

Services



September 2021

5th	10:30am	Rev S Gardner (Holy Communion)
12th	10:30am	Mary Elms
	6:30pm	Sandhurst Churches Together service hosted by St George's Church
19th	10:30am	Local Arrangement
26th	10:30am	Rev Catherine Bowstead
	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**
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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Newsletter September 2021



What a complicated set of roofs we have!

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

Well, it must be said that we haven't had the fine weather we enjoyed last summer. The days have been overcast and there has been a *lot* of rain, which has made BBQs and picnics somewhat chancy affairs! Still, we needed the morale boost of the sunshine last year. THIS summer to cheer us we have the hopeful signs that the worst of the pandemic may be over. We are in a better and safer place. Though there are losses to remember and griefs to bear - especially, most recently, the deaths of our dear friends Hilary T and Colin J - there are also blessings to count and give thanks for: milestone birthdays and anniversaries for some of our church family, the birth of children and grandchildren, the joy of worshipping and singing once again in church and the opportunity to spend precious time with one another.



Despite our surname, Mike and I are not the greatest of gardeners but, as I type this, our garden is at its most colourful. The hydrangeas are heavy with big, blowsy blossoms of blue, pink and purple. They clash fantastically (as only nature can get away with!) the Rowan trees and the Montbretias, with their matching oranges above and below. I have never seen our Rowans so laden with berries. The birds will feast richly but I wonder if it augurs a hard winter - or is that just an old wives' tale?

Those orange hues make me think of autumn which is just around the corner. This month heralds the start of the academic year and children smart in their uniforms

September 2021 Rotas

Flowers

5th Cynthia
12th Gil
19th Barbara
26th Sonia
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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 6/9/21 Sandra F and Mary A
w/c 27/9/21 Alison F and Alison B

Welcome

5th Alison F and Sonia
12th We hope to have a welcome person again soon Jessica and Ann
19th Margaret P and Cynthia
26th Alison B and Sandra F

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, 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.

September

2021

7th	Stewards meeting	
14th	Prayer Group	Zoom
7:30 pm	Bible Study	Zoom
8:00 pm		
21st	Prayer Group	Zoom
7:30 pm	Bible Study	Zoom
8:00 pm		
28th	Prayer Group	Zoom
7:30 pm	Bible Study	Zoom
8:00 pm		

- some excited at seeing friends again, some apprehensive at the thought of new classes or even new schools. After the interruptions to their education over the last 18 months we pray that they and their teachers will find continuity and reassuring routine during the coming one.

September also marks the start of the Methodist year and when you are part of any church (but maybe particularly so in Methodism!) this is the time for meetings - a mixed blessing perhaps, but a necessary part of church life. We couldn't function without them, nor without those involved in them, who ensure the smooth-running of all that is connected with church. So, in your prayers this month, please remember those who give their time, energy and dedication in service to this church in all its business and outreach.

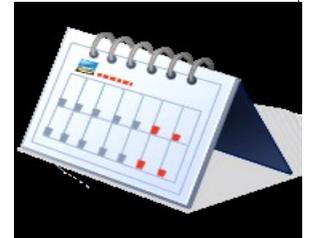
Wishing you all the glories of God's creation this autumn – and a happy Methodist New Year!

Sharon

What's on?

September 2021

1st Wednesday housegroup
8th Organ recital
9th Macmillan Coffee morning
12th SCT ecumenical service
19th Local Arrangement
26th Film night



October

2nd Christian Aid Quiz

Sunday Coffee Rota Volunteers

We all like to have a cup of tea or coffee after the Morning Service and chat to the rest of the congregation but we have lost several volunteers for various reasons lately. This means the number of teams are getting smaller which results in your turn coming round more frequently.

Please contact me for more details if you feel you are able to help.



Alison Fradgley
01276 36631
alison@gradgley.com

Club 15 July—Board games in the garden—report



There were only 6 of us at Jon and Alison's for a games evening in their garden. We enjoyed the tasty nibbles provided. Some of us lost and others won. At times there were disputes/doubts over rules. A lot of jovial banter was had. We finished the evening watching the bats swooping around for their dinner. Thank you to our hosts.

Film night—upcoming ... now in September!!!!

Woohoo!—Film night returns (assuming all government restriction plans are unchanged) on the **4th Sunday in September—26th!**

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

The film in September 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
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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
No meeting in September.

Wednesday House Group:

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

Next meeting **September 1st**



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **October** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 26th September 2021 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday September 15th 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)

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.

We are planning an in-church one on 9th September

and it will be in support of Macmillan!



Club 15 September 15th



Weather permitting, this will be a picnic or afternoon tea in the park on **Wednesday 15th September.**

Sandra F will be the contact person. Please get in touch with her if you'd be interested in going along.

Future Club 15 events

Suggestions and volunteers please for the October and November Club 15 events. Please let Sue T know if you have ideas for these dates and would like to volunteer.

October 15th is a Friday

November 15th is a Monday

December 15th is a Wednesday and a table for 20 is already booked at the Bird in Hand. Please let Sue T know asap if you'd like a place—£5 deposit will be required. The Bird in Hand will have the Christmas menu ready soon and it will be in the October newsletter.

Christian Aid News—September 2021

Christian Aid Week 2021

With many now donating to Christian Aid online it is difficult to ascertain the total amount raised locally during Christian Aid Week. We do know the following:

Baptist Church	£15	Envelopes
Methodist Church	£235	Envelopes
"	£260	Just Giving
Donations	£50	Just Giving
Total	£560	

Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church dedicated a service to Christian Aid, and as often happens with these, fund raising was boosted. Many thanks to the Rev. Sharon Gardner for this approach.

Going forward Christian Aid needs to look at different ways of raising funds to help the world's poor and any ideas gratefully received !

New Boss

Dr. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, is stepping down after 2 successful terms as Chair of the Christian Aid Trustees. His replacement is Dr. John Sentamu who recently retired as Archbishop of York. Should be exciting times as Dr. Sentamu brings his energy & vigour to the role.

Sisters Stronger Together

This year's Harvest Appeal has a focus on empowering women in Malawi to develop their potential. The link below will show you how they do this:
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal/stories>

Climate Change

The impact of Climate Change on the poorest in the world continues apace. Christian Aid is actively campaigning for:

- increase financial support to the world's poorest countries and push for their debts to be cancelled so they can better confront the climate crisis and other urgent priorities that they face.
 - invest in a green recovery that leaves no-one behind – either in the UK or in the world's poorest communities.
- stop the expansion of fossil fuel energy and step-up support to clean energy. Hopefully these requests will be brought up at COP 26 in November in Glasgow.

Save the Date

Churches Together in Sandhurst have planned a Quiz with the proceeds going to Christian Aid. This is earmarked for **Saturday Oct.2nd** at St George's Owlsmoor. Watch out for further details.

Speakers

As things go "back to normal", Christian Aid is reinvigorating its speaker programme. So if you need a speaker for Church or a group please contact : Wilf Hardy 07823 406908 or wjhscot@aol.com

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

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Scholarship

This website promotes scholarship on the Wesleys and Early Methodism so if you've ever wanted to know more, this is well worth a visit.

It doesn't just provide information about the Wesleys and early Methodist preachers, but there are also regular articles, Wesley/ Methodist writings and images such as this beautiful stained glass window.



www.alamy.com - CP3JPP

What a treasure trove!

wesleyscholar.com

Upcoming Sandhurst Churches together services

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 T 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.

Club 15 August—Highcliffe picnic—report

I came down to stay with Diana for the weekend, and we attended Verwood Methodist church where Diana preached a much appreciated sermon. We arrived back at Highcliffe to find previous members of our church, Jack and Ann D and Christine J had already arrived for the club 15 picnic. As the weather was looking a little temperamental we decided to picnic on the balcony, where we still enjoyed views of the sea and the Isle of Wight. Once we had finished our first course we strolled down to the sea front and enjoyed an ice-cream, sheltering behind the Cliffhanger cafe, as a shower swept through. We admired the views whilst Diana pointed out landmarks on the horizon. The photograph shows us enjoying refreshments before we left.



We all enjoyed our afternoon together.

Sandra F

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

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned carrots, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tomato ketchup, cup-a-soup, chocolate spread, pot noodles, long-life milk, lunchbox snacks, share pack crisps, instant packet noodles, packet instant custard.

Handwash, kids toothbrushes, women's deodorant, nappies size 1, adult toothpaste.

Toilet paper, anti-bacterial spray, laundry pods, washing up liquid, hand wash, bleach.

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, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, coffee, tea bags, rice, baby powder milk, soap, men's shaving gel, shampoo and conditioner, bath and shower gel/wash.

Please do consider the food bank when you do your food shopping. There are collection points in most of the major supermarkets. E.g. Tesco, The Meadows—please only place Tesco bought items in these bins. Co-op, the High Street, Crowthorne.

Action for Children Collection Boxes 2021

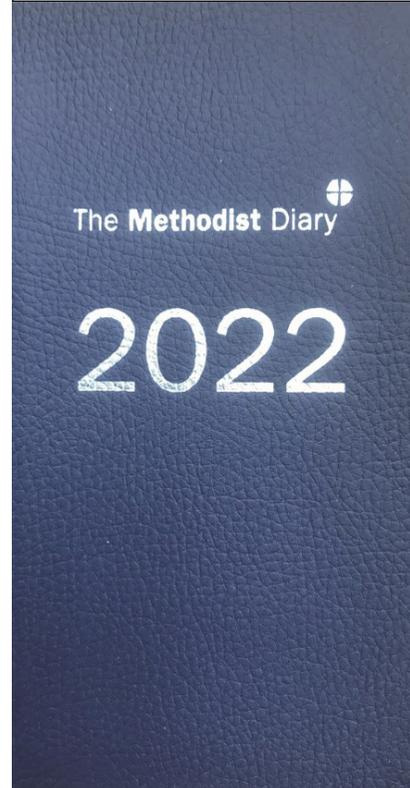


Having finally emptied as many of the Collection Boxes as possible Graham and I managed to bank £345.68 in cash and cheques for Action for Children. This is in addition to an on-line donation which makes a total of £365.68.

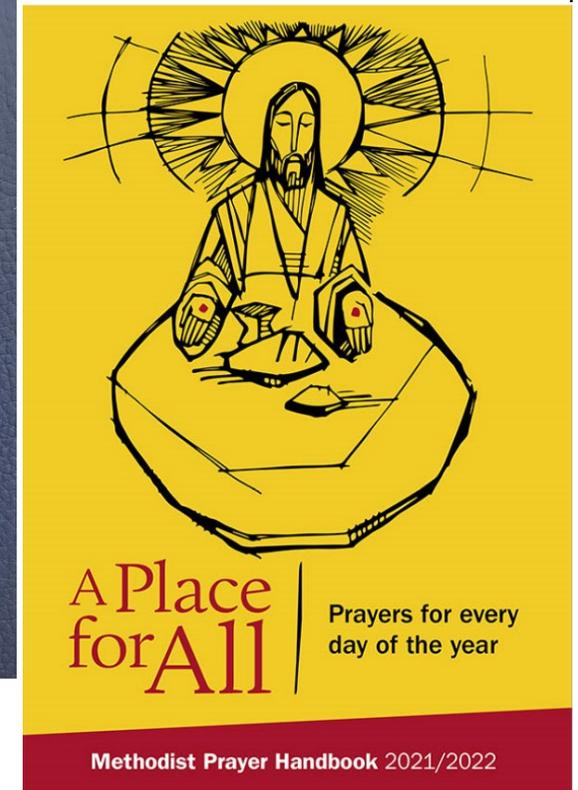
I was able to carry the cash in on my own this year as people don't have that much change at the moment – I was still wearing my mask but didn't feel so much of a Bank robber. However, well done to everybody - I am sure Action for Children are very grateful. Thank you all for your generosity.

Alison F

The Methodist Diary 2022...



And much, much more, such as the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022 are now available from Methodist Publishing.



I also note that you can order Methodist Church face masks in Black or Navy - but let's hope we won't need them for much longer!

Newsletter contributions

Newsletter contributions are (nearly) always gratefully received, especially when received well in advance of the copy date :-)

Please only include in your contribution any contact details that you are happy to have shared with the community. A paper copy of the newsletter goes into Sandhurst library each month, and the electronic version is on the website.

Thanks

Muriel's

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your Good Wishes on the occasion of my 90th Birthday, also for the beautiful flowers and cakes.



I had a wonderful week of celebrations spent with my family and friends and will have some very happy memories of my 90th.



Muriel

The Methodist News August 2021

Methodist—news.org.uk

Some items in the news:

A letter to the Home Secretary—about the Nationality and Borders Bill.
A letter to the President of COP26 Cabinet Office

An update on the Haiti Earthquake

The Rev Dawn Saunders was on Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2—her topic "Overcoming adversity"

Hope & Anchor - a new weekly online chat show from the Evangelism and Growth team!

Recycled bras

A poster with a black background. At the top, it says 'We Need YOUR Support!' in pink and white. Below that is a photograph of a pink bra. To the right of the bra, there is text in white and pink. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a pink bra in a recycling bin and a sign that says 'BRAS SHOULD BE IN REASONABLE TO GOOD CONDITION & LEFT IN A COLLECTION POINT IN THE HALL'. At the bottom left, there is contact information for 'Connect'.

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.

Margaret's 106th!



Margaret wishes to thank everyone for the cards and best wishes and flowers for her 106th Birthday. She had a great time at the Hawk Conservancy on the day,

and the WI treated her to afternoon tea a couple of days before!

Thank you.



Sue:

This Barn Owl was encouraged to land on the seat back next to Margaret. You can just see her hair and glasses.

The people at the Hawk Conservancy really looked after her.

A prayer for Afghanistan

The Prophet says, You know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to offer you hope and a future.

Gracious and holy God,

We come to you with the situation in Afghanistan heavy on our hearts. It is a situation so complicated, and so fast moving, that it is difficult for us to know what to say or how to think.

We hold before you the people of the country, those who stay and those who flee; those living with terror and afraid for the future; those who, because of this latest turn of events, will never be able to live the fullness of life that is your purpose. We hold all this before you.

We hold open to you the future: the world leaders with a role in shaping what happens next; the many who are becoming refugees and the people who will be called upon to offer them safety and a future; the impact of these local events on our world story. We hold all this open to you.

We hold in your love all those known to us whose lives have been bound up in the recent story of Afghanistan. We think of all those who have served there in our Armed Forces, those who were injured and those who did not return. We hold in our hearts all those for whom this is a time of special grieving and confusion, and those who minister to them. We hold all these in your love.

Rock of ages, at this difficult time we lean into your timelessness.

Turn us, and all people, to your good purposes for your world. Grant courage and wisdom, hope and a future.

Amen

Barbara Easton, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference