

Services



June 2021

NOTE We are open now for in-church services, but please confirm on our website or Facebook page.

6th	10:30am	Peter Whalley
13th	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:30pm	Sandhurst Churches Together service hosted by St Michael's Church
20th	10:30am	Christine Morgan
27th	10:30am	Local Arrangement
	18:30pm	The return of Film Night!

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

To get in touch email:

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Weekly notices: notices@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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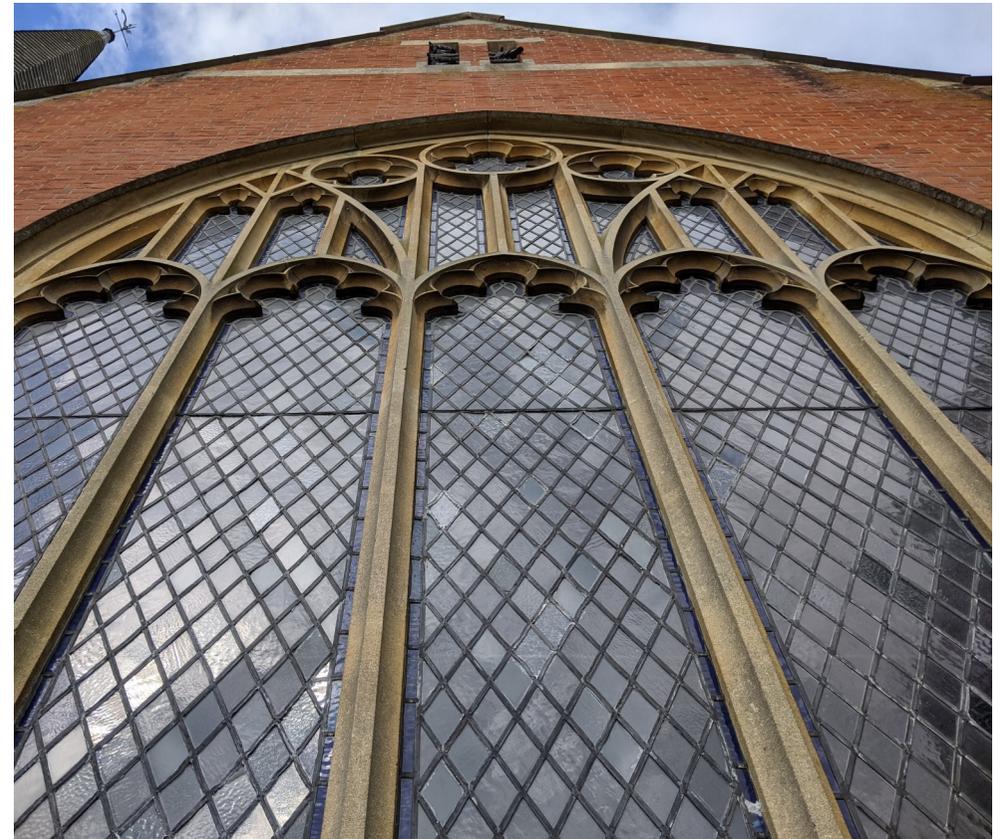
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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Newsletter June 2021



May is full of April showers.
The small top windows are full of pigeons!
Didn't spot those when I took the photo...

The Minister writes...



20:20 vision?

From the Passion Translation:

*When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray.
But when you follow the revelation of the Word, heaven's bliss fills your soul.*
Prov. 29.18

Dear friends,
I recently visited the opticians and ended up with some new varifocals. I found that it took a little while to get used to them but it's amazing how quickly one's eyes adapt.

It was certainly nothing like the time when I got my first pair of varifocals. On that occasion I had only ever worn distance glasses and when I looked through the new varifocals it was as if someone had smeared the edges of the lenses with Vaseline! It was quite disconcerting and initially I found they gave me headaches and made me nauseous. I was sorely tempted to abandon them and return to just wearing distance glasses again. It took about a month for my brain to adjust but once it did I was very glad I had persevered.



It made me think about how we approach change. Are we the sort of people who want to stick with the comfortable and familiar? Who has hung on to an old make of car, TV, radio or washing machine (to name but a few examples) because they didn't fancy learning new ways or new technologies? I'm sure I'm not the only one with my hand up here! Or are we the sort who accept change and are ready to adapt, even though it might cause us a bit of discomfort at first, knowing that it will be better in the end?

That's not just a question for us as individuals but also for us as a fellowship, as a church, as we emerge from the pandemic into a different world. The Church of God is never static but is dynamic. Because the world around us changes and moves forward, so must we. Not in order to become one *with* society, but in order to reach out *to* our community in new and vibrant ways with the message of God's love.

Part of the challenge is knowing in what ways we might need to alter, and not just to change for change's sake. What we need is a clear vision – and not just any vision either: we need to know *God's* vision for us at Sandhurst & Yateley. That will impact various aspects of what it means to be church: worship, service, fellowship and outreach. We need the guidance and discernment of the Holy Spirit as think and talk and share ideas.

June 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 14/6/21 Sandra W and Wendy H

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

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, Sharon or Sue for more details.

The Tuesday evening prayer group and bible study will continue to be on Zoom for now.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84061192040?pwd=d1p0MlVXZDRlTFdpZTlZLzc0OEdjdz09>
Meeting ID: 840 6119 2040. Password: 526263

Same link for Stewards meeting and Church Council.

Due to the latest lockdown, Tuesday afternoon Bible Study/Praise and Prayer/Rejoice won't start yet.

June

2021

1st 7:45 pm	Stewards meeting	Zoom (see above for link)
8th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
15th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
22nd 7:45 pm	Church Council	Zoom (see above for link)
29th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	

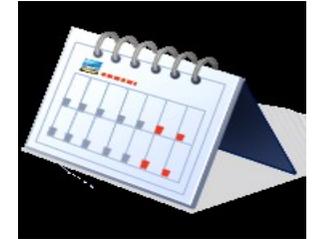
So I urge you, as I did in my last letter, to pray for God's guidance for us as a church, that we may seek His will and to know His plans for us. Then and only then will we be able to claim to have perfect 20:20 vision.

With every blessing,
Sharon

What's on?

June 2021

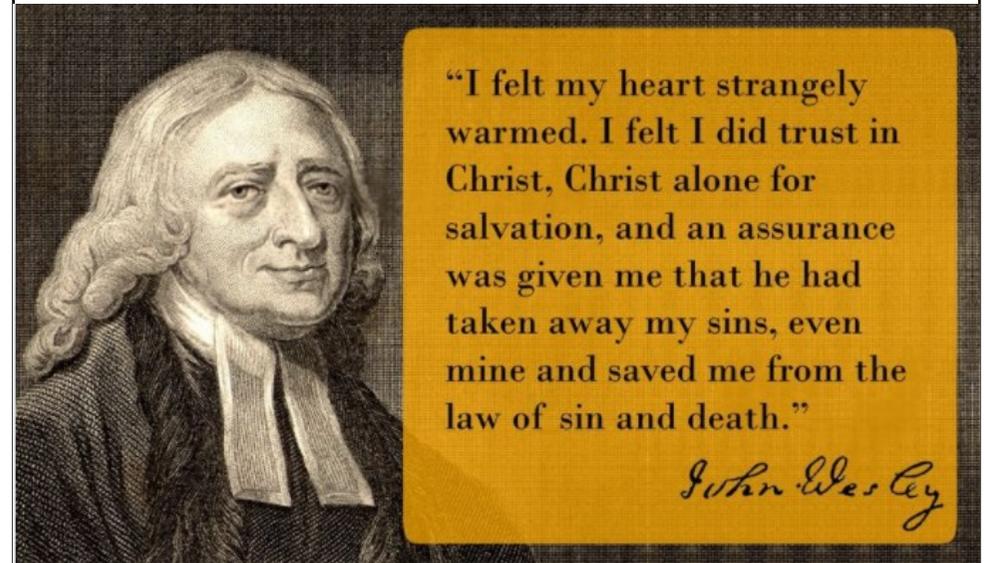
1st: Stewards meeting—no prayer group/bible study
3rd: Thursday housegroup
13th: SCT service at St Michael's
15th: Club 15—nature walk
17th: Wednesday housegroup
22nd: Church council—no prayer group/bible study
23rd: Organ recitals start at High Cross
27th: Film night recommences



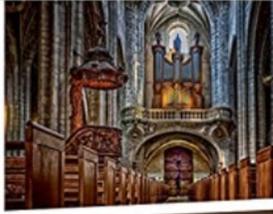
Wesley Day

Wesley Day was on 24th May, sometimes known as Aldersgate Day in the Methodist calendar. It's the day which marks a significant event in John Wesley's life which some people call his 'conversion experience'. On May 24th 1738, Wesley writes in his journal that he went "very unwillingly" to a religious meeting in Aldersgate Street, London.

I thank God that he did!



A Thief in My Church?

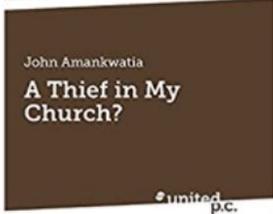


A Thief in my Church? By John Amankwatia.

This book is available at Amazon, price £15.99.

"Crowdfunding, Seed-Sowing, Give More to Get More, Tithing, and Regular Proportionate Giving are ways of raising money for causes. Which one is suitable for supporting your local church's ministries? 'A thief in my Church?' helps to answer the question."

John was a minister at our church



Film night—upcoming ... in June!!!!

Woohoo!—Film night returns (assuming all government restriction plans are unchanged) on the **4th Sunday in June—27th!**

Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in)

The film in June will be chosen by Sharon :-)



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.

Christian Aid quiz—advance notice

The Christian Aid quiz will be on **Saturday October 2nd 2021**, organised by Sandhurst Churches Together, and hosted by St George's Church, Owlsmoor. Further details to follow.

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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
Next meeting **June 17th 1945 at Robert's**

Wednesday House Group:

at Alison and Graham Fradgley's
3 Forbes Chase, Sandhurst

Zoom meeting Wednesday 3rd June at 7:30pm, led by Diana.
Please contact Diana if you would like the details to join. Existing house group members will be contacted.

If it should be a glorious day, then this may move to be in Alison and Graham's garden.



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **July/August** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 27th June 2021 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday June 16th 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)

playlist is 'Book of Acts' (36.8% of views out of the 40 playlists).

- The top reading is Exodus 14:19-31, Crossing The Red Sea, published in September 2020, which has since clocked up 2,924 views and 39.3 hours of viewing time.

As a paid-up, certified (and certifiable) 'geek', I could go on. However, to stay within the word-count limit, I must now testify about something that has both amazed me and reaffirmed my faith.

As mentioned, I started this channel in April 2020 from what I am certain was a Holy Spirit nudge just as Easter was ending. I now realise this timing was critical, and I believe I see God's perfection in it. Launching this project to coincide with the first week of Lectionary Year A (early December 2019) would have been the smart thing to do, you might think. However, had I done so, the workload for Easter 2020 would have been a tremendous shock, catching me unprepared. Allow me to present Exhibit A: For Easter this year, I published 25 readings in eight days; some of them were entire or even double chapters. That's a lot of work. I could not have coped with that in 2020, and I am convinced I would have abandoned the project in frustration. But God's timing gave me almost exactly a year of more-or-less 'ordinary services' on which to learn my trade, grow my skills, and refine my software tools. Thanks to His foresight, I was fully prepared for Easter 2021; shocked, certainly, but neither deterred nor defeated.

A year later, this OAP is surprised to have become a new-kid-on-the-block minor YouTuber and the proud owner of a channel that is growing in popularity and use. I am certain this is largely thanks to LWPT/Preach's 'cheering from the sidelines', exactly when it was needed. Thanks Louisa.

[Digression: my favourite comment since Louisa's comes from a Baptist church in the US where all the children in their junior church are reportedly huge fans of the channel. I choked up when I read that.]

Against the odds, but thanks to this magazine's unwitting boost of confidence, the channel has achieved its first anniversary. It now shows early signs of exponential growth and is spreading the Good News across the world. Equipped with the skills and tools, I hope to record the entire RCL lectionary over the next two years and tackle a few more special requests like Bible Month. For me, this experience has been clear proof that God 'works in mysterious ways', with perfect timing, and it demonstrates (in Louisa's words) "the mysterious grace and power of the Holy Spirit".

Amen.

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



Summer Organ Recitals - 2021



High Cross Church

Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3SY

Tel: 01276 66798

During the months of June, July, August and September, the 12th series of lunch time organ recitals will be hosted in the Sanctuary at High Cross on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 12.45 until 1.30 pm as follows:

Wednesday 23 th June	George de Voil	Wellington College
Wednesday 14 th July	David Markby	High Cross
Wednesday 28 th July	John Wood	High Cross
Wednesday 11 th August	Katherine Dienes-Williams	Guildford Cathedral
Wednesday 25 th August	Alan Rapley	Guildford
Wednesday 8 th September	Andrew Millington	Guildford and Exeter Cathedrals

There is no charge for admission, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of the High Cross Organ and Student Fund. Please check for latest information on

highcrosscamberley.co.uk

For more organ recitals see www.organrecitals.com

us at LWPT/Preach as we work with the Methodist Church on producing the Bible Month resource materials [...]. (Message from Louisa Lockwood, editor@lwpt.org.uk)"

Maybe, with hindsight, I should have contacted LPWT/Preach immediately — it might have solved my publicity issue — but the comment fired me up with newfound enthusiasm for the project, and I threw myself back into the work.

Many novels have a turning point that happens at the plot's 'darkest hour'. Similarly, Louisa's comment marked the turning point for the channel. Subscribers began signing-up from all over the world. Videos gained 'Likes' every week and people began appending favourable comments. It seemed viewers 'out there' found the channel enjoyable and useful after all, so my depression left and never returned.

For an entire year, I have updated the channel with fresh content every week, without exception, and I hope to keep this up for two more years (completing the 36 month collection of the Revised Common Lectionary).

Being a 'geek', I have a weakness for facts & figures, so please indulge me in a slight digression. At the time of writing:

- The channel contains 316 readings, each illustrated with fine art paintings, stunning photos, and occasional biblical cartoons, all published online and free-to-use by Wikimedia Commons. I chose to use the CEV-UK as the bible text; though it is covered by copyright, I can use it 'by permission' with the prescribed statements & accreditation.
- 104 subscribers signed up, many of them in the last quarter. Not amazing by PewDiePie standards, but this is solid organic growth from zero — with no publicity involved in my part.
- These subscribers reside in ten English-speaking nations around the globe, with the largest group in US, followed closely by the UK and India.
- 96.5% of viewers are 'casual browsers' who discover specific readings via search tools — mainly Google and YouTube. 3.5% of them are now regular subscribers who started as 'casual browsers' and signed up for notifications.
- Viewers have watched the videos 17,915 times, amounting to 324.6 hours of viewing time.
- Readings are grouped by book by using YouTube 'playlists'. The top

Before retiring in 2017, I was a software 'geek' and a trained actor. Inevitably, my church got me involved in organising & training the Multimedia Team (projection & sound-desk), leading church drama when needed, and providing dramatic readings during Sunday worship. In the sudden switch to online worship, all that crashed to a halt, so I started providing readings with accompanying images for our Sunday services via video clips on YouTube.

And that set me thinking.

Perhaps other churches needed help? Were there preachers 'out there' struggling with new technology who might appreciate someone offering lectionary readings free of cost and copyright issues? If so, maybe such a need extended wider than just the UK?

From this, my lectionary readings channel was born on YouTube, and I published the first set of illustrated readings videos on 12th April 2020.

Like writing fiction (my new post-retirement 'career'), the hardest part was 'getting the word out there' about this new free Christian resource for worship leaders — both free-from-cost and free-from-copyright. Consequently, my church, Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist, was the sole user for several months and, even by January 2021, the channel still only had a few subscribers. I never did discover an effective way to 'grow the channel.' Simply keeping it up-to-date every week took all my available time and left none for a proper publicity effort.

But God had a plan for that.....

Recording in high quality, editing, illustrating and publishing each reading was hard work and there was plenty of it. Despite all my experience in dramatic reading, computers and writing software, video production turned out to be a whole new ball-game for me; I had so much to learn. Three months into the project, the struggle to keep up was affecting my physical and mental health. The channel had all-but obliterated my fiction writing, and publishing the Book of Ruth for Bible Month 2020 (in addition to the regular weekly lectionary) had exhausted me. I developed a serious bacterial infection and was ill for nine weeks. I became depressed — a common experience that year — and I seriously considered closing the channel, convinced no one would miss it.

So, you can imagine the incredible lift I gained to find this comment on one of the published reading videos ...

"Hi Douglas - this looks like a great resource. Someone passed it on to

Club 15 May/June/...

Sadly the weather was not suitable for anything out doors on 15th May, so that picnic had to be cancelled.

June: This will be a local walk led by Robert Godden on the afternoon of Tuesday **June 15th**. If you are interested, please contact Robert for more details.

July/August/September—please contact Sue T if you would be interested in having a 'not the Christmas Meal' at The Bird in Hand.

July 15th is a Thursday, August 15th is a Sunday, September 15th is a Wednesday. Depending on the responses Sue will organise something. Note that December 15th (Wednesday) is already booked at the Bird in Hand for our 'real' Christmas meal.

Wesley Day continued:

My fear is not that our great movement, known as the Methodists, will eventually cease to exist or one day die from the earth. My fear is that our people will become content to live without the fire, the power, the excitement, the supernatural element that makes us great."

John Wesley

Vinyl Records Wanted

50s/60s 70s 80s 90s

Dance Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Punk Reggae

Thank you!

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

Margaret P's special birthday



I had a fabulous birthday and would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards etc. they have given me.

I have been thoroughly spoilt. My family did everything for me, gazebo, decoration, barbecue, food and HUGS!! too. The weather was even good to me - thank you for the prayers. My cake was certainly a fruit cake! It was super and enjoyed by everyone.

God bless you all.

Love,
Margaret



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.

There will be no coffee morning (virtual or real) in June, but we hope to be back to an in-church one in July. Watch this space :-)

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.bcrglobaltextiles.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 Fairsley Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3TA
Tel: 01276 24211 | www.connectcounselling.org | Registered Charity No: 1042852

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. Bras should be in reasonable to good condition and left in the collection point in the vestibule.

Bible month



Dear Friends,

June is Bible Month and this year the Churches in our Circuit are going to explore the Gospel of Mark. Mark is the Gospel used in this year's lectionary readings, so we've already explored it quite a lot this year.

Mark's Gospel is generally regarded as the earliest Gospel to be written. We're not really sure who Mark is but early church tradition tells us that "Mark became Peter's interpreter and wrote accurately all that he remembered." (*Bishop Papias, 2nd Century*) and Clement of Alexandria wrote: "As Peter has preached the word publicly at Rome...many requested that Mark...should write them out." It was probably written between AD 60 and 70. It seems clear that Mark was a committed believer who records the events in Jesus' life interwoven with themes and quotations from the Old Testament to lead his readers to the conclusion that Jesus is the Son of God.

Kent Bower writes in the introduction to the Bible month Study Guide: *This is the work of a highly skilled writer. Whatever its source, Mark is responsible for its content and shape. He has collected, selected and omitted material. He carefully crafted the narrative, using available literary techniques... His writing is fast paced with a favourite word 'immediately' taking us almost breathtakingly from one scene to another.*

You will find it helpful to read through each week's allocated chapters before Sunday. You might like to try reading the whole Gospel in one session or maybe try listening to it – there are some recordings made by David Suchet available on the internet for example. You could use a study guide or commentary to help your study and reflection. As you read it through or listen to it, notice what strikes you about the story – are there things that you have never noticed before?

Suggested study guides and commentaries include:

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Keeping safe online

Phishing is when someone sends legitimate-looking emails to you. They may contain links or attachments which, when clicked, take you to a fake website, or they may try to trick you into responding with personal data such as bank account details or credit card numbers. The email often appears to come from a trusted source such as a bank or service provider. Recently there were some that claimed to come from Rev Sharon. The key is that you have to carry out a task (click a link for example) before the phishing scam causes harm. There are a number of ways to avoid being caught out.

- Be aware of new phishing scams.
 - Never click on links in emails unless you're absolutely convinced that it's safe to do so.
 - Fake emails can often be identified by greetings such as Dear friend (rather than your name)
 - Check the actual email address of the sender – don't rely on the name that will come up as that can be faked. Often these emails come from a generic email address such as 'office88126@gmail.com' which was used recently to our church email addresses, although the emails claimed to come from Rev Sharon.
 - The subject of the email is often blank.
 - If you can, include an anti-phishing toolbar on your web browser
- Never reply to these emails because that usually leads to many more. You've just proved to the sender that you're reading the emails, so you're now a legitimate target.

Please do also make sure that your anti-virus software runs regularly and is kept up to date. It's a good idea to keep browsers and other software up to date too, and make sure you have a firewall in place on your computer.

If you need technical assistance or have any queries, please do ask Sue T or Jon.

Upcoming Sandhurst Churches together services

June 13th - St Michael's Church

July 11th - St George's

August—none

12th September—Sandhurst Baptist Church

10th October—Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

21st November—St Michael's Church

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! Doug W has been attaching them to the seats once done. Thanks Doug!

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

Tom Wright: *Mark for Everyone* (SPCK 2001)

Morna D Hooker: *The Gospel According to Saint Mark* (Blacks New Testament Commentaries 2009)

Pope Francis: *The Gospel of Mark: A Spiritual and Pastoral Reading* (Orbis 2020)

These websites have some useful information about Mark:

www.preachweb.org/biblemonth

www.bibleproject.com

www.biblesociety.org.uk

These are the chapters and themes for each week:

Week 1: Mark 1:1 – 3:35: *Identity and Mission*

Week 2: Mark 4: 1- 8:21: *Mission and Boundaries*

Week 3: Mark 8:22 – 10:52: *On the Way*

Week 4: Mark 11:1 – 16:8: *Passion Week*

I commend our Bible month to you. I encourage you to give time and energy to read and reflect on Mark's Gospel carefully. And listen closely to what God is saying to you personally, to our churches and our circuit.

With Every Blessing
Catherine Bowstead

ASK 2021 The Leprosy Mission Prayer Diary



Village Health Volunteers travel through difficult terrain to make sure no one is missing out on the cure for leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission prayer diary highlights the work and ministry of The Leprosy Mission and the journey God has called us to. Each week there is a Bible verse, and the focus is on a particular country or part of the organisation of The Leprosy Mission, with photos, information and prayer points.

For example: the week from 14th to 20th June is about Papua New Guinea and Bougainville. I have copied some of that below:

The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea's (TLM-PNG) role is to support the Government's National Leprosy Elimination Programme to ensure people affected by leprosy are detected and treated with available and accessible leprosy treatment. There were 577 new cases of leprosy found in 2019. TLM-PNG has 3 projects—in livelihoods, health and leprosy detection.

TLM New Zealand works in partnership with the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the NZ Aid Programme to implement the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP). Covering 95% of Bougainville's population, this exemplar preventative health model improves health, hygiene and governance practices in a community-based and owned programme. The Leprosy Coordinator ensures a continued focus on detecting, diagnosing and treating leprosy, despite challenging terrain and limited health infrastructure, through the project's Community Facilitators and Village Health Volunteers.

Prayer Points:

Bougainville.

Monday—please pray for the continued safety of all staff members and village health volunteers. They often travel long distances to remote communities in bad weather and rough terrain. Praise God for their devotion and heart for leprosy-affected individuals and families.

Tuesday—Pray that the partnership between BHCP and the Government's Department of Health will be strengthened.

Papua New Guinea.

Wednesday—Praise God for the Western Province Project, funded by TLM Australia. Even though it has been challenging to implement this in a Covid-risk border province, the increased numbers of new leprosy cases found in the province indicates success with the health worker training.

Thursday—Pray for TLM-PNG's Country Office staff as they coordinate the projects and pursue new funding opportunities.

Friday—Praise God for the successful start of our second New Zealand Aid funded Strengthening Health in the Communities project. Pray for the 25 communities involved in the project as they learn how to manage health better within their own communities.

Saturday/Sunday—This is the fifth year of the New Zealand Aid funded Sustainable Livelihood Development project. Pray for the project participants affected by leprosy and disability, that they will continue to implement their livelihoods and find ways to sustain their businesses even during challenging times and beyond the end of the project.

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

