Services



January 2022

2nd	10:30am	Sharon Wright
9th	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion Covenant Service)
16th	10:30am	Pauline Matondo
	6:30pm	Sandhurst Churches Together service hosted by St Michael's choral service.
23rd	10:30am	Rev Mike Thomason
	6:30pm	Film night
30th	10:30am	Maggie Garton

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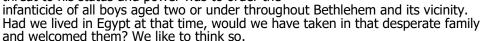


The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

Can you believe we are nearly at the end of the year?! We are in a better place than we were this time last year - regarding the Covid threat at least - but still the future is a little uncertain and we may feel we are not quite out of the woods yet. Across the world there are other more pressing concerns. As I write this, we have just had the news about the boat people who lost their lives trying to cross the Channel and whilst the problem of displaced people, genuine refugees and illegal immigration is a complicated one with no simple solutions, the tragedy reminds us that at its heart there is always a human story.

This is the time of year when we hear again the familiar Christmas readings, so familiar in fact that perhaps we don't even stop to think that Joseph and Mary with their little son Jesus were themselves a refugee family, fleeing from the political machinations of a jealous Herod, whose reaction to the perceived threat to his status and power was to order the



There are always surprises in the Christmas story when we look at it again with prayerful eyes and hearts, new ways in which God reveals himself to us.

This Advent we are going to approach the Christmas story from a slightly different angle as we follow the Advent course, 'They Sang' (more details below). Please do join it if you are able. It's too easy to get into a spiritual rut and Advent and Christmas, which should be a time of joy and the sharing of the message of the incarnation become instead a treadmill of jobs to be done and lists to be ticked. Taking time out to read the Bible, reflect on it with others and to pray is the perfect antidote to the secularism of this season which threatens to overwhelm. I leave you with the words of the first verse of John Bell's lovely Christmas hymn: Who would think? (set to the music, Scarlet Ribbons).

Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth? Who would think, despite derision, that a child would lead the way? God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.

May God surprise you with a glimpse of his heaven this Advent and Christmas and may you journey into 2022 knowing that he is by your side.

With every blessing this Christmas and always,

Sharon





December 2021

5th	10:30am	Mike Bowstead
12th	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
18th	3pm	Christingle with Rev Sharon
19th	10:30am	Carol Service (Local Arrangement)
24th		No Christmas Eve service
25th	10:30am	Christmas Day—Karen Glossop
26th		Recorded service

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January 2022 Rotas

Flowers

2nd Sue B 9th Ann H 16th Mary G 23rd Joyce

Diane K

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

30th

w/c 10/1/22 Sandra F and Mary A w/c 31/1/22 Alison F and Alison B

Welcome

Coffee

2nd Alison F and Cynthia

9th We hope to have a welcome Jessica and Ann H person again soon

16th Phil and Cynthia

23rd Alison B and Sandra F
30th Joan and Sandra W

Lifts to Church on Sunday morning

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Please do take advantage of this service—people really do want to help.

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Advent Course: They Sang (based on the Amy Scott Robinson study of the same name)

During each of the four weeks of Advent, this course looks at the four songs which feature in the Christmas story:

The song of Zechariah – a song of salvation

The song of Mary – a song of justice

The song of the angels – a song of peace and praise

The song of Simeon – a song of hope

We'll be reading, discussing and responding. We may even be listening to some songs!

Please do join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?

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Meeting ID: 950 9259 5018

Passcode: 063832

(If it comes up saying November 15th, please ignore – the meeting is valid any time.)

What's on?

December

Wednesday **1st December** Wednesday house group **Saturday 4th** and **Saturday 11th December**—Brightlights theatre

Tuesday 7th December Rejoice!

Thursday **9th December** Coffee morning, Thursday house group

Monday **13th December** Yateley Choral Society Carol

Concert, SCT Carol singing at the Village Inn

Wednesday **15th December** Club 15 Christmas meal Saturday **18th December** 3pm Christingle with Sharon

Sunday 19th December 10:30 Carol Service Local Arrangement

Monday **20th December** 6pm Christmas Service at The Meadows

Friday **24th December** no Christmas Eve service

Saturday **25th December** 10:30 am Christmas Day Service with Karen

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Sunday **26th December** recorded service—details later

January

Saturday **1st January** Organ recital at High Cross

Tuesday 4th January Rejoice!

Thursday **5th January** Thursday house group

Sunday **9th January** 10:30 Covenant Service with Holy Communion with Sharon

Thursday 13th January Coffee morning

Saturday **15th January** Club 15 planning meeting—zoom Sunday **16th January** SCT Choral service at St Michael's

Sunday 23rd January Film Night

Congratulations to Gil and Richard



Richard and I married on 4th November 1961 at St Mary's church in Cuddington, Worcester Park, Surrey.

We started our married life in West Timperley Cheshire and we both worked In Manchester.

Later we moved to New Mills, North Derbyshire and came back south in 1971.

Gil

And to Anne and Mike

Through lives ups and downs we made it..

Thanks to everybody who were there for us at all times.

Mike



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19th

12th

26th - (no service)

Phil

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Spiritual Development Group



The spiritual development group organise:

Regular Prayer meetings and evening Bible Study, every Tuesday evening Rejoice! (1st Tuesday)

Please join us
—or speak to Keq, Sharon or Sue for more details.

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

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95092595018? pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiT3ZiWTkwOGJXQ0o3QT09

Meeting ID: 950 9259 5018 Passcode: 063832

Same link for Stewards meetings and Church Council.

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

December	2021	
7th 2:30pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Advent course	Schoolroom Zoom Zoom
14th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Advent course	Zoom Zoom
21st 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Advent course	Zoom Zoom
January	2022	
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4th 2:30pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
7:30 pm	Prayer Group	Zoom
7:30 pm 8:00 pm 11th 7:30 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study Prayer Group	Zoom Zoom Zoom

New Years Day Organ Recital



3pm on 1st January 2022

at High Cross Church Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3SY

To be given by

Peter Beaven

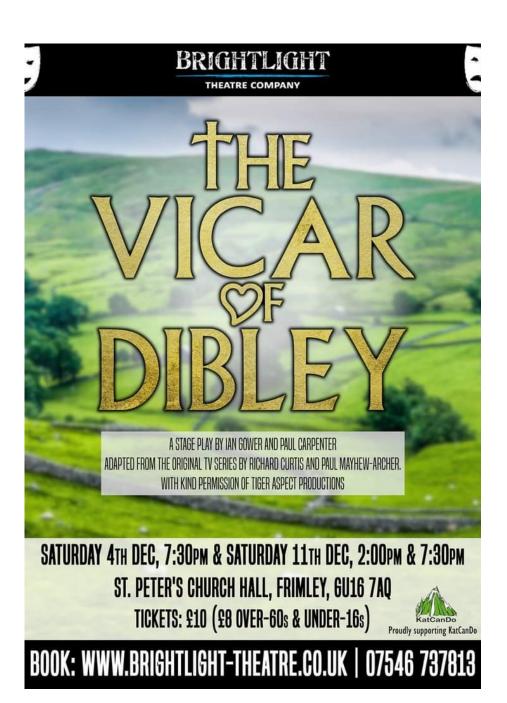
Organist and Director of Music The Royal Memorial Chapel Sandhurst

Music will include

Seasonal Christmas Goodies by: Bach, Guilmant, D'Aquin, Richard Liebert, John Ireland, Keith Chapman and Pietro Yon

There is no charge for admission, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of Camberley Street Angels
Please check for latest information on

www.highcrosscamberley.co.uk
For more organ recitals see www.organrecitals.com



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 Heather Brown
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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 **December 9th** at Robert's

Wednesday House Group:

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

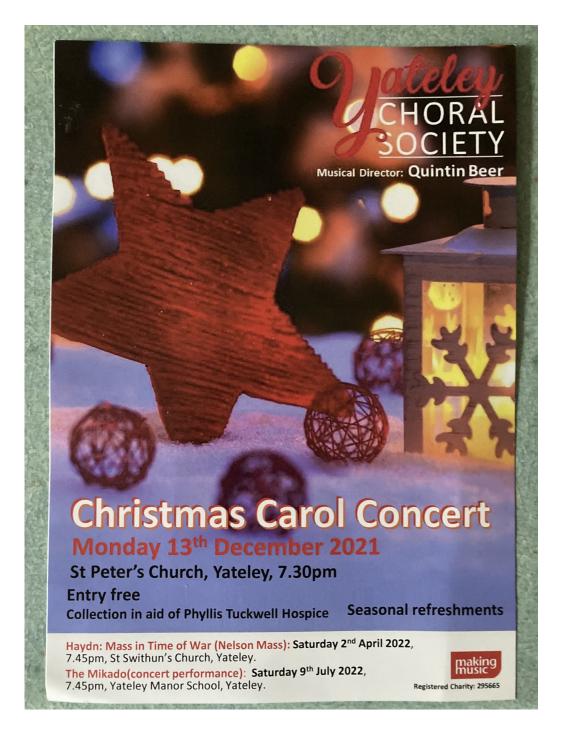
Next meetings **1st December and 5th January** at Alison and Graham's—but check with Alison and Graham nearer the time.

Newsletter and Website newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **February 2022** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 23rd January 2022 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday January 16th 2022.**

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)



Digital Piano - good home required

Phil Tattershall has a Yamaha Digital Piano YDP -162 which he no longer requires.

It is about 7 years old, black, is full size with 88keys and has hardly been used.

No charge as such but if the new owner wished, a donation to church funds would be appreciated.

For further details see Phil.



Donations

Every year we donate as a church to a number of charities.

We already have some suggestions as to which charities we should support this year, but please do let the stewards have your suggestions as soon as possible.

Just email to steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk, or speak to a steward. Thanks



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

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Tinned custard, long life milk, lunchbox snacks, packet instant custard

Handwash, kids toothbrushes, women's deodorant, 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, beans, ketchup, breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, coffee, tea bags, rice, baby powder milk, soap, men's shaving gel, shampoo and conditioner, cup a soup, 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.

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. These coffee mornings are now up and running again.

Do put the date in your diary and pop along if you are free between 10:30 and 12 midday.

The next coffee mornings will be on Thursday 9th December 2021 and Thursday 13th January 2022



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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

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)

Sunday **January 16th** St Michael's—is a choral service as well as having hymns for the congregation to sing.

If anyone would like to join the choir then please get in touch with the choir director Karen Phillips on karen32phillips@gmail.com

Everyone else is welcome to come along and join the congregation—and just turn up on the night.

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.

Yateley Choral Society

Yateley Choral Society (YCS) held their first major concert in 2 years on November 13th.

It was a celebration of being able to sing again and the first half had pieces from Mozart, Mendelssohn and Boyle.

However the highlights were 2 songs by the contemporary composers Sarah Quartel and Elaine Hagenberg plus Parry's "Blessed Pair of Sirens". The Quartel song was enjoyed so much the choir are singing one of her carols at their Carol Service on 13th December.

After the interval, Vivaldi's Gloria rang out and sparked, lifting the spirits of the audience with the 2 guest soloists Ellen Lloyd Roberts and Rebecca Leggett in stunning form.

It was a great evening and showed that YCS were back!

Date for your diary: **Saturday April 2nd 2022** for Haydn's "Nelson Mass"

Wilf

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2021



Thank you for the Shoe Boxes you filled for Eastern European Families and the Elderly this year. There were 13 boxes in all plus a couple of monetary donations. This was three down on last year – this was my fault as I wasn't quick enough to realise that I needed to contact them rather then them contact me as an existing co-ordinator. After this of course I was distracted by a personal bereavement.

Sharon has very kindly delivered the shoe boxes to a lady in Ascot who removed all the 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 I promise that normal service will be resumed!

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

Alison Fradgley

Club 15 Introduction to the National Trust



In November, David Hunt from St Michael's kindly gave a Zoom talk on his experiences visiting NT properties around the UK over 40 years!!

Those of us Club 15 members who zoomed in enjoyed seeing and hearing a little about many different sites he has visited and I am sure those of us who are members will be adding new places on our lists of possible visits. I was certainly reminded of places I had had been to and also enjoyed.

Whilst writing, for those of you who haven't yet been to West Green Gardens, Hartley Whitney (free as an NT member or $\pounds 9.00$ a visit), it's well worth going if you like a compact garden with lots of interesting things in all seasons to see as well as currently having a Christmas shop! I think the evening lighted walks are sadly fully booked but I imagine them to be wonderful.

https://www.westgreenhouse.co.uk/

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/

Rejoice!

October 5th saw our first Rejoice session since before lock-down.

It was lovely to have several new faces and I think we all enjoyed being able to sing favourite hymns once again.

Thank you to Mary for taking over on the piano and allowing me to have a sing.



Next months Rejoice! will be on 7th December and then 4th January 2022

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The Leprosy Mission



This Christmas, hospitals in India urgently need your help.

The last year has left hospitals in India at breaking point. Many of the hospitals were designated Covid response

centres but no extra funding has been received to provide those services. Lockdown and Covid meant that private general patients couldn't come in for treatment. The fees they pay usually subsidise the ocst of the vital care needed by thousands of people affected by leprosy.

All of this has left Leprosy Mission hospitals in Inda with a huge financial deficit. The situation is now desperate. They urgently need to care for people affected by leprosy.

If you feel you could make a donation please follow this link leprosymission.netdonor.net/page/93285/donate

A prayer for the people whose lives were ended in the English Channel

Following the tragic deaths of 27 people in the English Channel, the Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, offer the following prayer:



Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee.

We pray for those whose lives were ended in the English Channel.

Men, women and children searching for a better life, seeking a better life only to find death in the chilly depths.

We pray for those still determined to make that journey no matter what the risks.

O God, help us, in the West, to urge our political leaders to find a better solution to the migrant crisis as people try to escape from persecution, war and poverty.

May we campaign for more safe corridors so that the people smugglers cannot continue to prey on the desperation of others.

May we open our hearts to the refugees in our midst remembering that the Holy Family journeyed to Egypt to escape the murderous intentions of the Herod.

We ask these prayers in and through the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Carol Service—moved!

This year our Carol Service has moved.... Not from Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church, not from the last Sunday before Christmas, but from an evening to a morning service.

So our traditional carol service will be on **Sunday 19th December at 10:30am.**

So come along, join in with your favourite carols and hear your favourite readings. Bring family and friends to start your Christmas with a smile on your face.

And please remember to bring a mask and wrap up warm! Wilf

Club 15 planning meeting for 2022

The usual planning meeting will be held by Zoom on Saturday **15th January** at 1930 using Sue T's Zoom room.

Please come armed with a diary and ideas.

2021 was a bit of a struggle...

Thanks Sue T

Topic: Sue Truby's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2235083456? pwd=U044Ni9mMWxPOCtGL3pha2RXZE1idz09

Meeting ID: 223 508 3456

Passcode: 1uJbNN

Christmas Fair

We were pleased to hold our Annual Christmas Fair again this year and raised £650 for church funds.

There was our normal tombola, raffle, cakes and cards.

We had additional games for the children which were enjoyed by all the children who attended.

Particular thanks to Margaret Schaap for raising nearly £200 from the sale of her hand painted cards, and to Ann Wooledge for all her Christmas donations.

Many church members kindly gave additional donations in support of the event.

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Our next event will hopefully be at Easter.

Sandra and Wendy

Club 15 Christmas Meal



The Club 15 Christmas Meal is booked for **Wednesday 15th December**,

Deposits and menu choices have been taken. If you'd still like to come please contact **Karen ASAP**

Starters:

Potted Hot smoked salmon with Melba toast Roasted Butternut Squash soup with crusty bread and butter

Chicken Liver Pate with balsamic onion chutney and Toasted Brioche Asian Duck salad with toasted sesame seeds, cashew nuts and a hoisin dressing Goat's cheese, walnut and spinach crusted mushrooms with a white wine & chive cream sauce

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Festive Trimmings
Smoked Haddock & Leek savoury crumble with peas & carrots
Steak, Guinness & blue cheese pot pie with mash potato
Monkfish, Salmon, Prawn & Chorizo stew with peppers, butter beans & Spinach
Wild Mushroom, Gruyere cheese, sundried tomato pancake gateau with chive
cream sauce

Desserts

Homemade Christmas pudding with Brandy Sauce Selection of Cheese and Biscuits Orange Crème Brulee served with Cranberry sable biscuit Chocolate tart served with raspberry sorbet and fresh raspberries Vanilla Parfait served with mulled berry compote

£25 per person

Coffee and Cleaning rotas

We really could do with more people for both of these rotas.

Please talk to Alison F alison@gfradgley or 01276 36631/07811 870183

COP 26



Local Christian Aid supporters showed their support for climate justice by joining the NE Hampshire COP 26 March on November 6th.

This was part of a national day of action to raise awareness of climate issues and put pressure on the COP 26 delegates to reach an agreement to limit the rise in world temperatures to 1.5 degrees.

Christian Aid will continue to campaign for climate justice to limit the impact of floods and draughts on the poorest in the world.

Wilf

Impossible Choices



This Christmas, Christian Aid are appealing for support for those Mums who are having to make decisions that no one should have to make.

The climate crisis in South Sudan is polluting fragile water sources, killing crops and

destroying homes.

Combined with years of conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic, it's forcing mums to make impossible choices for their children.

Dirty water, or none at all?

A morsel of food each, or a bigte4r portion for one? School fees , or materials to rebuild the family home?

Use the link below to see a short video of what is going on and what can be done and how to make a donation.

Your Christmas gifts could help families in South Sudan and around the world stand strong with more boreholes, farming support and the chance to set upa small business.

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal

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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



Despite everything we've been through



- Best Gifts

Don't know what to get as a Christmas present for that awkward uncle or funny nephew?

Look no further....

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

Film night—upcoming ... January 23rd

The next Film night is

on the 4th Sunday in January—23rd

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

The film in October will be chosen by Heather :-)



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