

Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
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Sunday 26th July Online Service led by Rosemarie MorganBarry

Sunday 2nd August Online Service led by Doreen Murgatroyd

Please remember that our website is continually being updated with services and other material - look under 'Worship' for '**Services**' www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

'Congratulations'

Congratulations and best wishes to Phil and Hilary Tattershall who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 1st August. All your church family send you our very best wishes for a wonderful day and wish you many more happy years together.



Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2020

Yes it's that time of year again!! This means it will soon be time for the Shoe Box Appeal, but it will be a different Charity this year. Both Sharon and I have seen several adverse comments and thoughts about Samaritans Purse, so we have been looking for alternative ideas. This hasn't been easy bearing in mind the obvious constraints this year. Church Council met for a Zoom Meeting in July and it was decided to help a different Shoebox Charity this year. 'Link to Hope' is a Charity based in Worthing which sends shoeboxes to Eastern Europe (Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria) – they can be for a Family or a Unisex shoebox for the Elderly. You don't have to wrap the box before you fill it – you wrap it up when it is full as you would a present. That is a bonus – the other difference is that we will not have ready-made shoe boxes. Don't panic though – Wilf is searching for shoeboxes and has four at the time of writing. I do have one or two ordinary shoe boxes available at my house and can lay my hands on a few courtesy of my mother. She only has a size 4 foot so the boxes will be on the smaller side. The shoeboxes should be average size – no boot boxes or oversized shoeboxes. The challenge is to improve on last year's total of 34 – can we manage it? I have leaflets which explain everything and will be distributed at the end of August/early September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07811-870183 or alison@gfradgley.com.

Thank you.

Alison Fradgley

Bible Study on Ruth Tuesdays 7.30pm via Zoom

We are resuming our Tuesday Bible studies. They will be via Zoom so you can remain in the safety and comfort of your own homes. This is the link: Topic: Sandhurst & Yateley MC Bible Study Time: Tuesdays 7.30pm This is a recurring meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061192040?pwd=d1p0MIVXZDRLTFdpZTIZLzc0OEjdz09> Meeting ID: 840 6119 2040
Password: ask Sharon

Anyone is welcome, but please can you let Sharon know if you intend to join in as there is a book we will be working with and I will get a copy to you.

Sharon

Covid safety management group

As churches reopen for worship and start to allow their hirers back in, it is important that there is a small group (probably just two or three people) who can take responsibility for the oversight of what is happening. This group would know what was going on in each area of church life and would be the 'go-to' group for any queries. They would stay up to date with government and Methodist Connexional guidance and ensure that our church was operating within those guidelines. They would NOT have to do the work involved themselves but would have oversight of who was doing what. This should not be an onerous task, nor will the group need to exist ad infinitum.

Nevertheless, I feel it is unreasonable to add this role to what the stewards already do, especially as they will have additional duties on a Sunday once we re-open.

So, I am asking for volunteers. **Please** consider if this is something YOU could do. There is no age restriction on this!! The only proviso is that you need to be able to go online to access the latest guidelines and receive emails. **Sharon**

Weekly Prayer (contributed by Heather)

Lord, you give each of us your love,
And we ask through that, that you will rebuild each of us in these troubled times.
So please help each of us to receive your guidance
In order to see us through, these times of solace.

May we all know that although our lives have changed
You are there to support everyone, both rich and poor, young and old, black and white.
We are all of equal value and worth in your site
And need your leadership more than ever at the present time.

We are indeed needing fellowship with one another
And are
all seeking a return to our new normal pattern of life.
Help each of us to respond kindly to others needs
And give each of us hope through your holy spirit,
That only you can give
We ask it in your holy name.

Grant us wisdom to seek new ways to worship
And support each other on our daily path,
So that we can honour you
And come through this with new unification,
Both as a country and a new world order.

Although we have tried to be unified in our isolation bubble
We know that you are there to support each of us.
As we all have our own unique paths to follow,
Please lend each of us your guiding hand
So that we can receive your help and encouragement
To move forward in your love and light each day.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen

Weekly Notices Items to Barbara by Noon on Fridays notices@sandhurstateleymethodist.org.uk **Monthly Newsletter** items for **Sept** Newsletter should be with Sue T by 20th newsletter@sandhurstateleymethodist.org.uk