

# Services



**October 2020**

**NOTE This is correct at the time of publication, but rules change all the time. Please confirm on our website or Facebook page**

4th	10:30 am	Mary Elms/Pauline Matondo
11th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner
	6.30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service at St George's.
18th	10:30 am	Sharon Wright
25th	Morning (online)	Rev Sharon
	3.00 pm	Memorial Service
	6:30 pm	No Film night tonight –instead it's on Wednesday 4th November (chosen by Sharon)

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**Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church**  
And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

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*Sandhurst and Yateley  
Methodist Church  
Newsletter  
October 2020*

## The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

Although the middle of the day is still warm and sunny, there is a definite chill to the air in the early mornings and that autumnal feel transports me in memory to school days and the start of the new term. I remember our school assemblies – every morning 600 of us gathered, little 1<sup>st</sup> years at the front, cross-legged on the floor, with the older pupils behind them, and privileged 6<sup>th</sup> formers (oh, they did look grown-up!) up in the balcony, looking down on the rest. The hymns we sang stand out in my mind, hymns I loved and learnt by heart. Some we still sing in church, others which we seldom hear these days.



Everything then seemed to have promise – it all lay before us, we could do anything, go anywhere. But, if life is a journey, then every choice we make takes us down particular paths: what subjects we study, what job we do, who we marry, where we live, what we believe in - and other paths have to go unexplored. What other roads might have been travelled? We can never know of course, but I ask myself, would I have wanted it any other way? The more I think, the more I realise I have so much to be grateful for in the road I have travelled and the one still ahead.

In 1678 John Bunyan wrote Pilgrim's Progress, the story of Christian's long and difficult journey to reach the Eternal City. It's a journey that we are all on too. Who can say how far along that road we are, what we have already learned along the way, what tribulations and treasures may lay before us? Only God has all the answers!

The wonderful thing is, we have never journeyed alone. God has been with us each step of the way. Every decision made at a crossroads of life, he was there guiding us. Even when we've chosen unwisely, he's been there to help us shoulder the load. He is with us now, in the situations we face, the challenges with which we grapple, when we're feeling positive and when we're full of anxiety. Whatever is ahead, he'll be with us too, in hard times and in happy, sharing our tears and our laughter. Then – most precious of all – when we reach the end of this life's journey, he will bring us safe to his heavenly home. What an amazing God, what a wonderful Saviour!

So, my fellow travellers, let us journey well, enjoying each other's company and supporting one other, especially when the road is rough and uneven (as it is right

## October 2020 Rotas

### Flowers

4th

11th We're using the silk flowers for now

18th

25th

### Cleaning

w/c 5/10 Sandra Wooledge and Wendy Hart

w/c 26/10 Sandra Fogwill and Mary Adams

### Funtime Worship

No separate provision for Funtime worship this month. Please feel free to bring children, but they will have to stay with you in church.

### Welcome

4th

11th No welcome person for now No coffee after the service for now

18th

25th

### Coffee

## 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.

**Due to the latest 'rule of 6' restrictions Tuesday afternoon Bible Study/ Praise and Prayer/Rejoice won't start yet.**

### October

6th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
13th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
20th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
27th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom

## Babes and Tots

Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 12:00 **but not yet. Watch for details of when this will start again.**

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.

now) and together let us give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and look forward to what is yet to be.

With every blessing,  
Sharon

*When the road is rough and steep, fix your eyes upon Jesus,  
He alone has power to keep, fix your eyes upon him!  
Jesus is a gracious friend, one on whom you can depend,  
He is faithful to the end, fix your eyes upon him!*

Norman J Clayton, 1985

### Sunday 25th October 2020 - service information

We are planning to hold a service of **Thanksgiving and Remembrance on 25th October at 3pm**. This will be similar to the one we held last year but it will be necessary to book your place due to the limitation on numbers able to be present in church during the current situation.

Please do look in the weekly notices and/or on the website in case of any changes in government legislation which would make it impossible to go ahead. Please note that there will be **NO 10.30am** worship **IN church** on the 25th October but a service will be available online.

## Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3pm**

at Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church  
Scotland Hill, Sandhurst GU47 8JR

**A quiet, reflective service to remember loved ones who have died.**

**To book a place, please contact Revd. Sharon Gardner**

**t. 01344 774967**

**email: sharon.gardner@methodist.org.uk**

## Work party 4th September

The Work Party last Friday was mainly to clear the Car Park and the path at the side of the Church as well as the emergency exit path down the other side of the Church. This is because the path will have to be used as part of the one way system on a Sunday morning after the Service.

Thank you to all concerned as I understand an awful lot has been achieved and also thank you to Sandra and Doug Wooledge for all the work that has had to be done indoors in order to open up the premises to the Hirers.

I will be contacting you for another Work Party date in the near future.

Alison Fradgley

## Coming back to church services—some guidelines

- If you are feeling unwell we request that you do not come to church.
- Each individual will need to wear a face mask/covering unless you are medically exempt.
- The Church will open at 1015 for the service to begin at 1030.
- Please enter the Church through the entrance on Scotland Hill Road. The door at the back of the hall will be closed by the car park. You will be asked to wait outside if there are too many people in the welcome area.
- Please use one of the hand sanitisers in the welcome area.
- Then go on through into the main worship area and sit down on a chair not marked with a red cross.
- If the main worship area is full the steward will direct you to a chair in the crèche where you will be able to hear the service through a speaker.
- The Service will last 30 – 40 minutes. I'm afraid during the service there will be no communal singing.
- If you need the toilet please use the toilet in the welcome area. Please use hand sanitiser before/after and please clean the toilet/wash basin with the wipes provided.
- If you feel ill during the service please let the steward know.
- At the end of the service please remain seated until the steward asks you to leave.
- Please exit the church through the entrance onto Scotland Hill Road.
- Please can we request you do not congregate outside the entrance onto Scotland Hill Road as people are leaving.
- If you wish to talk to friends please walk round to the car park where you can have a social distance chatter there.
- There will be no refreshments.
- At all times we must try to keep a social distance of 1-2 metres while entering, leaving and being in the church.



Matt Rowell

## Minister

**Rev Sharon Gardner**  
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Pastoral leader  
 Margaret Picken  
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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

### Wednesday House Group:

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



**No October meetings for either house group.**

## Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **November** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 25th October) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday October 14th**

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)



Regular Human Bartender  
@Jolly\_Good\_Show

'Hello, is that the Covid Marshalls?  
There's seven people outside my  
house...definitely more than six,  
yes...no not a family'

'But it's a bus stop Hyacinth'



Revsylvia Holyhead  
Visual storyteller · 1 d ·

Stick to your six. Be careful who you let in.



Some people could be given an entire field of roses and only see the thorns in it. Others could be given a single weed and only see the wildflower in it. Perception is a key component to gratitude. And gratitude a key component to joy.

— Amy Weatherly

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## 2020 Methodist Conference



# The Methodist Church

Robert is attending the district synod online and has been asked to share one of the documents for that—The Conference Business Digest—A report for local churches about the business of the 2020 Methodist Conference that was also held online in June/July.

Rather than putting the whole document here, we have agreed to just list the titles of the various sections. You can read the whole document online here: [www.methodist.org.uk/conference2020](http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference2020). This will also be on our church website. If you don't have access to the internet, please let Robert know and he'll be able to provide you with a printed copy.

The sections are:

- Election and Induction of the President and Vice-President
- Reception into Full Connexion
- Ethical Investment
- Inclusive Methodist Church
- Oversight and Trusteeship
- Connexional finances and allowances
- Statistics for Mission
- Evangelism and Growth Strategy
- 3Generate
- Methodist Homes (MHA)
- Faith and Order matters
- Ministerial Covenant
- Memorials
- The 2021/2022 President and Vice-President
- Appointments
- Future dates of the Conference

## SYMC Church Re-opens 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

It was wonderful to meet each other in church after so many months of abandoning our weekly worship in church. Some of us had communicated via Zoom for meetings or coffee mornings but it's really not the same is it? We were allowed 30 people in the church and I think the number was actually spot on.

There were no handshakes, pats on the back or hugs when folk arrived. Instead hands were sanitised and masks placed appropriately over our faces, shame it was difficult to see our smiles! A register was taken and then a Steward showed everyone to their seats.

At the back of the church, the Multi-Media Team were getting the new cameras into position, alongside the new sound system. It all looked very technical but

the cameras will enable the recordings to be placed on YouTube to be viewed by those unable to attend church in person.

Our service started and it was great to have Sharon back in the pulpit rather than on the screen. We were not permitted to sing the hymns and it was rather strange just looking at the words on the screen. However humming along was allowed together with the tapping of our feet. It did enable us to meditate on the words of the hymns and worship the Lord with our hearts.

The service was shorter than usual and no refreshments were permitted after the service, which we all missed as it's great to have a catch up over a cuppa.

At the end of the service the Stewards directed everyone to the exit to ensure we all kept our distance from one another, and then those leaving the church had a chance to speak to Sharon outside the church.

From 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 we shall be holding our services in the church (except for 25<sup>th</sup> October). We do have extra seats available in the crèche if more than 30 attend, so do come along and experience the new type of worship! Our welcome is as warm and sincere as it was before the pandemic, it would be great to see you.

Keg

## Blake's story

Blake's parents weren't people of faith, nor were his grandparents, brothers, or sister. He learned a bit about Jesus at primary school. And something stuck. And when he came to choose a secondary school, the Christian one seemed best. And he learned some more.

Blake went on to marry the daughter of deeply committed Christian parents where vibrant faith seemed to run in their families back before the foundation of the earth. About that time, passages like Deuteronomy 7:9 got him thinking:

'Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.'

Then just after the birth of his daughter his relationship with God deepened again. And he wished that there'd been just a smidgen of spiritual commitment in the generations before him.

Our genealogies seem to matter to us, even though these days fewer of us live in the towns where we grew up, or know the names of our great-grandparents. There's an abiding sense that our past has shaped us in some way. Hence the growing interest in tracing family trees, TV programmes about family history, and DNA ancestry kits.

Tracing his family tree wouldn't tell Blake anything about the values and convictions of his forebears. Still, his grandmother, though not a churchgoer, had seen the change in him. She'd been treasuring some things from her father,

## Found on 'UK Methodists' Facebook group page:

### How many dogs does it take to change a lightbulb?

- Golden retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
- Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
- Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
- Rottweiler: Make me.
- Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark
- Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeease let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeease, please, please, please!
- German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no-one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
- Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bounding off the walls and furniture.
- Old English Sheep Dog: Lightbulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb.
- Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
- Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....
- Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
- Australian Shepherd: First I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...
- Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.
- The Cat's answer: Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?



*That's a first. Derek sending himself to sleep with one of his own sermons!*

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## 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.

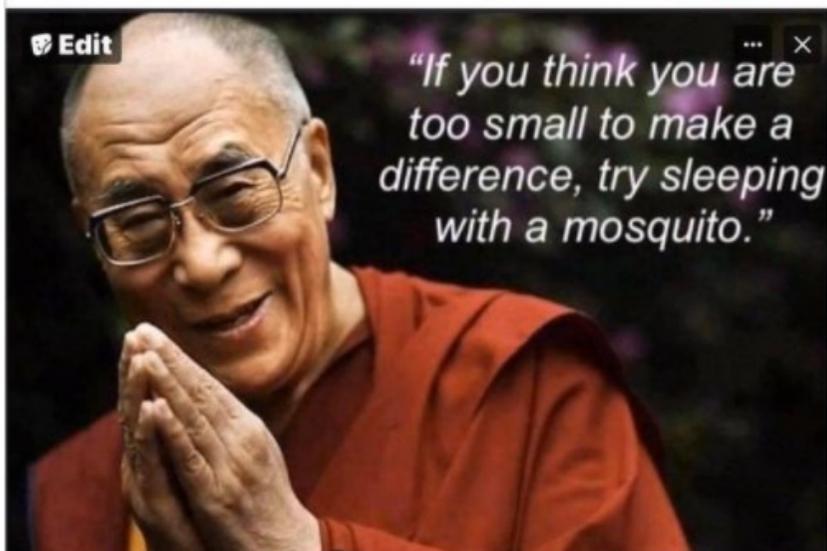
Don't be shy! We have no leader as such, just a planning meeting each January, and somehow it all manages to happen.

## Praise and Prayer and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study

Due to the uncertainty of the current situation with Covid, plus the 'rule of 6' restrictions, we are unable to recommence either of these activities for the time being. Rest assured, that as soon as they become viable, Sharon will be in touch to see how regular attenders feel about coming back into the hall.

In the meantime, some of the afternoon Bible study group are joining with the Tuesday evening Bible study group via Zoom to which anyone is welcome (whether you've been part of one of the study groups previously or not). Please check the weekly notices for the Zoom details or contact Sharon.

Ain't that the truth. Well said Tenzin Gyatso 🍷🍷🍷



John, and had been waiting for the right person to entrust them to. Among those things were a couple of postcards, and a plaque that hung over John's bed all his life from the age of nine.

## —a grandmother's treasure

The plaque reads, capitalised as below:

'MY RESOLVE. I expect to pass through this world but once;  
any GOOD THING, therefore, that I can do, or any KINDNESS  
that I can show to a human being, or a WORD that I can  
speak for JESUS, let me do it NOW; let me not NEGLECT  
nor DEFER it; for I shall NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.'

On the card were these words:

'Count your blessings instead of your crosses,  
Count your gains instead of your losses,  
Count your joys instead of your woes,  
Count your friends instead of your foes,  
Count your courage instead of your fears,  
Count your laughs instead of your tears,  
Count your full years instead of your lean,  
Count your kind words instead of your mean,  
Count your health instead of your wealth,  
Count on God instead of yourself.'

So there it was, proof for Blake of a man in his family history who sought to count on God and speak of Jesus.

We might wonder how a man like John prayed as he saw his daughter's family and his grandson's family choose not to follow the Jesus he did. And I suppose we might wonder whether the prayers he prayed, the hopes he hoped have indeed been answered in the gracious godly great-grandson, Blake, whose face he never saw, whose name he never knew, but whose heart would one day yearn for a great-grandfather who would have prayed those prayers and hoped those hopes.

[From our online Bible study materials "A six-session Bible study on RUTH. Drawing on a deeper love." By Mark Greene.]

## National Methodist Choir GB

National Methodist Choir GB brings together singers from across the Methodist Church in Great Britain. It is a living demonstration that the Methodist Church wasn't just born in song, but is living and thriving in song now too. The link is [www.nmcgb.org](http://www.nmcgb.org).

This choir was born in response to social distancing measures, providing all singers an opportunity to come together to sing and worship. You can join in using Zoom. Different hymns are practiced and then recorded on different dates. If you've been missing singing in church, then maybe this is the answer!

## Crowthorne Foodbank



### Current shortages -

Tinned sponge pudding, tinned potatoes, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned pasta with meat, cheese and ravioli, orange and blackcurrant squash, coffee and tinned custard.

Note: the foodbank update their needs weekly here: [Crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://Crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

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.

**No coffee morning in October.**

## Film night—upcoming ...

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

Next one is

**Wednesday 4th November (yes we know it's not October but half-term and dissertations get in the way)**—film chosen by Sharon



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possible.  
If you don't let me know, then I'll assume that you're happy to continue with the emailed version.

I should remind everyone that newsletters (and notices) are also published on the church website here <https://sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk/blog/notices-and-newsletters/>

Thanks  
Sue

## Upcoming Sandhurst Churches together services

### October 11th - St George's

November 15th - Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church  
December 22nd (Tuesday) - carol singing at The Meadow tbc

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January 17th - St Michael's - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity joint service with Crowthorne Churches Together  
February 14th - Sandhurst Baptist Church  
March 14th - St George's (Mothering Sunday)  
April 11th - Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church  
May 9th - St Michael's  
June 13th - Sandhurst Baptist Church  
July 11th - St George's

## 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.

## Club 15 September and October

Unfortunately the new 'Rule of 6' was brought in just before we were scheduled to have our games in the car park for Club 15 in September, so that had to be cancelled and our planned October meeting for either a painting class, or pizza and a film has also had to be cancelled.

Hopefully we might manage something in November. Details in the next newsletter.

## All Night Café needs

The **all night café** (was 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 **Whitechapel Mission** is in need of:  
Individual size toiletries (such as provided in hotels).

Please bring in and give to Keg—see updates elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Link to Hope: Family and 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 bootboxes 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](mailto:alison@gfradgley.com).  
Thank you.

Alison Fradgley

## 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](http://www.connectcounselling.org) and [www.brcglobaltextiles.com](http://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!!

**Where?**  
Bra banks' located at:  
BRAS SHOULD BE IN REASONABLE TO GOOD CONDITION & LEFT IN A COLLECTION POINT IN THE HALL

Connect - Counselling Services, 11 Farnborough Road, Camberley, Surrey GU16 3TA  
Tel: 01276 24211 | [www.connectcounselling.org](http://www.connectcounselling.org) | Registered Charity No: 1142852

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## The Whitechapel Mission (taken from their website)

### Our Mission

**As The Whitechapel Mission cares for an increasing number of our most vulnerable guests during the corona-virus (COVID-19) emergency, we remain committed to the health, safety and well-being of all.**



Our guests who are experiencing homelessness don't have the option to "stay at home" to avoid risk to themselves or others — so we are reliant on friends like you who choose to give generously.

We are closely monitoring the corona-virus (COVID-19), as well as pro-actively seeking and following the latest guidance from the Government and other community partners. And we are thankful for our supporters who help make it possible to continue our work.

We continue to offer our essential services (more than **75,000** free meals served during the pandemic). Our response balances the consideration that our guests are highly vulnerable to many challenges. Organizations like ours have a duty to care and not prematurely suspend potentially life-saving services. We are seeing new faces, with new worries — people who are desperately in need of the food, shelter, advice and hope offered at The Whitechapel Mission. People in need continue to be welcomed at our Whitechapel Centre.

A huge number of people have been found hotel accommodation during this pandemic, but sadly, there are still people on our streets.

**Our doors continue to remain opening at 7am, every day. We offer a free cooked breakfast from 8am daily**

*Every year at this time, we at SYMC collect clothes, toiletries, towels and packaged food which Maggy and Colin Garton take to the Whitechapel Mission in November. Having contacted Maggy, she and Colin will not be going to the Mission this year in view of the pandemic.*

*However, as you have all given so very generously over the last few years, there is another way to contribute to this mission. If you would like to – then please just take a look at the Whitechapel Mission Web-Site at the link below and there are instructions on how to give monetary donations to the Mission. Let's remember those who have nothing, and pray for them and give thanks for those people who are selflessly giving their time to provide for the more unfortunate folk who have to rely on the Mission for food and shelter.*

<https://whitechapel.org.uk/>

Thank you for your generosity - Keg

## Paper newsletters

During the pandemic, many of you have agreed to have the newsletter emailed to you, rather than pick up a paper copy at church because I've had to print them off at home.

Hopefully I'll be able to start using the printers again for the next issue (October).

Please, if you would like to return to a paper copy, let me know as soon as