

Services



January 2021

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3rd	10:30 am	Mike Bowstead
10th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion, Covenant Service)
17th	10:30 am	Rev Soba Sinnathamby
	6:30 pm	Sandhurst Churches Together and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St Michael's.
24th	10:30 am	Peter Whalley
31st	10:30 am	Kim Tame

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:
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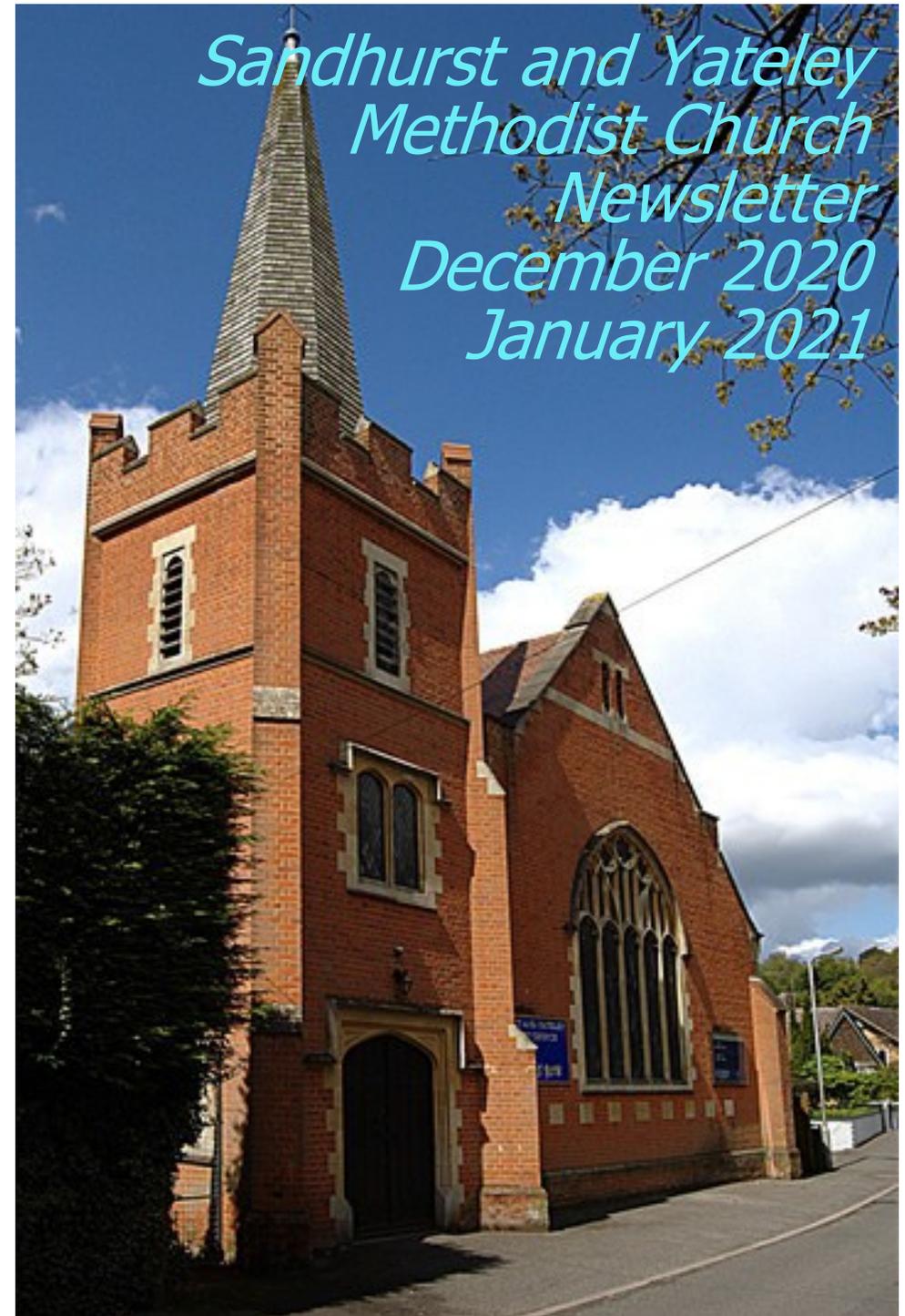
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The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

What a challenging year 2020 has been!

It was December 2019 when the first cases of Covid 19 were discovered and what began as an epidemic in one country quickly became a global pandemic. As the governments of each country responded, our lives changed in ways we could not have imagined a year ago. It is understandable that people have struggled as a result – in all sorts of ways – so please don't think for a moment that I am being glib when I say that now, more than ever, we need to pray and *give thanks*. Not that it is wrong to ask God that he would be present in these difficult times or that his hand might be upon the situations we and others find ourselves in but we should understand that he is *always* present and already working in the lives of those who trust in him. No, this is the time, as we come to the end of one year and look towards a brighter tomorrow, to thank him for all he has given us.



There is a meme flying around social media at the moment whose words have struck home with me. Perhaps they will resonate with you also?

"This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything you have." Author unknown.

So, I invite you to enter this season of Advent with gratitude in your heart, counting your blessings as we approach a Christmas that will no doubt be different from what we are used to but still proclaims the same, wonderful message that Love came down and was born among us – Emmanuel, God with us. That is what lies at the heart of Christmas and nothing we face can diminish the truth and hope and love contained within it.

With every blessing,

Sharon

A prayer for Christmas and the New Year:

God of eternity, you hold all worlds in the palm of your hand, yet your love for us was so great that, in Jesus, you entered our time and space and became a manger child for us.

*Be with us, we pray, as we journey through Advent and wonder at the miracle of Christmas. And, as we tread with trepidation but also with hope into the New Year, help us put our trust in you.
Amen*

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6th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
13th	10:30 am	David Morgan
20th	10:30 am	Sharon Wright
24th	4:00 pm	Crowthorne Methodist Church, Holy Communion with Rev Sharon
	11:30 pm	St Michael's and St George's
25th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner
27th	10:30 am	Karen Glossop

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December 2020/January 2021 Rotas

Flowers

We're using the silk flowers for now

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.

Cleaning

- w/c 7/12/20 Sandra W and Wendy H
- w/c 28/12/20 Sandra F and Mary A
- w/c 18/1/21 Alison F and Alison B

Welcome

Coffee

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

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

Candlelight carol service

Our usual candlelight carol service is unlikely to take place this year with the covid-19 restrictions that we're under, but we do have two alternatives:

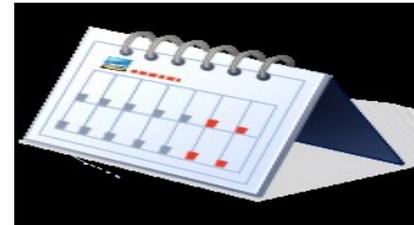
Crowthorne Methodist Church: will be holding a Zoom Carol Service on **Sunday 20th December** at 6.30pm and we are warmly invited to join with them and sing our hearts out!. The Zoom link will appear in our notices nearer the time but note the time and date in your diaries.

Compassion: See later in the newsletter



What's on?

- December**
- 1st —Advent Reflections course starts
 - 6th—Christmas Fair—at church.
 - 6th—Compassion carol service
 - 15th —Club 15 Christmas meal
 - 20th Crowthorne Zoom carol service
 - 24th 4pm Crowthorne Methodist Church, 11:30pm St Michael's and St George's mid-night communion
 - 25th Our Christmas day service with Sharon



- 2021 January**
- 15th Club 15 planning meeting (Zoom)
 - 19th: Stewards meeting
 - 17th - St Michael's - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity joint service with Crowthorne and Sandhurst Churches Together
 - 26th: Church council

Collection on Christmas Day

This Christmas the donations for Christmas cards and the Christmas Day collection will be donated to the All Night Cafe. There will be a box in the Vestibule for you to put your donations in, and a collection taken during the Christmas Day service. If in the meantime you would like to buy any festive fayre for the All Night Cafe, just give to a Steward and we will ensure that your donations are delivered to them in time for Christmas. Many thanks Stewarding Team.



Sandhurst Churches Together is asking folks to join in with "Angels for Jesus" this Christmas. More information on the ST Georges website from the 28th November and there will also be some Angel installations outside the Baptist church during Advent.

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.

We are holding a 4 week course '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.

December

2020

1st 7:30 pm	Advent Reflections	Zoom
8th 7:30 pm	Advent Reflections	Zoom
Monday 14th 7:30 pm	Advent Reflections	Zoom
22nd 7:30 pm	Advent Reflections	Zoom
29th	No meeting	

January

2021

5th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer group Bible Study	Zoom
12th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer group Bible Study	Zoom
19th	No meeting (stewards meeting)	
26th	No meeting (church council)	

Minister

Rev Sharon Gardner
minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk
01344 774967

Pastoral leader
Margaret Picken
pastoral@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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

It is possible that there will be meetings in December/January, possibly with reduced numbers. Please contact Robert for details.



Wednesday House Group:

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

No December/January meetings.

Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **February** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 31st January 2021 or website should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday January 20th 2021.**

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)

Christmas Fair—sort of

We will be holding a Christmas stall/table in the car park after the church service on **Sunday 6th December.**
Do stop and have a look at the Christmas items we have on sale. Remember to bring some cash with you to purchase something.
All donations to the church funds.
Sandra

Christmas Eve communion services

This year we won't be having our own Christmas Eve communion service.

If you particularly would like to go to a Christmas Eve communion service then we will be warmly welcomed at St Michael's and also St George's in Sandhurst at 11:30 pm.

There is also Holy Communion led by Rev Sharon at 4pm at Crowthorne Methodist Church.



Christmas Cards



Normally we bring cards and put them on the noticeboard in the foyer, and then, on Christmas Day, take one of those cards home with us.

We won't do that this year.

However, the table in the foyer will serve as a letterbox. If you would like to bring cards for your friends, please do so and leave them—preferably on top of a pile of cards for that person—and also take the pile that's for you home with you.

We hope to be able to distribute any that are uncollected :-)

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 1020** 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

Another extract from Douglas' new fantasy novel- la "Here be Dragons"

Prentyse must disembark an airship over a sheer drop.

The others crossed the gangplank as casually as crossing a muddy street on duckboards. So why couldn't he?

A theatrical throat-clearing behind alerted him to the close proximity of the co-pilot. "Sir, if you'd kindly disembark, we can get the ship back to safety."

He did not condescend to look back at her. The gangplank, though he could not look downwards, claimed all his attention. "Why aren't there any railings?"

"So marines can practice being fearless, sir." Was she making fun of him?

He mounted the gangplank and teetered in the hatch, uncertain of his footing on the cleats that crossed the boards for better traction.

The air was freezing cold on his face. And gusty.

"In your own time, sir."

That was clearly an admonishment to hurry up. He took one step forward, keeping his eyes on Flammia, focusing on her bronze-gold eyes.

He took another. And another.

A gust of air caught him. He put his boot down awkwardly on a cleat and wobbled, trying to regain his balance. How could he walk safely on these stupid cleats if he couldn't look down?

"You're doing fine, sir. Almost half-way. Charging across just like a brave marine."

Fixed on Flammia, he launched across the remaining length, tripping on cleats and fighting for balance in the gusts.

"All clear! Go!"

The twin-whines of the lift crystals stopped abruptly. The gangplank simultaneously slid forward and levered up on the ledge, catching him in his armoured rump and sending him sprawling forward.

By the Gods! If it had snagged his stupid armour and pulled him back ... He got up shaking and, face flushing, hands and teeth clenched, he spun round sure of the curse he would fling.

It wasn't there. The airship was gone.

News: The story is finished and **Episode 1** is now available on my website's page of stories...

<https://www.dwbrownlaw.net/stories>

If you enjoy it and want to know when the next episode will come out, please sign-up for my newsletter...

<https://www.dwbrownlaw.net/newsletter>



History continued

- 26 Where did the Boxer rebellion take place?
27 And when?
28 Where was the Armistice to end WWI signed on the 11th November 1918?
29 Which US State has the largest number of electoral college votes?
30 Where did Fletcher Christian and the Bounty mutineers settle?

Natural world

- 31 What is the collective name for a group of crows?
32 Who discovered gravity after an apple fell on him?
33 Which is the smallest planet in the solar system?
34 Which vitamin is generally made by bodily exposure to sunlight?
35 What is a Shad?
36 What is the fastest moving snake in the world?
37 What is a Quarrion?
38 Which animal is know in Latin as Canis Vulper?
39 Acer is the Latin name for which tree?
40 Where is the Mariana Trench?

Food and drink

- 41 What is made at St James' Brewery?
42 How many litres in a magnum?
43 In which year was Fry's Turkish Delight launched?
44 Grenadine is obtained from which fruit?
45 What year did the first 'McDonald's' store open?
46 What is the most expensive spice in the world by weight?
47 Which pungent plant has its own festival on the Isle of Wight each year?
48 What meat is used in Fricadelles?
49 What is tofu made from?
50 From what ingredient is Saki made?

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

Christmas gifts 2020



It seems shopping this year for Christmas will be much more difficult than usual. With the need for social distancing and some shops possibly being closed, many are looking on-line for their purchases. I have joined this trend and viewed the Christian Aid website (link below) to see what I could buy.

For my brothers & sister, I bought them each the equivalent of 10 cocoa saplings, with the money going to the Christian Aid Climate Change Fund. The fund is helping farmers in Africa ,who are struggling to grow coffee due to climate change, move to grow Cocoa which is more suited to changing weather patterns. Planting the saplings aids the farmers ability to adapt and survive. On top of that ,I will also be buying my brothers & sister a box of chocolates !

For my niece, who when she was younger lived in a house with hens in the garden, I've bought the equivalent of some chickens. The money goes to the Agriculture & Livestock fund to be used in such countries as Sierra Leone. Chickens can give a family food and hopefully generate some income.

Now to see what else I can find for family & friends.
There are lots of other gifts available at all price levels so why not give it a try.

There is free shipping on all orders :-)

<https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk>

For further information contact:

Wilf Hardy
wihscot@aol.com
07823 406908

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned sponge puddings, coffee, carton juice, Fray Bentos meat pies

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: anti bacterial spray, bleach/toilet cleaner, handwash liquid/or soap, washing up liquid, shampoo and conditioner, adult toothpaste, ladies and men's deodorant, shaving cream, razors, washing capsules.

Please do consider the food bank when you do your food shopping. There are collection points in most of the major supermarkets.

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 mornings yet

Film night—upcoming ...

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

No film night for the time being—we'll wait until we can have our film, coffee, cake and pizza as usual!

The next one will be chosen by Sharon though :-)



The November Club 15 quiz for you to try. Answers in the next newsletter :-)

General Knowledge

- 1 In what year was the Battle of Hastings?
- 2 What is the nickname of Sandhurst Town?
- 3 Where is the UK's National Space Centre?
- 4 Who wrote the music for Westside Story?
- 5 Henry VIII had 6 wives. Who was his court portrait painter?
- 6 In 1967 BBC One Radio started. What was the first song played?
- 7 Who was the first President of Independent Ghana?
- 8 Who was the lead singer of the rock band Queen, and name one other member?
- 9 What shop is replacing the NatWest Bank in Sandhurst?
- 10 Legend has it that King Arthur's Court was located in Cornwall? If so, where is it?

Geography

- 11 Name the capital of Alaska
- 12 Name the world's largest lake
- 13 What is Van Diemen's Land called today?
- 14 By what name was Portuguese India better known?
- 15 What is the highest mountain in the UK?
- 16 What is the largest freshwater lake in the world?
- 17 Which is the longest river in the world?
- 18 Name the Admin capital of South Africa
- 19 Name the capital city of Uruguay
- 20 Where is Yalta where Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill met in 1945?

History

- 21 On which island was Napoleon Bonaparte born?
- 22 On which island did Napoleon Bonaparte die?
- 23 Who married the eldest son of Henry VII?
- 24 Where was the HQ for Charles I during the English civil war?
- 25 Who was Britain's longest serving PM?

Vinyl Records Wanted

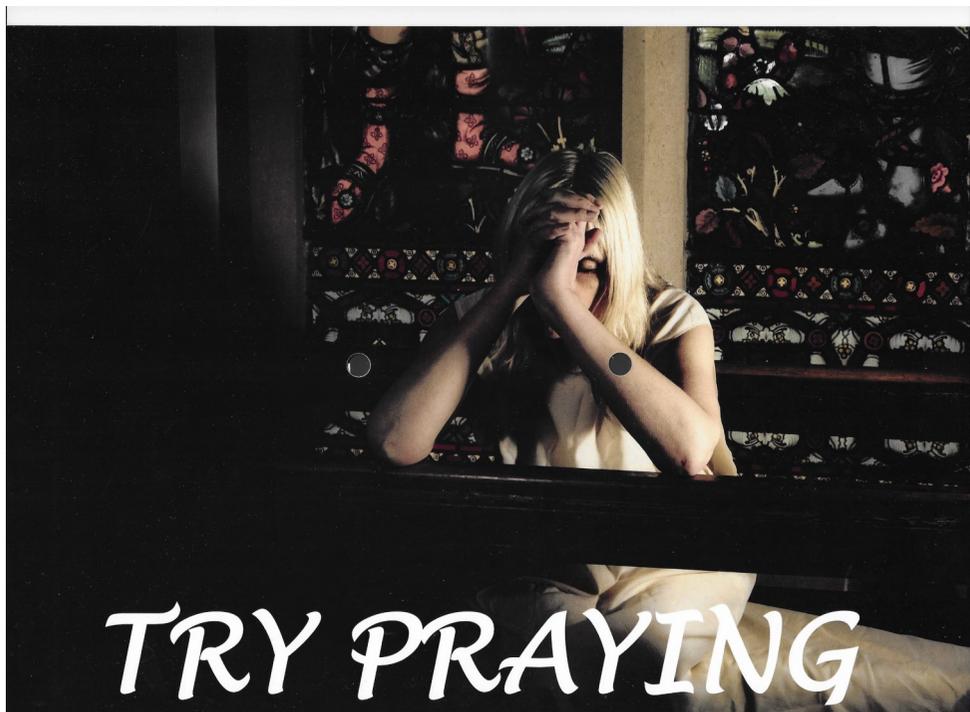
50s/60s 70s 80s 90s

Thank you!

Dance Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Punk Reggae

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



Club 15 November

In these strange times this took the form of 2 Zoom calls. One lasting 40 minutes (max allowed) to meet online and give the questions; and a follow up Zoom call half an hour later to discuss the answers. Also for those unable to Zoom, an email was sent with the questions, which had to be returned before the second Zoom call answers. This seemed to work really well. The quiz master Jim (and Carol) really enjoyed being able to see everyone and to add Margaret P and Sandra F by email. The results were interesting and the winners were Julia and Charles. Congratulations! Graham, the previous champion, delivered the massive trophy to their doorstep! Roll on next year's quiz!



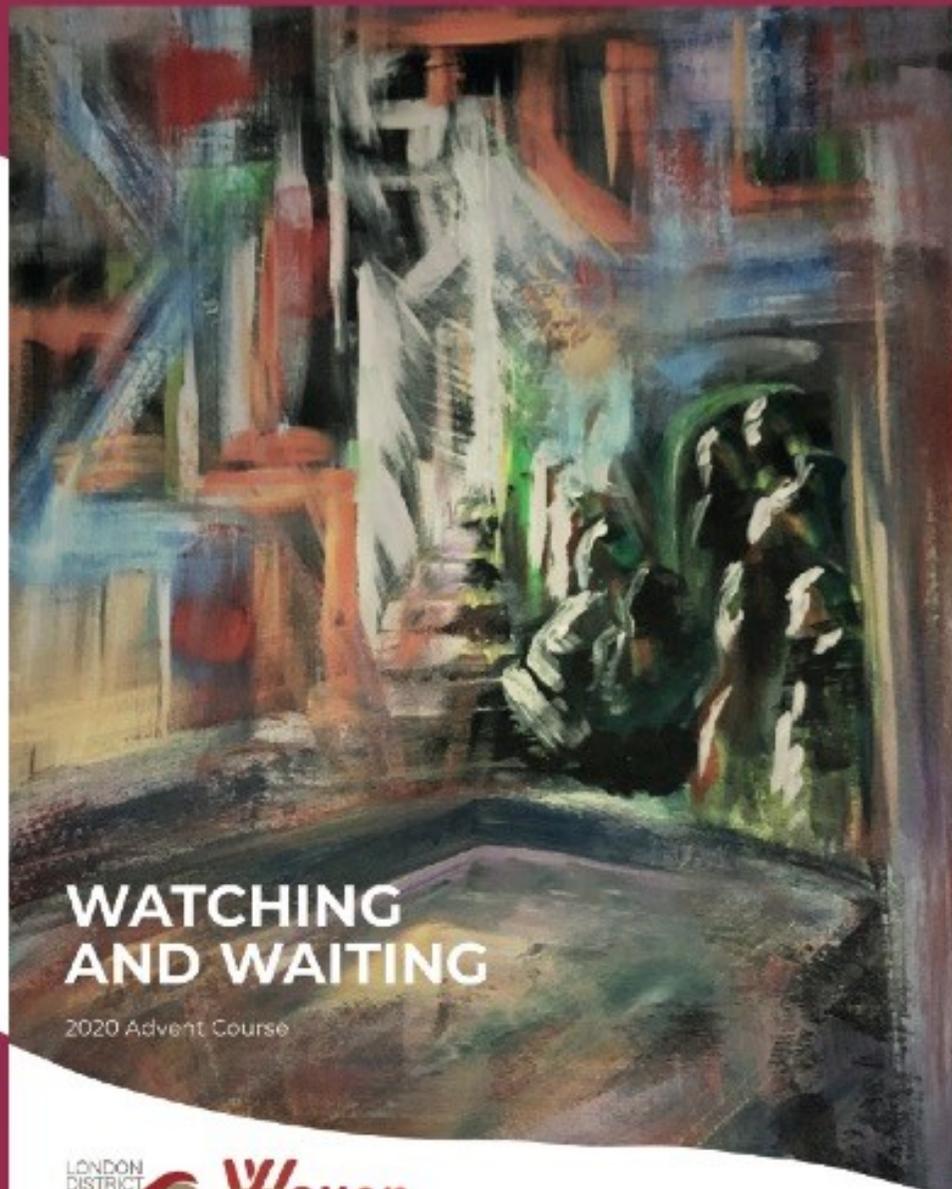
Keeping warm in church!

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 :-)**

We are likely to change to online if it gets cold. Watch out for updates in the notice sheet, on our Facebook page, and on the church website.



WATCHING AND WAITING

2020 Advent Course



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God's story for every day

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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 on 26th January as to which charity(ies) and how much.

Keg

Upcoming Sandhurst Churches together services

December 22nd (Tuesday) - carol singing at The Meadow—now cancelled

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!

A donation to the church of £50 is suggested but not required.

WATCHING AND WAITING

2020 Advent Course

Walk through the season of Advent with us

Date and Time:

Tuesdays 7.30 - 9pm (1st, 8th, 22nd Dec)

Please note: Week 3 of the study will be held

MONDAY 14th Dec

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Location: by Zoom

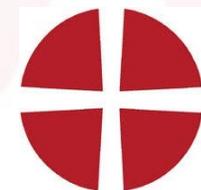
Look out for the link in the weekly notices or on the website

Contact: Rev Sharon for more Information

01344 774967 or

sharon.gardner@methodist.org.uk

Sandhurst &
Yateley Methodist
Church



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 Service, 11 Farnborough Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3TA
Tel: 01276 24211 www.connectcounselling.org Registered Charity No: 11842852

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Poppy Appeal

We did not see the folk out collecting for the Poppy appeal this year due to Covid restrictions. However Sandra W sent for a 'poppy kit' and we had poppies for sale in the vestibule at church for a few weeks before Remembrance.

Thank you to all who bought poppies from the church—Sandra has banked a fantastic £40 which will go to help servicemen and women, current and past, through this wonderful charity.

Thank you Sandra for making this happen!

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

TBN UK AND COMPASSION PRESENT

Carols
with
Compassion

Compassion have partnered with TBN - the world's largest Christian television network - to create **Carols with Compassion**. It's a Christmas concert for you to celebrate our amazing God and the start of His incredible salvation plan for the world.

Airing on **Sunday 6 December at 8pm** on TBN UK (Freeview Channel 65 and Sky 582) and streamed from our Facebook page and YouTube channel, Carols with Compassion will feature musical performances from Graham Kendrick, Philippa Hanna, Noel Robinson, the London Community Gospel Choir, Hillsong London, Lurine Cato, Martin Smith and Elle Limebear, alongside readings and performances by Compassion-sponsored children around the world.

There'll also be a message on the hope found in the Christmas story brought to you by Richmond Wandera, Compassion graduate and senior pastor of New Life Baptist Church, Kampala.

We hope this uplifting concert will encourage and delight you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

Thank you so much for your love and care for children living in great need around the world. Whether we're facing restrictions or not, may God bless you and your family richly during this Christmas season

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1792507960901066>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/compassionuk>

Methodist prayer handbook

Would you like to write a prayer for the next prayer handbook?

The theme for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022 is 'a place for all'.

A place for all

No one was excluded from Jesus' table and eating with him was a sign of the kingdom of heaven and an invitation to meet God and to be transformed. We recognise that we do not always offer such generous welcome or listen to the voices on the margins.

As the Church strives to be God's people in a world changed by a global pandemic, we invite prayers of thanksgiving and intercession and resolve that, with God's help, we may recognise and repent of our exclusivity, and that then we may be reconciling, open to all and ready to listen to all voices equally. Together, we pray to become a more inclusive and diverse Church, creating communities of greater respect and compassion.

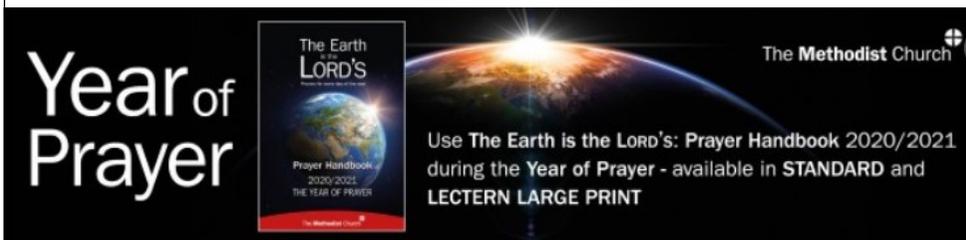
In addition to prayers on the theme of the Handbook, we invite prayers of thanksgiving, adoration and confession and prayers on the themes of justice, times of life and times of day and the comforting presence of God for the opening pages of the Handbook.

Prayers must be no longer than 120 words. Please also email photographs that will help to bring our theme to life. Photographs with people in are particularly welcome. Photographs should be sent in their original size. Please provide a caption and state where the photograph was taken.

The deadline for submission of prayers and photos is 11 January 2021. The exception to this is prayers and photos from schools. For schools **only** the deadline is 29 January.

Please send contributions to: prayerhandbook@methodistchurch.org.uk. Please also provide your name, postal address and how you would like to be described.

Before sending submissions, please read the full submission guidelines at: www.methodist.org.uk/prayerhandbook. This year's prayer handbook is still available to order.



Dial-a-Prayer



The **Methodist** Church 

Free
Dial-a-Prayer

If you know someone who is not on the internet but would like to keep up with our news and hear prayers please share with them our free phone service, updated weekly - more details are here:
<http://ow.ly/ut1K50Cci7v>

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.

Club 15 December and January

Club 15 on **15th December** is a rather reduced Christmas meal at the Bird in Hand. We have enough takers for 2 tables of 4. Please let Sue T know urgently if you would like to attend. (This assumes that the Bird in Hand is open again!)

15th January 2021 is the planning meeting. At the moment we don't really know what the situation is, but there are two options.

1—meet at someone's house as usual, perhaps with limited numbers.

2—Zoom.

Please keep an eye on the notice sheets to see which option it ends up being, although I expect it will be Zoom.

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.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2020



Thank you for all the Shoeboxes you filled for Eastern European families and the Elderly in this very difficult year.

There were 16 boxes in all plus (to my knowledge) the equivalent of another 6 boxes in cash donations sent online.

Sharon very kindly delivered the shoeboxes to a lady in Ascot who removed all the donations and gift aid forms from the boxes so no personal details are passed on.

She was very grateful for our contribution. Hopefully we can build on this total next

year when things have reached the 'new' normal and everyone will be in circulation!

Again, thank you for your efforts this year—it is an excellent achievement under the circumstances!

Alison F

EasyFundraising reminder

Our church is registered as a good cause with EasyFundraising. Now, if you like into the church's account with EasyFundraising, then when you make an online purchase with certain vendors you may be able to earn a small percentage of the price paid to benefit the church at no extra cost to yourself. A number of people are already supporters. Please do talk to Robert if you're interested!



Revsylvia Holyhead

11 November at 05:12 · 🌐

Wayside pulpit.

