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Continuing through lockdown

Dear friends,

Whilst we are sad that we are not yet able to gather together physically in our church building, nevertheless we *do* continue to worship God in our own devotions and through a weekly service which is posted online on our website and our own designated YouTube channel. Please follow this link to view all our Sunday services since the start of the corona virus crisis: <https://sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk/blog/services/>

A big thank you to all those who help keep our worship and faith flowing by organising these services and getting them online for us. We are also grateful to all of you who keep in touch with each other by phone, email, texts etc. We are reminded that the Church is not the building but its people.

We are planning to hold a 'Virtual Coffee morning' very soon. Look out for more details about when and how to join in, in our notices! We are also hoping to hold Virtual Bible Studies – more details to follow soon. We intend to continue our worship and fellowship electronically and in any other ways we can until this crisis has passed.

Even though we are not meeting in the building there are still running costs which have to be covered and we are very grateful to those who have continued to contribute to this through the envelope scheme or by standing order. Getting envelopes to our church account is particularly difficult at present, so you may wish to hang on to them for the time being or you might like to consider changing to a standing order or direct bank transfer to our church bank. Indeed, anyone who wishes to may give to the church in this way. The account details are [Sandhurst Methodist Church, Sort Code 20-16-99, Account Number 90795410](#)

Thank you to everyone for the love, care and support that you have shown to one another. As Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you,' and you have been doing just that. If there is anyone you know of who would particularly appreciate a pastoral phone call, please let Sharon, Margaret P or any of the stewards know.

Be assured that during this difficult time, as always, you are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Sharon Gardner and the Stewards Team

Weekly Prayer *(contributed by Heather)*

Lord open our hearts to the beauty of your world,
Help us to see it through the wonder of your eyes,
To sense it through the rich tapestry of textures that you weave,
So that we can be privileged to see the earth in all its glory,
As we pause to absorb the diversity of the natural world.

Let us remember that you have a plan for each of us,
We may not understand what that is, or fathom its depths
But behind it all you are there for each of us
On our own individual path that you will lay out before us.
Help us to understand where and what you want us to do.

Grant in each of us a humble heart and a giving soul,
that we may walk with you, so that we can receive your spirit and glory even in our darkest days.
Let us remember where there's life, there is true hope, that never leaves us even in our daily struggles,
And in the coming days, you will bring us back to what we need to move forward in our lives, through your love
for all mankind.
Grant us wisdom and understanding each and every day Oh Lord.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen.

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. 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: -