

Services



November 2020

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

1st	10:30 am	Peter Whalley (Shoebox dedication)
4th (Wednesday)	6:30 pm	Film night (chosen by Sharon) No other film night in November.
8th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion, Remembrance)
15th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6.30 pm	SCT Ecumenical service here.
22nd	10:30 am	Maggie Garton
29th	10:30 am	Rev Catherine Bowstead

For (nearly) up to the minute news, visit our new website:
www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

If you're on Facebook—then 'like' our Facebook pages—
and join in the conversation -
Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

And if you tweet, we're there too:
@SandYMethChurch

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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Newsletter November 2020

The Minister writes...



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*They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old;
age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Dear friends,
Without doubt the last eight months have been strange and challenging times. People have felt anxious, even afraid, worried about their powerlessness in the present and uncertain of what the future holds. I have even heard it compared with wartime but saying that at least then the enemy was visible, then there was a strong sense of community, then churches stayed open come what may. Well it may be true that we had to shut our churches for a time – and may have to do so again – and yes, the enemy now is invisible and many who live alone feel isolated, but it is not necessary to have personally lived through wartime to know that our present difficulties bear about as much comparison with what people endured then as putting on our flimsy fabric face masks does with wearing the gas masks of old.

Still, there are some things we share in common. In times of national, indeed global, crisis our priorities change. We discover what matters most to us and always it is the love we have for our family and friends, for our homes and for that which make us feel safe, our faith and the trust we put in God and, above all, his steadfast love for us. We need to hold on to those things to strengthen us. We need to be thankful for all we have been given, each morning to give praise for the new day and each evening to give thanks for its blessings.

The month of November is marked for remembering. The 8th November is Remembrance Sunday when we will pay tribute to the sacrifices that others made for us. It is also a time to remember the ultimate sacrifice that was made for every one of us, that of Jesus on the cross that by his living and his dying and his resurrection we could come to God. In the words of John 3:16: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.* (NIV)

May the knowledge of his sacrificial love uphold you today and every day to come.
With every blessing.

Sharon



November 2020 Rotas

Flowers

1st
8th We're using the silk flowers for now
15th
22nd
29th -

Cleaning

w/c 16/11 Alison Fradgley and Eunice Feeny

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

1st
8th No welcome person for now No coffee after the service for now
15th
22nd
29th

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.

Advance notice: We will be holding a 4 week 'Advent Reflections' starting on Tuesday 1st December from 7:30pm-9pm. This will be held by Zoom. These reflective sessions will include music and poetry as well as looking at some Bible passages. More details to appear the time.

November

3rd	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
10th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
17th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom
24th	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.



The following poem was written in 2019 by Joshua Dyer (then 14), a talented young man. To me it seems to encapsulate both the human sacrifice of war and the promise of salvation.

One Thousand Men Are Walking

*One thousand men are walking, walking side by side
Singing songs from home, the spirit as their guide.
They walk toward the light milord, they walk towards the sun,
they smoke and laugh and smile together, no foes to outrun,
These men live on forever in the hearts of those they saved,
a nation truly grateful for the path of peace they paved.
They march as friends and comrades but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation, a tranquil steady corps.
The meadows lit with golden beams, a beacon for the brave,
the emerald grass untrampled - a reward for what they gave.
They dream of those they left behind and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields there walks one thousand men.*

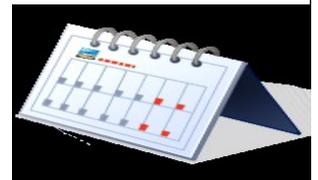


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What's on?

November

1st: Shoebox dedications in church
4th: Film night—Sharon's choice
8th: Remembrance Sunday and Holy Communion—our service is at 10:30am
12th: Thursday house group (confirm with Robert)
15th: Sandhurst Churches Together service at our church, Club 15 quiz with Carol
1st December—Advent Reflections course starts



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

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Pastoral leader
 Margaret Picken
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Church Stewards—steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

November 12th: next meeting with Rev Sharon Gardner subject to confirmation. Details from Robert.



Wednesday House Group:

Diana Middleditch
 —hosted at Alison and Graham Fradgley's
 3 Forbes Chase, Sandhurst
No November meeting.

Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **December/January** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 29th November) or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday November 19th**

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)

once, he was sitting close beside Flammia Anluan.

And she was actually talking to him.

"... so that's how Abi still gets a position in the business while Mummy and Daddy have to buy me a military commission..."

'Well it wasn't so hard to get her to sit with me after all. Look how Father and Zubin keep glancing at us. Well I don't care. I could listen to her voice all day.'

"... not that they'd ever call it a purchase, of course, because that would be crass — they only ask that I decide between the Cavalry or Rangers..."

'By the Gods! My hands re shaking! Drop them between my knees... and squeeze... that's better. Did she notice? No—too busy talking.'

"... although Mummy won't like me joining the Air Corps — she's afraid of heights and gets dizzy just thinking about how far an airship could fall."

Having achieved the ending of her first sentence, long-awaited by Prentyse, she paused for a breath.

'Here's my opening to play father and the priest against each other!'

"It's the same for me," he said, intentionally loud. "Father wants me to stay in design and business stuff but I've got my heart set on scholarship, and Reverend Zubin says he can help me without father having to pay for a temple commission."

'Let's see how they react to that.'

On the opposite side, his father hissed with a sudden intake of air and swivelled his head to glare at Zubin, who turned his head away in white-faced embarrassment.

"What?!" Prentyse jumped. Flammia's voice was shrill in his ear. "So you'd be a ... a bookworm **and** a Barys cultist? By Aloysia, you're even more pathetic than I thought. You know what? You can choke on your dusty papers for all I care, and I hope your evil cult's scholars name a smelly weed after you!"

He recoiled with the sharp, bright pain of rejection as she shot to her feet in fury. She jammed her helm on her head, snatched up her dragon-lance and stormed off down-slope, stopping after a few paces.

'What? Why did she chuck me so hard? I don't know what I thought I would stir up, but it certainly wasn't this.'

For a moment, she stood straight and relaxed, her dragon-lance upright at her side, its beam of light barely moving on the curved ceiling. She took a few breaths, deep and slow, then began the slow, fluid motions of the Way Of The Spear. Its meditative, gliding transitions were interrupted only occasionally with abrupt thrusts, swings, jumps and stamps. To Prentyse's eye it was a thing of beauty, both graceful and flawless, although perhaps the sudden moves were a little too aggressive?

Edrei Brassard got to his feet, pale-faced and breathing hard. "That's enough rest, what? Helms on, everyone, we're getting close to the dragon's chamber. Zubin and Flammia take point."

He glared at Prentyse. "And as for you, Prentyse Talyb Brassard, you're with me!"

Prentyse's stomach clenched. *'Oh, by the Gods. He only uses my full name when I'm in big trouble.'*

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Cartoons and images and copyright

Many thanks for the cartoons and images that have been sent to me for the newsletter.

Just one problem—just sometimes these images are copyrighted and so I am not able to publish them. Please always check the copyright situation before sending anything to me.

A good source of images is Creative Commons. Images from there are usually free to use but do require credit, and may have limitations on how or in which context they can be used.

Thanks
Sue T

Keeping warm in church!

As we head into winter and the temperatures get lower, it is going to be increasingly difficult to keep the temperatures in the church building comfortable for our services. This is particularly challenging since we are required to provide good ventilation—windows and doors open—in order to reduce the likelihood of covid-19 infection.

We do heat the church from 8am so it is a lovely temperature at 10:30.

Our services are shorter than usual—current target is 30 mins—but please do wrap up warmly. Feel free to bring a blanket/rug/sleeping bag :-)



From a letter from Dr David Hinchcliffe

Love never fails.
Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.
Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.
Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.
Love compels us to give and act as one.
Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.
As we pray as individuals and as communities – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.
May God hold each of us tenderly in love
Amen.

With every blessing.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr David Hinchcliffe District Chair



Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned sponge puddings, coffee, tinned custard.
Anti-bacterial spray, bleach/toilet cleaner, handwash liquid/soap, washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner, adult toothpaste, ladies and mens deodorant, shaving cream, razors.

Note: the foodbank update their needs weekly here:

Crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/
Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Note—they currently have plenty: soup, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, tea bags, long life milk, rice, baby powder milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes and orange/blackcurrant juice.

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 November.

Film night—upcoming ...

Please join us for a film, fellowship but no pizza this time (we usually order in).

Next one is

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



Vinyl Records Wanted

50s/
60s

70s

Thank you!

80s

90s

I am looking for vinyl records from pop to punk, soul to funk and reggae to dance: Singles (7 & 12") and LPs.
Happy to collect, will make a donation to church funds in return.

Contact: Margaret Picken: 01252 879802 or Ian: ianpicken@yahoo.co.uk / 07737 003891

Douglas writes...

Introduction:

You may have heard that I write fantasy and science fiction now that I am retired.

The following is a short snippet (about 500 words) of my work-in-progress fantasy 'Here Be Dragons' which is about four people who set out to hunt a dragon but, with bitter divisions in the group, who is really hunting who?

In this extract, the group are taking a rest from a long trek down a wide tunnel while wearing exotic, heavy armour.

I hope you enjoy it. -- Douglas Brown (pen name DW Brownlaw)

Cast of characters:

Prentyse Brassard, the central character, aged 17 and an academic bookworm.

Edrei Brassard, Prentyse's father, chief designer of the group's exotic weapons & armour, representative of House Brassard.

Cinon Zubin III ("just call me **Zubin**"), a high-ranking priest with a long title, representative of the cult of the god Barys.

Flammia Anluan, a physically active 21 year old woman, representative of House Anluan, a worshipper in the cult of the goddess Aloysia, achingly beautiful to Prentyse, the so-far unresponsive object of his juvenile crush.

Here be Dragons, excerpt.

It was much darker now. The tunnel's entrance was a mere button of bright, white light, far up the long slope. The four companions' only illumination came now from the beams of the dragon-lances reflecting off the rippled, glassy surface of the straight tunnel.

They sat, a pair on each side of the sloping tunnel, backs to the walls, thighs burning from the descent so far. On one side, the two elders grumbled about the heat building inside their stuffed armour. But Prentyse paid no attention. For

like to explore that further, please do talk to me. (The date after their names is when they were each accredited.)

Mike Bowstead (1993)	Mary Elms (1989)	Maggy Garton (1990)
Christine Morgan (1998)	David Morgan (1982)	Rosi MorganBarry (1970)
Doreen Murgatroyd (2013)	Irene Robinson (2011)	Kim Tame (1996)
Peter Whalley (2004)	Sharon Wright (2017)	Karen Glossop (on trial)
Pauline Matondo (on note)		

Worship Leaders:

Whilst most churches have people who are regularly involved in elements of leading worship, especially the musical side of things, there is, within Methodism, a specific role of Worship Leader. Worship leaders are appointed, trained and commissioned by their Church Council to operate within their own church. They work alongside the minister or local preacher appointed to lead an act of worship. Their role may include choosing and leading music and prayers, reading Bible passages or other readings, facilitating dance or drama and any other aspect of worship other than the sermon.

Theirs is an important ministry within the Methodist Church. Worship leaders often know their local congregation well and can introduce new creative insights and gifts into worship which are grounded in their local community and shaped by local mission priorities.

Within our Circuit we have two accredited Worship Leaders:

Brian Gennery	Church@The Pines
Mike Goddard	Wokingham

Welcome Serenna Rose!

Alison and Graham Fradgley are very pleased to announce the slightly early arrival of Hannah and Steve's daughter, Serenna Rose on the evening of 30th September.

She weighed in at 7lb 5ozs, a sister for Austin, and both Hannah and Serenna are recovering well.

All are coping well amidst major house renovations too!



Club 15 November

Due to ongoing circumstances, the Club 15 Quiz night **15th November** will be a Zoom Quiz.

If the rule of six still applies, I wonder if some of you would like to get together in a bubble (group) for this Quiz. If there are those of you that can't Zoom, perhaps you can join with others on the night; or alternatively I'll send the Quiz out beforehand and ask you to return your answers prior to the evening of the 15th so they can be marked at the same time.

However in the first place, please email me if you would like to participate.

Carol Baker

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

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 readymade shoe boxes. Don't panic though – Wilf has sourced a good supply of shoeboxes and I do have a few available at my house. The shoeboxes should be average size – no bootboxes or oversized shoeboxes.

The challenge is to improve on last year's total of 34 – however realistically I think this is optimistic this year. Leaflets are available at the Church which explain everything. Due to the difficulties we have encountered if you would like to make a donation I will pass it on to the Charity. There is link to donate direct shown at the bottom of the instruction page in the leaflet (it is [www:linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/shoeboxcontributions](http://www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/shoeboxcontributions)). If you choose to do this could you please let me know so that I can assess how many people have helped this year.

The shoeboxes and donations will be dedicated by Peter Whalley on **1st November**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07811-870183 or 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 and 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 GU15 3JA
Tel: 01276 24211 www.connectcounselling.org Registered Charity No: 1162852

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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.

Rev. Soba Sinnathamby

Rev. Mike Thomason

Lay Workers:

Mary Elms

Claire Knight

Pauline Matondo

Circuit Team:

Will Hutchinson

David Morgan

Marjorie Mitchell

Kim Tame

Bob Clark

Jane Bonney

Robert Godden

Brian Gennery

These people do such a lot on behalf of the Circuit and its individual churches. Between them, the Circuit Stewards also take responsibility for each of the churches, the ministers and their manses.

There should also be a Circuit Property Steward's name listed here but since Ian Severn moved away in 2018, the post has remained unfilled. That has definitely added to the work the others have had to do so if you know of anyone who might be interested in the role, please encourage them to speak to Catherine Bowstead or David Morgan.

The Local Preachers:

You will no doubt know these names as they have all preached at our church on multiple occasions. Local Preachers have been part of Methodist tradition since the time of John Wesley and their contribution to our Sunday worship is both vital and inspired. Preaching is a calling and the training for it in the Methodist Church is a thorough and accredited process. There is no upper age limit(!) and if you feel that God may be calling you to this special vocation and would

Also has a Methodist-representative role at High Cross alongside Revd. Alan Costello, Supernumerary from the Hants-Surrey Borders Circuit (joined us in September), Minister of Bracknell Methodist Church, Church @The Pines and Woosehill (these last two churches are both Anglican/Methodist LEPs) URC Minister of High Cross

Circuit Lay Worker (part-time) Mary's role has changed over time but in the last three years has been primarily focused on work with the toddler groups at Bracknell and Crowthorne. Mary is due to retire at the end of 2020 and will be greatly missed. Church & Community Outreach Team Leader (part-time) for Wokingham MC Circuit Lay Pastor (full-time) appointed to Bracknell and Church @ The Pines. Pauline joined us in September 2019 and has quickly become a valued member of the Circuit team.

Circuit Administrator & Circuit Meeting Secretary (part-time)
Circuit Treasurer
Circuit Safeguarding Officer
Local Preachers' Secretary
Senior Circuit Steward
Circuit Steward
Circuit Steward (another familiar name!)
Circuit Steward

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.

Who's who in our Circuit?

When Pauline Matondo came to preach at our church recently she was warmly welcomed as a Local Preacher 'on note' (the first stage of a preacher's training) but few people realised that Pauline is also the Lay Pastor for Bracknell Methodist Church and for The Pines. So a request has been made to have a 'Who's who?' of those involved in work (whether paid or voluntary) in our Berkshire-Surrey Borders Circuit, who they are and what they do.

There are quite a lot of people so I'm going to try to keep it as brief as possible, but please do ask me for more information if you're interested and don't forget that, whilst everyone listed below has their own key role to perform, every one of *you* in the congregation is a V.I.P. – without you we would have empty churches and no BSB Circuit.

Ministers:

Revd. Catherine Bowstead

Circuit Superintendent and Minister of Wokingham MC (largest church in the Circuit)

Revd. Sharon Gardner

(I think you might know her!) Minister of Bagshot, Crowthorne and Sandhurst & Yateley MC.



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

Bill Knight

Bill Knight celebrated his 90th birthday in October and we all wished him a wonderful day of celebration. We couldn't have cake - but we sent him some flowers which we hope will last longer than a cake anyway!!! Hope you had a great birthday Bill. Sending you all our good wishes for your Milestone birthday.

All your friends at SYMC.



Charity donations

Please consider which, if any, charities you would like the church to donate money to and pass this information onto me together with either a link or short paragraph about their work.

This information will then be distributed prior to the next Church Council and then we will vote at the church council as to which charity(ies) and how much.

Keg

Upcoming Sandhurst Churches together services

November 15th - Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church

December 22nd (Tuesday) - carol singing at The Meadow tbc

2021

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!

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