

Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
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Weekly Prayer *(contributed by Heather)*

Starting with Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his name endures for ever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Lord God

May we remember your faithfulness in these times of trouble
And your goodness to each of us.

We thank you that you give us plenty of food to eat
even if we have to join a queue prior to buying it.

Let us be grateful for a warm and dry building in which we can both sleep and comfortably pass our time doing both
chores and pleasurable hobbies each day.

Also that we have enough clothes to keep ourselves warm and dry whatever the temperature outside.

May we find satisfaction in the different tasks we are doing in the present lock down scenario,

So that we can serve you with gladness and humility, as we seek to keep ourselves and immediate family safe.

Help us to see the kindness, goodness and humility in the everyday scenes in our neighbourhood

So bringing us peace, whilst loving and serving you.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen.

VE Celebrations to mark 75th Anniversary - 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May

I am afraid that the terrible Coronavirus emergency and consequent Government guidance means that we must advise participants to cancel or postpone the majority of the VE Day 75 community celebrations due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of 8th – 10th May. It is right and proper that people should be kept safe and healthy. My sincere thanks to everyone who registered their events and were looking forward to celebrating VE Day 75. I know how disappointed you will be that these cannot now go ahead as planned. However, we are still encouraging solo pipers and town criers to continue to mark the occasion from a safe and suitable location. We are also encouraging all those taking part to undertake the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of their own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the following 'Toast' – "To those who gave so much, we thank you," using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

However, you could take part in celebrations safely from home by joining your BBC Local Radio station initiative in making your own VE Day Great British Bunting. Download everything you need at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference

With my very best wishes,
Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR
Pageant master VE Day 75

A Prayer for VE Day - Taken from the Order of Service at Westminster Abbey

Trusting the promises of God, and with faith in His mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe, and for the good example they have given us; let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We pray for nations still devastated by war, for their people and their leaders, and for those who suffer the effects or memories of past wars; for veterans, for those who mourn, and for all innocent victims whose lives have been shattered by the cruelty of others; Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us give thanks for those who work for peace and liberty throughout the world, for the Armed Forces of the Crown, and for all who strive to bring an end to injustice and oppression; let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We pray for those in our own day who have grown weary or lost hope as a result of violence or terror; for all refugees and displaced people, and for those who seek to address the causes of discord and distrust; Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us give thanks for the reconciliation of former enemies, for the flourishing of goodwill between them, and for the many blessings, freedoms and benefits we enjoy as a result of the sacrifices which have made for peace; as a result let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We pray for the young people of our own day and for all who will shape the future of this nation, that they may be inspired by those who have gone before them to serve as they have been served; Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let Us Pray

This week please remember **Jenny Hattersley** in your prayers. Her husband, David, died this week. He had been in a Care Home for some time and contracted Covid-19. Both Jenny and David had been local preachers for many years, preaching at our church many times, and many in our congregation will remember them. Jenny often came to give talks to our women's fellowship.

Let us pray for these people who have a particular need **Richard and Gil Forster, Colin Johnson, Muriel Mason, Mike and Ann Wearing, Rita (Sue T's friend), Sonia Walton and Family, Terry and Joyce Chappell, Bill & Diane Knight, Roy and Audrey Gamlin, Jessie Hazelden, Judith Sutherland, Auriole Hill, All Night Café.**

(please remember to let me know if a name needs to come off the prayer list at barbara.rush@btinternet.com or text 07713498292)

Action for Children Collection Boxes

I hope you are all well and staying safe. Now is the time of year when I usually empty your Action for Children Collection Boxes but for obvious reasons this cannot happen yet. I think we will have to delay this until the lockdown is over - whenever that will be. I personally am not allowed out at all for twelve weeks which complicates things a little more. Would you therefore please carry on collecting your loose change and I will count it all at a later date. Please take care and I will see you all later in the year. **Alison Fradgley 01276-36631**

Prayer and Worship on our Church Website and Church YouTube Channel

Please remember that our website is continually being updated with services and other material - look under 'Worship' for '**Services**' - and also with material provided by Deryn - look under '**About Us**' for 'Lay Worker'.
www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

The Crowthorne and Sandhurst Food bank

There are two places where people can donate: Tesco at the Meadows, with a box near the exit and in Crowthorne at the Coop Store, obviously during opening hours.

At present they need: Tinned sponge puddings, tinned potatoes and tinned vegetables. Also Kitchen rolls, kitchen sponges, bleach, anti-bacterial spray, Nappies size 5 and 6, soap and laundry tablets. They have plenty of Baked beans, soup, Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter and pasta. So please do NOT provide these.

Monthly Newsletter items for **June Newsletter** should be with Sue T by 20th May
newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Praying during the Current Situation.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, now during the pandemic, or indeed once it is over -

- and they are a church member, please let Barbara know on notices@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk and she will add them to the regular list and send them out to everyone.

- if they are not a church member but would be happy to be prayed for (please check first) then please let Sue know on newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk and she will add them to the website with no identifying information.

Please don't forget to let us know when we can take people off the prayer list too: -