

Services



April 2022

3rd	10:30am	Local arrangement
10th Palm Sunday	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:30pm	Jerusalem Joy at St John's Crowthorne
14th Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Rev Sharon Gardner (supper and Holy Communion)
15th Good Friday	10:00 am	Rev Sharon Gardner, Maggie and Colin Garton
	12:45 am	SCT service at The Meadows—a short act of worship and witness
17th Easter Sunday	10:30am	Sharon Wright
24th	10:30am	Doreen Murgatroyd
	6:30pm	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

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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Newsletter April 2022



The Minister writes...



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Dear friends,

In previous years my 'Easter letter' has focused on the resurrection joy of Easter Sunday morning. This year, with all that is happening in Ukraine, it feels more appropriate to linger on Good Friday with its themes of darkness, betrayal, injustice, suffering and death. A time when it seemed that evil had the upper hand.

It seems like that now. We watch the news and are appalled. We feel powerless to enact change or make a significant difference. We want to help but how should we respond? What can we do? There are some things we can do of course. Keep ourselves abreast of what is happening even though the news is painful to watch because awareness leads to understanding, understanding to solidarity and solidarity to compassion. And we can give: give of our money to support the emergency relief organisations and give of our time and care in prayer. Perhaps you could even be one of those who gives of your hospitality by offering space in your own home for refugees?

Like the psalmist, we cry out 'How long, oh Lord?' And the despairing words of Jesus on the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' are echoed in the anguished pleas of those fighting for or fleeing from Ukraine: 'God, oh God, why have you forsaken us?'

Yet Christ's death on the Cross was not the end of the story, nor will the present suffering of a whole nation be the end of *this* story. The empty tomb speaks of love that has conquered sin and death and just as the women's tears of mourning turned to tears of resurrection joy, so there will be a new and better day to come when goodness will overcome evil and those who grieve and suffer

April 2022 Rotas

Flowers

3rd Diane K
10th -
17th Sue T
24th Karen G
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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 4/4/22 Alison F and Alison B
w/c 25/4/22 Sandra W and Wendy H

Welcome

3rd Alison B and Sandra F
10th We hope to have a welcome person again soon Joan T and Sandra W
17th Alison F and Cynthia R
24th Jessica R and Ann H

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
Rejoice! (1st 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.

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?
pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiT3ZiWTkwOGJXQ0o3QT09](https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiT3ZiWTkwOGJXQ0o3QT09)

Meeting ID: 950 9259 5018
Passcode: 063832

Same link for Stewards meetings and Church Council.

Lent Study topic: 'Why Would a Good God Allow Suffering?'

April

2022

5th	7:30 pm 8.00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 5)	Zoom Zoom
12th	2:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 6)	Schoolroom Zoom Zoom
19th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	No Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
26th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom

Praise and Prayer

There are no plans to restart Praise and Prayer but please keep your eyes peeled for something different starting in May. More in our next Newsletter and notices

at the hands of their enemies will rejoice once more.

Many well-known and beautiful hymns are sung around this time but maybe the words of this less familiar one by Brian Wren seem poignantly apt this Eastertide:

*Here hangs a man discarded, a scarecrow hoisted high,
a nonsense pointing nowhere to all who hurry by.*

*Can such a clown of sorrows still bring a useful word,
when faith and love seem phantoms and every hope absurd?*

*Life, emptied of all meaning, drained out in bleak
distress,
can share in broken silence our deepest emptiness.*

*And love that freely entered the pit of life's despair,
can name our hidden darkness and suffer with us
there.*

*Christ, in our darkness risen, help all who long for
light
to hold the hand of promise till faith receives its
sight.*

May the eternal hope of Easter be yours today and
always.

Sharon



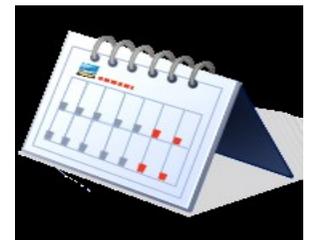
What's on?

March

27th Film night
29th Stewards' meeting

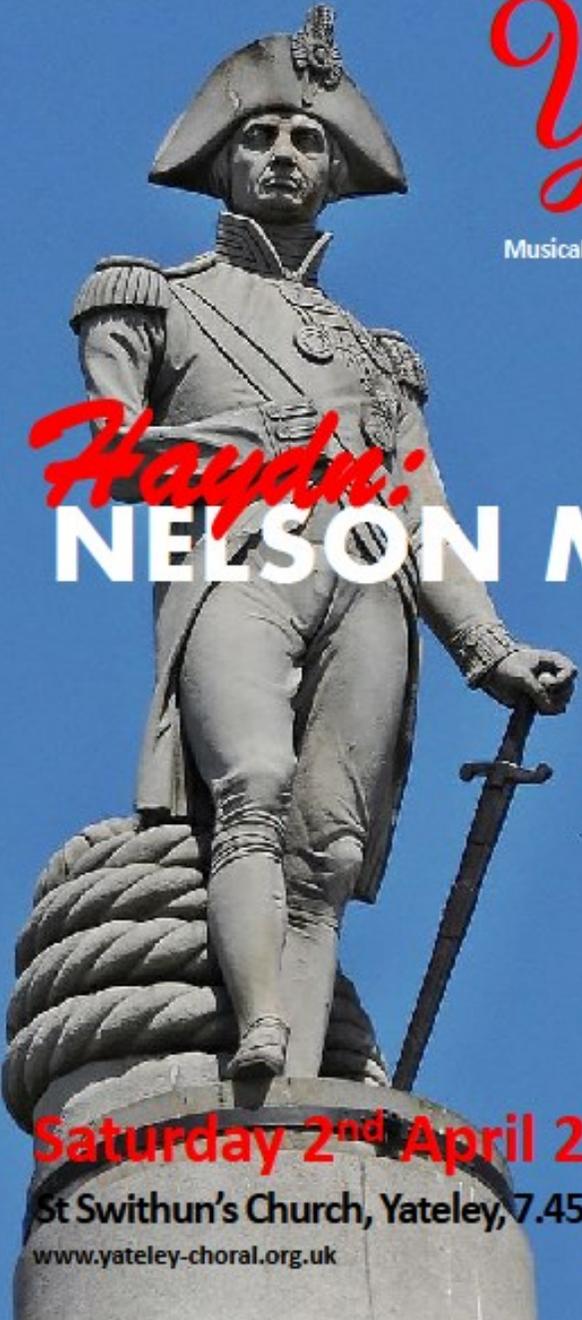
April

2nd Easter Fair, YCS
9th Messy Easter
10th Palm Sunday service, Jerusalem Joy
14th Maundy Thursday We will host this for Sand-
hurst and Yateley, Bagshot and Crowthorne
15th April Good Friday service, SCT service at The Meadows, Club * walk
17th Easter Sunday service
18th Marriage Blessing of Jonny and Seb Bell



May

21st Christian Aid Quiz



Yateley
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Musical Director: Quintin Beer

Haydn:
NELSON MASS

Saturday 2nd April 2022
St Swithun's Church, Yateley, 7.45pm
www.yateley-choral.org.uk

Registered Charity: 295665 

Minister		
<p>Rev Sharon Gardner minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk 01344 774967</p> <p>Pastoral leader Margaret Picken pastoral@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk</p>		
Church Stewards—steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk		
Karen Glossop	01344 762407	Senior Steward
Sandra Wooledge	01344 775177	
Heather Brown	01252 655419	
Matt Rowell	01344 775744	
House Fellowship groups providing a friendly platform for discussion ...		
<p>Thursday House Group—note now at 14:30</p> <p>Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 01252 872503 No meeting in April—Maundy Thursday</p> <p>Wednesday House Group:</p> <p>at Alison and Graham Fradgley's 3 Forbes Chase, Sandhurst</p> <p>Next meeting Wednesday 6th April at Alison and Graham's</p>		
		
Newsletter and Website newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk		
<p>Contributions for the May 2022 Newsletter (in church on Sunday 24th April 2022 or website) should be with Sue Truby by Sunday April 17th 2022.</p> <p>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)</p>		

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Carton juice.

Hair conditioner, adult toothbrushes, ladies deodorant, men's deodorant, men's shower gel.

Bin bags, bleach, Anti-bacterial spray, washing tablets, handwash.

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, men's shaving gel, pot noodles, cup a soup.

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 **fourth Thursday** in the month. Note the change from being on the second Thursday.

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 morning will be on Thursday 28th April



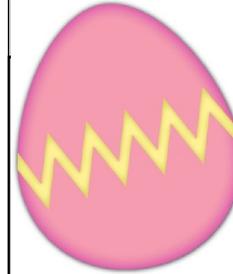
Whitechapel Mission



Maggy has thanked us all for our generous donations to the Whitechapel Mission which she and her husband take each year. However Maggy and Colin will be travelling by train next November rather than their car, and so all they can take in future are the small toiletries that come from visits to hotels and from aeroplanes. So please do keep collecting these and if you need the space at home, bring to the Vestry at Church.

Many thanks Keg

Messy Easter 9th April 3pm



Family fun, worship, Easter crafts, palm crosses and Easter egg hunt.

Especially suitable for younger families but all ages welcome (including grandparents)!

Prayers for Ukraine



**SANDHURST METHODIST
CHURCH**

EASTER FAIR

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL

2PM TO 4PM

Gifts, Tombola, Cards, Games, Re-
freshments.

Do come along and join us

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you need us most

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- Free bereavement advice and support
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- Wide choice of memorials for burials

Sandhurst

337 Yorktown Road,
College Town, GU47 0QA

01276 33241



www.camberleyanddistrict.co.uk

Babes and Tots

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

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday) - Joint Sandhurst Churches Together and Crowthorne Churches Together venture—Jerusalem Joy.

Good Friday 15th April SCT service at The Meadows 12:45

Sunday 8th May—Sandhurst Baptist Church

Sunday 12th June—St Georges

Sunday 10th July—Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

Sunday Coffee Rota Volunteers—urgent

We now have even fewer people on the Coffee Rota and it is becoming much more difficult to find enough volunteers to fill out the rota.



If you feel you are able to help it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact me for more details.

Alison Fradgley 01276 36631 alison@gfradgley.com

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 * for 2022

Good Friday 15th April—nature walk with Robert.

The repeat planning meeting took place on 15th March and after some discussion we decided not to organise anything after this Good Friday nature walk.

If you would like to volunteer to organise anything,

- on any date (doesn't have to be 15th) - so now Club * not Club 15
- at any time of day

Please just let Sue T know in plenty of time so that it can be advertised in the newsletter.

Film night—upcoming ... April 24th

The next Film night is

on the **4th Sunday in April—24th**

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

The film will be chosen by Doug W :-)



Rejoice!

October 5th saw our first Rejoice session since before lockdown.

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 **5th April 2022**

Jerusalem Joy Palm Sunday 6:30 pm
St Johns Church Crowthorne



Christian Aid Quiz



Christian Aid Quiz

Saturday 21st May 2022

St George's Church, Owlsmoor

Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start



£10 entry including a choice of a fish, veggie burger
or sausage 'n' chip supper.
£5 if you don't want a supper!

There will be a raffle and envelopes for donations
All proceeds will go to **Christian Aid**
Please drop raffle donations off at the Baptist Church, Sandhurst
Please give numbers and menu choices to either
Keg or Louise at:
kegferretfan@aol.com thetidangel@gmail.com
By Sat 21st May

EVENTS FROM (JUST BEFORE) PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER DAY 2022

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 3pm MESSY EASTER

Family fun, worship, Easter crafts, palm crosses and Easter egg hunt. Especially suitable for younger families but all ages welcome (including grandparents)!

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 10.30am PALM SUNDAY

Worship led by Revd. Sharon. Includes Communion

6.30pm JERUSALEM JOY

This Palm Sunday event, a joint initiative between Crowthorne and Sandhurst Churches Together, will be held at St John's Church in Crowthorne. We will travel with Jesus from Jerusalem to the Cross to the songs of Roger Jones' musical of the same name. Some of our own people are in it, both as singers, soloists and musicians! Please do put this in your diary and come along. It should be a wonderful lead into Holy Week.

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL

7.30pm Prayer group by Zoom followed by
8pm Last session of our challenging Lent study: Why would a good God allow suffering?

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 7pm SUPPER FOLLOWED BY COMMUNION.

Hosted by ourselves, our friends from Bagshot and Crowthorne Methodist Churches will be joining us. (Please let the stewards know if you hope to attend for catering purposes.)

GOOD FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

10am SERVICE led by Revd Sharon with Maggy and Colin Garton guiding us through a reflection on the Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL SANDHURST CHURCHES TOGETHER 12.45 – 1.30pm at The Meadows.

- a short act of worship and witness based on the "One Friday" book. Readings, prayers and music to tell the Good Friday story. The event will be very visual with large boards with posters telling the story and a band to lead the singing. We will need some volunteers to read and give out literature on the day. Contact Louise Ratcliffe thetidyangel@gmail.com if you can help. Please do come and support this opportunity to bring the message of Good Friday and Easter to the shoppers.

EASTER SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

10.30am worship led by Sharon Wright. Come and celebrate the joy of Easter!

Jerusalem Joy Palm Sunday

6.30pm JERUSALEM JOY

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Club * walk on Good Friday

Would anyone like to join me for a 5 mile country walk around Bramshill and the River Blackwater on Good Friday? We'll set off from the car park along the Bramshill Road at SU760613 at 2:30pm. Please let me know if you are interested or would like more details, and to be kept informed in case there's a change of plan.

Robert Godden



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

Marriage blessing Monday 18th April 11am at Crowthorne Methodist Church

Jonny & Seb Bell (Jonny Cunningham as was) invite all their friends from Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church to celebrate the blessing of their marriage. After the short ceremony, there will be light refreshments served. It will be a joyous occasion and a chance to wish them well, as Jonny has completed his training and been stationed. He will start his ministry as a probationer presbyter in September when he and Seb move to pastures new.



Ukraine Emergency Appeal The Methodist Church

All We Can and The Methodist Church in Britain have launched an emergency appeal in response to events unfolding in Ukraine.

As communities face violence, upheaval, and the trauma of war, your urgent support is needed. Working together with the Global Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain, donations will be used to support the response to the crisis happening in Ukraine and ensure that critical humanitarian assistance is available to those who need it.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine today, and give all you can to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Your gift today will be used to meet emergency needs.

You can make a donation online here:
<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donations/ukraine/>

Have any questions?

- We're happy to help. You can contact one of our friendly Supporter Care team by calling +44 (0)20 7467 5132 or emailing info@allwecan.org.uk
- If you wish you can choose to donate over the phone or post cheques to All We Can, Ukraine Emergency Appeal, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR UK
- All We Can uses Stripe to securely and safely process payments.

If total donations exceed need, we will use them to respond to other emergencies.

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One Drop Envelopes

For Christian Aid Week, a new scheme is being tried out where you put your name and address on some Christian Aid envelopes and drop them into friends & neighbours. They then hopefully make a donation and drop the envelope back through your door.

Pretty easy, so if you'd like to know more or take part, please contact me.

Every little helps!
Wilf

Christian Aid Week May 15th – 21st 2022

With Christian Aid Week coming up I'd usually be sharing stories with you of the work Christian Aid is doing through its partners in some far flung place in the world. Whilst this will be covered next month the impact of the invasion of Ukraine takes precedent.

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British & Irish Churches, to respond to the refugee & displaced persons crisis after World War 2. No one thought that 77 years later Christian Aid would be called upon again to help in Europe in similar circumstances. So far Christian Aid has launched an appeal for Ukraine as part of the Disaster Emergency Committee. Through partners such as Hungarian Interchurch Aid and the Lutheran World Federation vital essentials are being supplied to refugees. Now as in 1945, the aim is to enable, equip & support partner churches in their work.

Also need to give a mention to "All We Can"...the operating name of the Methodist Relief & Development Fund, who were quick of the mark in fundraising for Ukraine and in getting aid delivered.

If you wish to donate, see the links below:

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/ukraine/>

https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1?ApproachCode=CAM-003194&_ga=2.20324216.1536160226.1647861432-873280265.1647328404

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Christian Aid Quiz

There is a poster later in the newsletter advertising this which is on **Saturday May 21st**.

It is the best quiz of the year with a superb quizmasters so get a team up now.....the fish & chips are ace too!