were doing over the holiday period, including a wedding for some! Then the desserts were served and enjoyed, some were a real work of art, I don't know if anyone had space for tea or coffee afterwards but all agreed a good time was had by all.

Very many thanks to Sue T. for organising it again this year (she gave us each a strip of paper with our choices on them, when we arrived, in case anyone had forgotten).

If you're starting to organise your diary for 2020, put in Tuesday 15th December, guess why?

Thanks again Sue from us all.

Hilary



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!!

What?
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 Foleshill Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3TA
Tel: 01278 242111 www.connectcounselling.org Registered Charity No: 11842852

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