

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

Lord God, we thank you that you have been there for us over many years, in times of grief and of joy,
We ask for your blessing on all people across the world in these unprecedented times,
May we remember your unswerving loyalty to each of us.

We come now to the present situation,
And thank you for all those who are putting themselves in danger and difficulty by giving their service to one of the front-line support services in order to serve the daily needs of every person.
For some it means isolating themselves from immediate family and loved ones,
For others it gives a difficult focus to their daily working life,
We are truly grateful to all of them, in whatever capacity they give of themselves.
May you hold out your all enfolding arms and give reassurance and guidance to everyone.
And as we remember each Thursday evening those who fight on the front line, without respite each day of their working lives,
We ask that you help all of them, to see them through their toiling and troubles by holding their hearts and hands together,
and bring them out the other side as stronger and more resilient people.
May all the world and particularly every leader of men, work towards the greater goal of giving love, support and kindness to all who are in great need of it in the present trials.
For this we thank you Lord

Amen

Christian Aid Week May 10th to 16th – What Now?

With the Covid-19 outbreak all the usual Christian Aid Week activities have stopped. We do hope to re-schedule the local Quiz to September and the collections at Farnborough Railway Station.

Christian Aid and its partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and will build on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty. If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. Christian Aid will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19. Please pray for Christian Aid in this vital work. We are praying for all those affected by this virus, both in Britain and overseas and for all those working on the frontline.

The focus this year for Christian Aid was meant to be on Kenya, in particular due to droughts being more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. As a result, millions of people in Kenya, are struggling to get enough food and water. You could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. They need every last drop to survive the drought. Each dam is roughly the size of 2 football pitches and costs on average £1,560 to build.

Please offer your support to this work, where you can, by making an online donation. The link to the Christian Aid website is:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Or call **020 7523 2493** to donate by telephone. Whilst to pay direct into the Christian Aid bank account call **020 7523 2226** Given current events, your donation is much needed

For further information please contact

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Link to for Keg's service for VE Day

<https://sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SYMC-VE-Day-Service-Order-of-Service-08-05-20.pdf>

Let Us Pray

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)

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: -