

*Sandhurst and Yateley
Methodist Church
Newsletter
October 2021*



Grey skies and feeling autumnal. What a difference a month makes.

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

You will, of course, know the story of Moses and how he led God's people out of Egypt and to freedom. But did you know that it was just two and a half months after their dramatic departure that the Israelites, hungry and anxious about the future, grumbled that they wished they were back in Egypt? That they would prefer a return to slavery because then at least they had enough to eat? (Exodus 16:2) I suspect that, deep-down, those protestations were not true because their lives as slaves had been extremely hard – but it's easy to look back with rose-coloured spectacles, especially when the current situation is challenging and difficult.



Perhaps we have some sympathy with them, and maybe we can see some parallels between their story and that of the church today? Church attendance has been declining in almost every denomination in the UK for decades. The effect of Covid has been to accelerate that trend. Perhaps it is only natural that we should yearn to go back to the old days and ways – and when we say that we're not talking about just pre-Covid but back to the 50's, 60's and 70's (or earlier!) - when congregations were fuller with lots of families and young people and churches weren't closing but expanding.

The thing is, like the Israelites in Egypt there IS no turning back, no going back to the old days. There never was, but maybe, pre-Covid, we were able to convince ourselves that if we only worked harder, tried some different activities, sang some newer hymns etc, we could somehow reverse the trend. Instead the result has been to place greater burdens onto fewer people with less resources until the inevitable point is reached when a church is no longer sustainable. And as is true for so many churches in this country, so the same will be true for us – eventually – unless we can learn some lessons from biblical history.

What changed for the Israelites? Well, God heard them and he spoke to Moses. He gave him a set of instructions to share with the Israelites. If they followed these they would be fed with manna in the morning and quail in the evening. They had to trust that God would be true to his word. They had to follow his instructions. At first they didn't; they tried doing their own thing with bad results, but they learnt. They still had to spend a long time in the wilderness before they reached the Promised Land but throughout it all they had the pillars of cloud and fire to guide them and they got to see the glory of the Lord and finally understand what it meant that he was the Lord their God. (Exod. 16: 10 & 11)

We need to look to God, to prayerfully discern where he may be leading us. We need to trust him, as individuals and as a church. Covid may well have provided a Kairos moment, an opportune time for God-led change. We need to be open to new ideas, be prepared to let go of some of the old ways. I'm not suggesting *everything* should change. The care shown to one another and the support we give to the community, for example, are things we should continue - but we need to be willing to embrace new ways of being church.

To that end we are invited to join in with six live talks on Wednesday evenings from 6th October – 10th November on the subject, '**A new church for a new world.**' (Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for details.) Please do take part if you can.

The road ahead will be bumpy at times for sure, but with God as our guide we will look forward and not back and will walk the path in confident assurance.

I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see
but One stands near to be my guide, he'll guard and comfort me.
We know who holds the future and he'll guide us with his hand.
With God things don't just happen, everything by him is planned.
And as we face tomorrow with its problems large and small,
we'll trust the God of miracles, give to him our all.

With every blessing

Sharon

Exodus 16: 1 – 5, 9 – 11

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Singai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. **Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.**'"

What's on?

October

2nd Rev Roy Smith Thanksgiving service,
Christian Aid Quiz postponed

5th Rejoice! restarts.

6th Wednesday house group

9th Harvest supper

10th Harvest Service
SCT service

12th Church Council

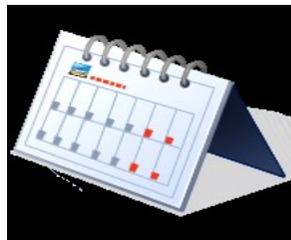
14th Thursday house group

15th Club 15???

24th film night

November

20th Christmas Fair



Club 15

It proved impossible to organise anything for September, so nothing happened.

There have been no volunteers to organise anything for October, so nothing has been formally arranged for this month either.

GDPR forms

If you're already completed and returned your GDPR form—thanks!

Please, if you haven't' already done so, return your completed GDPR forms to the stewards.

Without this form complete, we will be unable to send you further notices or newsletters.

Thanks

Harvest Supper 9th October

5pm on **Saturday 9th October**

There have been very few responses to requests for numbers for this. Please let Karen know as soon as possible as we may have to cancel.

Thanks

Film night—upcoming ... October

The next Film night is
on the **4th Sunday in October—24th!**
Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in)
The film in October will be chosen by Sue :-)



Praise and Prayer and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study

We are currently just offering ONE **Bible study**, via Zoom, on a Tuesday evening at 8pm, preceded by prayer at 7:30pm.

This is open to everyone and we'd be delighted to welcome new faces. Please contact Sharon for more information.

Praise and Prayer is under review and Sharon will be chatting to the group members about whether to resume it or start something different.

Whitechapel Mission



I have spoken to Maggy and Colin Garton and they will be going up to the Whitechapel Mission at the beginning of November.

If you have any blankets, towels, new underwear (ladies and gentleman), jumpers, coats, sleeping bags, toiletries that you would like to donate, please bring them to church and we will store them in the vestry. All donations would need to be at church by 23rd **October 2021** to give me time to deliver the donations.

Many thanks Keg

Pearl Davis

Pearl was a lovely lady and it must be many years that she moved from Sandhurst. She was on the Town Council and had Davis Gardens in Sandhurst named after her.

My best memory of her was of an impromptu nativity one year when members of the congregation were seconded up on stage and given a prop to take part. It was a jovial affair and everyone loved it. Pearl was dragged up, given a blue shoulder wrap and handed a new-born baby - Adam Carter who was only about two weeks old - as her prop. Yes, you've guessed it - she was Mary. She held that little one and he stayed asleep throughout - the little Lord Jesus - no crying he makes!

Adam Carter is now 21 years old!!!

A lovely memory of a sweet and gentle lady.

Best wishes

Keg

Rejoice!

Rejoice! Will be starting up again on Tuesday 5th October at 2:30pm.

For anyone who doesn't know what it's all about, we just get together to enjoy singing our favourite hymns/choruses and sometimes learn new ones.

If you are interested but can't make Tuesday afternoons please speak to me as we may consider changing the day. It would be lovely to see some new faces as we restart.

Alison B



Friends of the Earth

Hi,

we are all concerned with the future of our planet and the impact climate change will have on all of us. We cannot choose to deny it or settle into despair, we can take direct *local* action to highlight the need for climate action.

From the 31st October to 12th November 2021, the UK is co-hosting the 26th Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow, where the future of climate action will be discussed.

Environmental groups across the country, including Christian groups such as Christian Aid, are co-ordinating actions to highlight the urgency of the climate and ecological crisis to the world leaders.

We at Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth want to provide an opportunity for all groups, churches and people in our local area who want to tackle climate change, to join us in our local campaign – therefore we are contacting you.

Blackwater Valley FoE are planning a march and silent vigil on **Saturday 6th November 2021**. We will be walking from Aldershot High Street to Farnborough Town Centre, stopping for a silent vigil at Farnborough Airfield.

We will spotlight our message to the COP 26 leaders, such as:

No more investment in fossil fuels.

Stop all oil and gas extraction in the North Sea and across the UK in a way that is just to workers.

End all coal mining.

We are inviting your Church to join us on this day to bring your own message to leaders; because the more of us there are, the more of an impact there will be. We need to unite to push our leaders to bring climate change action to the top of their Agenda.

For more information, don't hesitate to email back for more information at **becca.cole.28@gmail.com**.

Love and solidarity,

Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth



Sad news

This month we must announce the sad news that **Pearl Davis** and **Judith Sutherland** have both passed away. They were both much loved members of our church family for many years.

Pearl was a very active member of our congregation for several years. She served a term as steward amongst other duties. She moved away to live in Farnham some years ago. Please remember her son, friends and family in your prayers.

Judith passed away on 13th September.

Judith was a very active member of our congregation for many, many years (probably 40+). She ran a daytime house group for some years, attended with enjoyment by several of our members past and present, holding many Saturday coffee mornings in her garden, where the sun always shone.

She was also a very enthusiastic stall holder at any fund-raising event. She always loved a bargain which she would always be happy to show you. She lost her dear husband Charles to Alzheimer's some years ago but carried on always very active, out and about, enjoying life. She loved reading and exploring ideas. She was ever so slightly eccentric in a lovely way. We missed her greatly after her health declined over the last few years and subsequently, she ended her days in a care home.

Please remember her son David and other family and friends in your prayers.

Vinyl Records Wanted

Thank you!

Dance Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Reggae Punk

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, 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.

Voice care as we return to singing

"Help! I've forgotten what it's like to sing! How can I care for my voice?" During the pandemic, many of us found that singing alongside one another was something we really missed. Now we're back in church and singing again, we may find that our voices are somewhat out of practice. They may crack more easily or become hoarse. We may not be able to hit the notes we thought we could. For some, this can be alarming.

As Methodists, we are used to approaching corporate song with the same vigour and enthusiasm we might use to run up a flight of stairs. But, after such a long time of not singing, we shouldn't be surprised if we need to *walk* the stairs for a time and acknowledge our need to get back to full condition. There is no need to become demoralised. With gentle persuasion and care – and a few helpful exercises – our voices can re-find their former strength.

Here are a few tips to help us get our voices back in training:

1. Warm up. Why not gently hum your favourite hymn or song quietly on the way to church? Alternatively, making a 'huh' sound (as if steaming up a window to draw on with your fingers) will encourage warm, moist air to envelop your vocal cords.

2. Breathing. Practise deep and centred breathing to relax your voice.
3. Drink lots of water. Staying hydrated is really important for our voices.
4. Sing little and often. You could sing a hymn or song every day to help you get back into practice, and maybe intentionally make it a point of worship within your day.
5. Not too loud! We can put more pressure on our voices by singing loudly, and so singing more quietly may help us build up our voices once again.
6. Take a break. Once you've sung, it might be helpful to rest your voice and have a quiet hour or so without talking. This is especially true if your voice sounds hoarse.
7. Don't be afraid to stop. However hard that might be with others singing all around, it may prevent any longer-term issues occurring.
8. Be patient! Much as we love to sing, we need to train our voices and give them time to build up again.

Work Party report—August 2021

The Work Week in August was mainly to cut the bushes back in the Car Park as well as tidy the path at the side of the Church. We also needed to clear the moss on the other side as it is the emergency exit path from the Church.

Thank you also to the ladies who gave the Church and Hall a thorough clean prior to it opening up completely.

Thank you to all concerned as the weather could have been an issue but the work that has been achieved has been great.

Rest assured I will be contacting you for another Work Party date in the near future as this is an ongoing issue!

My apologies for the lateness of this notice – this has been due to personal reasons.

Alison Fradgley

Recycled bras

Connect Counselling are unfortunately no longer collecting bras as the organisation that use to collect and redistribute them is no longer in business. Thank you for all the donations received over the years, it has helped finance the charity.

Sandra F

Hilary Tattershall

Hilary was born in Sheffield on 16 March 1946, the much wished-for child of Ernest and Hilda Dickinson who, six weeks after their marriage, had been separated for six years by Ernest's posting to India and the subsequent outbreak of the second world war – soldiers in the far east did not get home leave. Hilary was their only child.

She was bright and excelled at primary school and, having passed her eleven-plus went to Grange Grammar School for Girls. Again she excelled and in 1964 she went to Edinburgh University to read Biochemistry. She was already aware that she had defective sight in one eye and it turned out that this precluded her being able to do microscope work so she rapidly switched to the Chemistry course and graduated in 1967.



It was at Edinburgh that she became aware that Hilary could also be a boy's name as she received an invitation for a trial for the rugby XV!

She started work in the Materials Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough where she worked on carbon fibres, experimented with moon dust, developed some of the internal materials for Concorde, and also worked with the relatively new technique of mass spectrometry. At the time it appeared to her that there were few advancement opportunities there for women so she decided to become a teacher and was accepted for a Diploma in Education course at Sheffield University, where she could spend the year living with her parents.

She had already made these arrangements when Phil (who worked in the same building) finally steeled himself to ask her for a date only for him to be told that she was leaving in the summer. They joked later that if things hadn't worked out, he wouldn't have had to ditch her as things would just peter out! In fact Phil had popped the question within a couple of months of their first date and received the reply "Yes, please!".

After a year of Phil travelling north every few weekends, they married on 1st August 1970 at St Luke's Methodist Church in Crookes, Sheffield. 1st August was chosen partly because Hilary's dad could never remember the exact date of his wedding anniversary and so that Phil wouldn't be able to use that excuse!

Hilary's teaching career began at Heron Wood Secondary School in Aldershot. She had said on interview by Hampshire County Council that she didn't mind what type of school she taught in provided that it wasn't all girls – Heron Wood was all boys. She had an unpromising start, having been informed in her

welcome letter that term started one week after it actually did. She arrived on the Monday morning intending to look over her new job only to find that term had already started that morning and that an angry letter from the Headmaster was being typed asking where she was! She thus had to hastily start teaching without having prepared a lesson. Fortunately things improved considerably from then on; she enjoyed teaching and spent almost 10 years there, becoming Head of Chemistry.

In 1975-76 she had a year away from her job to study for a second degree, gaining an MSc in Chemical Education at Reading University.

Her reason for leaving teaching in 1980 was the imminent arrival of Alison, followed two and a half years later by Richard and she switched from being a full-time teacher to a full-time Mum. She took great pride in both of them and their achievements.

Hilary returned to education, initially teaching Maths part-time at her old School in Aldershot and then, from 1989 at Yateley School, teaching "Science" – a combination of subjects of which she did not really approve, preferring to teach her specialism of Chemistry. She also taught Chemistry at A level to the sixth form where she was very successful and where eventually she also taught both Alison and Richard. At the other side of the spectrum, she was acknowledged to be gifted in her ability to reach out and teach effectively to the less able students. In 2001 she left teaching, becoming disillusioned by what she termed as "stropky kids, pushy parents and government initiatives" and resigned to a life of retirement – or so she thought.

One of her neighbours worked in the Education Department at Broadmoor Hospital and asked whether Hilary would be prepared to tutor a couple of patients wanting to take Science GCSEs. Her part-time involvement there went well beyond those two patients and lasted for about 10 years and she found it very satisfying.

Hilary was a life-long Methodist and, besides being Secretary of the Methodist Society at University (otherwise known as the methsoc – no, they didn't drink meths!) she was a member of this church for 49 years during which she undertook a number of roles, including joint leader of the Network women's meeting and culminating in two spells as a Church Steward. Hilary came from a family of singers and was a good singer herself, singing with the Farnborough and RAE Amateur Operatic Society for more than 20 years. She and Phil were members of the choir of this church from the late 1970s and more recently in the Rejoice group here.

When she was young, Hilary always enjoyed the two-week summer holidays which she took with her Mum and Dad and this continued throughout her life. She was always keen to have holidays booked up well in advance – so there's one to Oban which she had booked and which Phil and Richard will be taking up in June next year. Hilary and Phil honeymooned in Scotland and it was a rare year in which Scotland did not feature in their holidays, with a general preference for the more rugged places of the north and west. Overseas travel also featured, initially in France and then encompassing Switzerland, USA, Norway and New Zealand. Latterly, she greatly enjoyed cruising on small ships.



For a long time Hilary enjoyed generally good health but it is not widely known that, particularly from the 1980s, she suffered bouts of clinical depression which eventually resulted in her being on permanent medication for the condition. There were some upsides, however as more recently she was not unwilling to make it known that she suffered from this and she was able to help where she knew that someone else was suffering.

For the last six or seven years of her life, Hilary suffered increasing mobility problems, aggravated by three falls where, in each case she landed on her knees on solid surfaces and for the last two years of her life she was registered as disabled. Recently, she had found increasing difficulty in getting upstairs – now her suffering is mercifully at an end.

Thankfully she retained her sense of

humour – shortly after she had passed away, Phil found in her bedside drawer an unsigned jokey wedding anniversary card which would have been exchanged with his just 4 days later.

Macmillan Coffee morning on 9th September

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We raised £180 for Macmillan Cancer Support with the Thursday Coffee morning and also coffee at

church on the Sunday.

We had a good turnout with both church members, friends and family, and toddler group mums.

There were lots of different cakes, many donated by Phil Tattershall and also some from Marks and Spencer.

We look forward to seeing you at our October coffee morning.

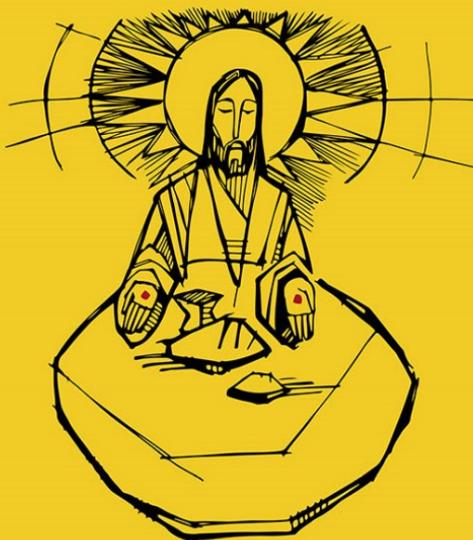
Sandra W

The Methodist Diary 2022...

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

The Methodist Diary 

2022



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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

A New Church for a New World

A six-week journey toward thriving in a pandemic-altered world

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Where?	Crowthorne Methodist Church
When?	Wednesday evenings from 6 th October – 10 th November 8pm
Who?	Open to anyone with an interest in finding out more
Why?	Because we want not only to survive but thrive as church communities
How?	We will watch the talks on a large screen in church as they go out live.

There will be opportunities for discussion both during and after each talk.

The six weeks will be shaped around the following six themes:

WEEK ONE **Coming to Grips With the New World**

The pandemic has been more than a global health crisis. It has shifted our world in multiple ways—and many of those ways have impacted faith communities profoundly. The pandemic has also affected every town, city and country differently. To build a strategy for navigating this new world, we first need to grasp the changes that have happened and how they affect us. Then we need to work through false hopes, unlikely predictions, and our own fears so that we can discern what is required for us to thrive in the future. This session is designed to provide these insights and help us observe our own communities more carefully, think more critically, and dream more creatively.

WEEK TWO **A New Worshipping Community**

In the last 18 months most churches have found ways to move their worship online. But for most of us, that move has been shaped and defined by how we used to do worship before lockdowns happened. We haven't known how to *reimagine* worship for the online space. In this session we will explore principles and best practices for online worship, offering strategies for any budget (including none). We will also explore the challenges and benefits of developing an intentional, creative online worship strategy and how to ensure your ministry remains sustainable for the long haul. We will also explore how online worship could potentially be affecting what people expect and need from in-person worship. This session will help us develop a guide for both online and in-person services.

WEEK THREE **A New Caring Community**

For decades—if not centuries—the pastor/minister was the centre of the Church community, and the primary caregiver to the congregation. But in recent times, clergy burnout has become a growing and disturbing trend. Few congregations function as true communities and few church leaders know how to move their churches toward a deeper sense of true community. In this session we will explore the purposes and characteristics of authentic community and how to nurture those qualities in your own church. We will also explore new ways of caring for a faith community and providing healthy pastoral care for members in their times of crisis.

WEEK FOUR **A New Growing Community**

Most pastors/ministers know that they are not the only voice shaping the faith and discipleship of their community, but few know how to help their people en-

gage with different faith perspectives and theological approaches in healthy and meaningful ways. Most discipleship programs have little impact on the real lives of people. And most teaching courses are designed around the sharing of information rather than leading people through an authentic process of transformation. In this session we will explore what disciple is and how life change actually happens. We will also come to grips with how the new, online world is informing and shaping the faith of our communities. We will then explore how to develop meaningful discipleship, teaching, and transformation both online and offline.

WEEK FIVE A New Serving Community

In many church communities, mission, outreach, and serving our neighbourhood have been done through programs or specific events and people who are set aside to do the work of service on behalf of the church. This strategy has become increasingly unsustainable and ineffective. And it leaves most people feeling that they are not 'called' or 'gifted' for service. In this session we will reimagine what it means to be a serving church and how to draw the entire congregation into serving your community. We will explore new ways of thinking about mission, evangelism, and outreach, and we will help you to discern what priorities your community should embrace as you reach out to your neighbourhood.

WEEK SIX A New Way of Sustaining Community

The majority of churches in our world today struggle to sustain themselves financially, structurally, and meaningfully. Church too easily and too often becomes a routine of going through motions and fighting to survive. Traditional ways of funding ministry are not working as they once did and are inadequate for the needs of most communities. And the systems and structures of many communities are outdated and unable to support the complexity of the work. In this final session we will explore innovative ways to fund ministry. And we will examine various technologies and platforms to streamline systems and structures. We will also review the entire course and ensure that all the action steps you have developed for your community are remembered and able to be put in motion.

The connexion magazine

the connexion is a free magazine about the life and work of the Methodist Church, bringing together inspirational stories from Methodist people who are passionate about sharing God's love to change lives.

As we emerge from lockdown, follow the stories in this issue of **the connexion** where people chose to 'be bold'. After all, Methodists have a proud tradition of courage: "Without a doubt Wesley was bold!"

Consider, too, the Church's finances in the Connexional report 2020, telling of the life of the Church and the bold choices being made.



Get set for an inspirational summer with *the connexion* – issue 23 Summer 2021 – 'Be Bold'

A bit of history

Sandhurst Historical Society (now sadly discontinued) provided information for Sandhurst Town Council, and amongst this is a page on the History of Sandhurst (Sandhurst.gov.uk/history.html)

Here is an excerpt:

...
The local population expanded with the arrival of the railways, College, Institutions and large houses. More houses were necessary for the workers, more schools for the children and more churches built. A Parish church existed on the site of St Michael's Parish Church from the 13th century and the present church was rebuilt in 1853. The Baptist Church was built in 1884 and the Wesleyan Methodist followed in 1906. The Catholic Church was completed in 1960 and St George's Owlsmoor in 1993.

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In 1862 St Michael's Church of England school was opened. Other schools followed, Old Scotland Hill in 1871, The Methodist in 1906 and College Town in 1907. Uplands and Owlsmoor primaries were added in 1962 and 1974. Secondary pupils were sent to Camberley and Bracknell until 1969 when Sandhurst Comprehensive was built. Situated in Owlsmoor Road it is now Sandhurst School.

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Does anyone know anything about the Methodist School? I wasn't aware that there had been one? Please do send information/photos to Sue for a future newsletter. Thanks.

Revd Roy Smith Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Revd Roy Smith will be held at
Crowthorne Methodist Church
on Saturday 2nd October at 2:30 pm

To book your place please contact Margaret Smith
Email: msmith670@btinternet.com
Or phone: 01865 379982 or 07761 838083

The service will also be Zoomed for those who are unable to be there in person.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 895 0223 2148
Passcode: 198817

(Please note that, if attending in person, the church requests that you take a Covid lateral flow test on the morning of the service or the evening before.)

Audrey and Roy Gamlin

Roy and Audrey are now together in Gracewell of Camberley Nursing Home.

These pictures were taken on 23rd September on the day of Roy's 90th birthday.

They are pictured with their two sons, Brian and David.



Happy Birthday Roy!

Babes and Tots has restarted



Wednesday mornings 10:30 to 12:00

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.

Book via the FaceBook page please: Babes and Tots—Sandhurst.

Sandhurst Churches together

10th October—Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church (Prisons Sunday)

14th November Remembrance Day Parade

21st November—St Michael's Church

Saturday 27th November Turning on the lights at the Sandhurst Memorial Park

Monday 13th December 7pm Carol Singing at the Village Inn led by Peter Ratcliffe (SBC)

Monday 20th December 6-8pm Carol Singing at The Meadows (SCT outreach)

Christian Aid quiz—postponed



The Christian Aid Quiz that should have happened on 2nd October has now been postponed until next May (2022). Date to be confirmed)

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.

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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.

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 14th October.



Christmas Fair 2021



We will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 20th November

2-4pm

Various stalls and tea and coffee

Do come and join us to help raise Church funds

Sandra W

Future Club 15 events

Suggestions and volunteers please for the November Club 15 event. Please let Sue T know if you have ideas for this date and would like to volunteer.

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.

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House Fellowship groups providing a friendly platform for discussion ...

Thursday House Group:

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 01252 872503
Next meeting **October 14th. Venue TBA**

Wednesday House Group:

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

Next meeting **October 6th.**



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **November** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 31st October 2021 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Wednesday October 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)

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=d1p0MlVXZDRlTFdpZTlZLzc0OEEdjdz09>
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.

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5th	2:30pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom Zoom Zoom
12th	7:30 pm	Church Council	Zoom
19th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
26th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom

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Flowers

3rd Barbara
10th Muriel
17th Heather
24th Sandra F
31st -

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 18/10/21 Sandra W and Wendy

Welcome

3rd Joan and Sandra W
10th We hope to have a welcome person again soon Alison F and Sonia
17th Jessica and Ann
24th Margaret P and Cynthia
31st Phil and Cynthia

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

Services



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3rd	10:30am	Mike Bowstead
10th	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Harvest Festival and Holy Communion)
	6:30pm	Sandhurst Churches Together service hosted by us.
17th	10:30am	Pauline Matondo
24th	10:30am	Sharon Wright
	6:30pm	Film night
31st	10:30am	Maggie Garton

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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