

Services



March 2022

6th	10:30am	Pater Whalley
13th	10:30am	Rev S Funnell
	6:30pm	SCT service at Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church led by Rev Sharon
20th	10:30am	Christine Morgan
27th	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:30pm	Film night

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www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

And **Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church Newsletter March 2022



The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

As I write this, the situation in Ukraine becomes increasingly grave as Russia's dawn missile bombardment marks a declaration of war and Russian troops advance on Kyiv (Kiev). There are reports of hundreds of thousands trying to flee on gridlocked roads. The world looks on horrified and appalled. Whilst the UK and the US issue tough sanctions most of us feel helpless to know how we can help, what we can do.

One way might be a donation to one of the emergency appeals such as UNICEF or the British Red Cross or #Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal which was set up earlier this month by the Association of Ukrainians in UK.

Another way is to help curb the spread of disinformation. The Ukrainian Crisis Media Centre says that we should look for 'reliable and fact-checked news' and also to boycott Russian goods and services.

As Christians we have another means of supporting Ukraine as we can – indeed MUST – turn to God in prayer. Almost all the churches have published prayers on their websites and social media and the one from the Methodist Church UK is printed below, but sometimes our own words, spoken from the heart, are the best – inadequate though we may feel them to be. I urge you to pray and to continue to pray. The worst thing we could do at this time is to become inured and turn deaf ears and blind eyes to what is going on. This is a political war with human suffering an inevitable outcome; it is also a spiritual war in which prayer is a powerful weapon.

The current news is so overwhelming that it is hard to think beyond it, but we are about to enter Lent, that traditional time of abstinence and penance. It is a time when we often choose to forgo some luxury and spend more time in prayer. We think of the words that are spoken at Ash Wednesday services, such as the Circuit Service at Woosehill (see elsewhere in this newsletter): 'Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' The words take on new meaning as we remember the fragility of life and the need to be close to Jesus at all times.

Our Lent study this year seems more than usually relevant in the circumstances. It is entitled '*Why would a good God allow suffering?*' and is adapted from a study of the same name by Discovery House Publishers who also bring you '*Our Daily Bread*' Bible study notes. It will be held on Tuesday evenings by Zoom (details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and in our notices). If you are unable to Zoom but would like to follow the course on your own at home, please let me know and I will make notes available for you.

It is hard not to be brought low by the knowledge of what is going on but please



March 2022 Rotas

Flowers

6th Marian L
13th Wendy H
20th Mary A
27th Alison F
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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 14/3/22 Sandra F and Mary A

Welcome

6th Joan T and Sandra W
13th We hope to have a welcome person again soon Alison F and Cynthia R
20th Jessica R and Ann H
27th Phil T and Cynthia R

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?](https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiITZiIWIWkwOGJXQ0o3QT09)
[pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiITZiIWIWkwOGJXQ0o3QT09](https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiITZiIWIWkwOGJXQ0o3QT09)

Meeting ID: 950 9259 5018
Passcode: 063832

Same link for Stewards meetings and Church Council.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study/Praise and Prayer/Rejoice won't start yet.

March

2022

1st 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 1)	Zoom Zoom
8th 2:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 2)	Schoolroom Zoom Zoom
15th 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 3)	Zoom Zoom
22nd 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study (Lent Study 4)	Zoom Zoom
29th 7:30 pm	No Prayer Group/Bible Study—Stewards meeting	Zoom

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

Lent Study 5 5/4/22
Lent study 6 12/4/22

remember that we have a God whose love is stronger than death, whose light in Christ the darkness can never overcome.

In love and prayer,
Sharon



Prayer for Peace for Ukraine from the Methodist Church

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

What's on?

March

1st Lent Study starts

2nd Ash Wednesday circuit service, House group

4th World Day of Prayer

8th Rejoice! (Not 1st)

10th House group

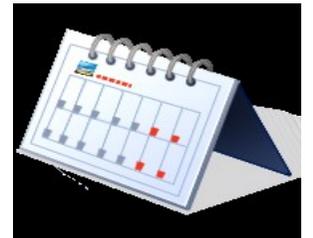
13th SCT service here

15th Club 15 planning—contact Sue T

24th Coffee morning

27th Film night

29th Stewards' meeting



April

2nd YCS

10th Jerusalem Joy

Special Church meeting

Sunday 27th February 22

To all members and adherents of Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church:

Dear Church Family,

You will recall, I am sure, the announcement of the 2021 Methodist Conference held in June, that the UK Methodist Church is to permit same-sex marriages to be conducted in its churches. That resolution was carried by 254 to 46 votes. It was the culmination of a pilgrimage of faith and prayer which began in 1990 and has included such significant milestones as the 1993 resolutions on human sexuality.

It is also a journey in which the whole of the Methodist Church has been invited to participate, most recently through the *God in Love Unites Us* series of study and discussions which took place in every circuit across the UK, including at this church.

Although the overarching Methodist Church decision was made at Conference, it was nevertheless left up to each individual church to decide whether or not it wished its premises to be registered for same-sex marriages. Whilst the final decision could only be made by the Church Trustees (i.e. the Church Council), it was felt by our church that it would be good to include the wider church in the decision-making process.

To that end, a special General Church Meeting was held here yesterday afternoon. Following Connexional guidance, time was spent in prayer, discernment and discussion. The influence of Scripture, Church tradition, reason and ours and others' experience of God was brought to bear in coming to a decision. **The 'indicative vote' by the General Church Meeting was strongly in favour of registering our premises for same-sex marriage. That vote was ratified in the final vote by Church Council.**

This decision will be warmly received by many among you, but others may struggle with it. I ask that we hold one another in love and prayer even whilst living with contradictory convictions, as indeed we have done in the past, for example over such issues as divorce and remarriage.

If anyone wishes to speak to me or one of the stewards as a result of today's announcement, you are most welcome to do so.

With peace and every blessing,

Sharon Gardner (Revd.)
o.b.o. Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church Council

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

Thursday House Group—note now at 14:30

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 01252 872503
Next meeting **Thursday March 10th** at Robert's

Wednesday House Group:

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

Next meetings **Wednesday 2nd March** at Alison and Graham's—but check with Alison and Graham nearer the time.



Newsletter and Website

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Contributions for the **April 2022** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 27th March 2022 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday March 20th 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)

Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

Carton juice, porridge, sponge puddings, 6 pack crisps.

Hair conditioner, adult toothbrushes

Bin bags, kitchen sponges

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, pot noodles, 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 **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 24th March



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

Easter services

Advance details for **Easter**

Saturday 9th April Afternoon crafts for children

Palm Sunday 10th April morning service

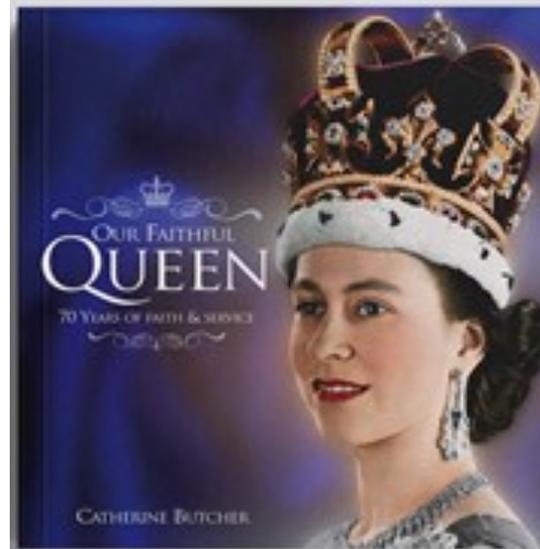
Palm Sunday 10th April evening joint Crowthorne and Sandhurst Churches

Together musical: Jerusalem Joy by Robert Jones

Maundy Thursday 14th April 7pm We will host this for Sandhurst and Yateley, Bagshot and Crowthorne

Good Friday 15th April service

Easter Sunday 17th April service



To celebrate **the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** the following book is being published:

"Our Faithful Queen by Catherine Butcher

This 64-page gift book full of photos includes rarely-seen prayers from a book of devotions written for the Queen to use from 1 May to 2 June 1953 – her Coronation Day. Published in partnership with Biblica, it is a unique gift to help readers appreciate the Queen's Christian faith."

It retails at £5 for individual copies but only £1.50 if buying 26 or more copies. We can put in

an order with Crowthorne Methodist Church but we will need to place it early in March to be sure of getting the books. If you are interested in having a copy, please let Sharon know **asap**. (For more information on the book, please go to: <https://www.cpo.org.uk/our-faithful-queen>)

A Word in Time Bible study

Did you know that The Methodist Church runs daily bible study sessions that you can study in your own time?

Looking and listening for God in Scripture is one of the commitments of A Methodist Way of Life.

We hope you find A Word in Time supports you in recognising God in Scripture, and the world around you. Each week's studies are written by volunteers across the Connexion (you can read the author's biography after each study). They follow the lectionary of the Methodist Prayer Handbook. If you are interested in writing for A Word in Time, please email wit@methodistchurch.org.uk You may additionally be interested in our Prayer of the Day, also from the Methodist Prayer Handbook.

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Each day a verse (or sometimes a few verses) is chosen. Background information is given. There are some questions to ponder, and a short prayer. We are given some notes about the Bible notes author for that day/ And, if you want to, there is a discussion forum to join.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/the-bible/a-word-in-time/>



Vinyl Records Wanted

50s/60s 70s 80s 90s

Dance Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Reggae Punk

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

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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

Sunday 13th March—Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday) - Joint Sandhurst Churches Together and Crowthorne Churches Together venture—Jerusalem Joy.
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 15 for 2022

Only 4 people were able to come to the Zoom planning meeting, so after some discussion we decided to only plan for the next three months, including a second planning meeting. So the result is:

Tuesday February 15th No-one volunteered or expressed much interest in the quiz.

Tuesday March 15th Repeat planning meeting (Zoom) Contact Sue T for details of the Zoom room.

Good Friday 15th April—nature walk with Robert.

If you want Club 15 to continue then please do come along to the next meeting—and join in from the comfort of your armchair.

Film night—upcoming ... March 27th

The next Film night is
on the **4th Sunday in March—27th**
Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in)
The film in March will be chosen by Monica :-)



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 **8th March 2022 (Not 1st)**

There will be a CTC/SCT musical offering in St John's, Crowthorne to mark **Palm Sunday (April 10th)** this year - **Jerusalem Joy** by **Roger Jones** is a reflection on the journey of Jesus, with songs, solos and narrations to bring the story once again to our thoughts in preparation for Holy Week.

There are a few solo (mostly Baritone) parts for which Penny Bagshaw (accompanist) and Karen Phillips (St Michael's Musical Director) will be auditioning on **Wednesday 16 February** from 3pm in St John's Church, Crowthorne. If you are interested in having a go (music isn't difficult!) please get in touch with **Penny**

penny@bagshawmail.co.uk or Karen **karen32phillips@gmail.com** and we'll get a time sorted for you.

There will be a band too and Margaret Walker from St George's, Owlsmoor is getting a hit list of players ready... If you are interested in playing a musical instrument in it, please contact Margaret: margaretwalker10@outlook.com

We'll need a chorus of Scribes, Pharisees, Angels and Crowds and all will be welcome, any ages - rehearsals have already started in St Michael's Sandhurst with the Junior Choir and 7pm - 7.45 would be a good time for anyone to pop in for a sing. Let Karen know if you'd like to join in.

Penny will be starting rehearsals on Thursday 3rd March at 7pm in St John's Crowthorne so let her or any of the choir know if you'd like to join in.

Do come and join in – this could be the event of the year!



Methodist News



Lent course on responding to growing levels of poverty

In the context of a rising tide of poverty in the UK, how can individuals and communities respond faithfully and effectively?

Join us online for the first four Thursdays in Lent to explore this important question using the Life on the Breadline Lent resources. <https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-7QZAR-A5DQVB-4PXK9M-1/c.aspx>

Eunice Attwood, Church at the Margins Office, will be speaking on **3rd March**.

Register at <https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-7QZAR-A5DQVB-4PXK9N-1/c.aspx>



Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive at Methodist Homes MHA, was interviewed on the World at One on BBC Radio Four earlier this week to discuss what the end of Covid restrictions will mean for care homes.

Listen here from 27 mins: <https://methodist-news.org.uk/BVI-7QZAR-A5DQVB-4PUVNC-1/c.aspx>

Worry

Leo Buscaglia wrote:

"Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy"

Advanced notice



Christian Aid Week this year is May 15th to 21st.

Our service on **8th May** will include Wilf giving a short presentation on Christian Aid.

The Christian Aid Quiz at St George's will be on Saturday **May 21st**. More details to follow.



On Sunday **15th May** Rev C Stratta from the Leprosy Mission will be speaking to us.

World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March



This year the World Day of Prayer will be hosted by:

Crowthorne Baptist Church at 10:30 am.

and by **St Swithuns Church Yateley** at 14:30 pm

The theme is: "I know the plans I have for you."

Do visit their website <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/> for more information.

Hall lettings update

I was thinking that some of you might be interested to hear how hall lettings are going.

Of course there have been fun and games over the past couple of years. During lockdown of course, all activities ceased but since then, first one, then another hirer has returned and Wendy, as treasurer, has had to have her wits about her, *plus* bags of patience, to keep up with precisely who was doing what and more importantly, when and for how long!

We have throughout given all hirers 15 minutes at each end of their sessions, free of charge, to enable the extra cleaning that Covid has demanded.

At the beginning we had eleven organisations hiring the hall plus our Toddler group doing sterling work every Wednesday morning; this is now in full swing again with bookings being taken to keep numbers manageable.

The hall has always been kept free on Tuesday afternoons and evenings for church activities; most of these continue to be on Zoom but Alison has resumed "Rejoice!" which sounds to be doing really well and yes that pun was intentional!

During Covid, we have lost two exercise classes and one Brownie group, though 1st Little Sandhurst Brownies continue to meet here and also Rainbows. Sadly but quite understandably, the Sandhurst Singers had to move to larger premises - it's impossible to socially distance eighty people in our hall! Yateley and Hawley Bridge Club did take the Wednesday evening slot for several meetings though Omicron brought their sessions to a halt, planned to be resumed next month. We still have two dance groups, one for children and one for adults, Pilates has also returned to the hall - I attend this class - it is great to be back in the hall though I did discover it's not as easy to cheat as when on Zoom! So next month we should be up to nine organisations hiring the hall with another in the offing. (You won't be surprised to hear I have had very few enquiries during this time.)

The Sandhurst Stroke and Disabled Club meet fortnightly and as their outings have been curtailed, they have had most of their meetings in the hall. The AA have been keen throughout to meet as soon as restrictions allowed and this was borne home to me when the week before Christmas, a girl came staggering up our drive with a sackful of goodies; she explained the AA had just had a whip round to buy goodies for the church and the result was enough to buy 6 large boxes/ tins of assorted biscuits - if you are on the coffee rota, do not bring any biscuits as we have enough for a good few weeks yet! - and 6 equally large boxes of sweets and chocolates - yet to be properly distributed though I must do it before my grandsons visit next week!

It is so lovely to know how people appreciate using our hall and I wanted to share that with all of you.

Joan



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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Ash Wednesday Service—Woosehill



There will be a short act of worship on Ash Wednesday 2nd March to help us observe Lent this year at Woosehill Church at 19:30.

Recycling

Wendy Woo (on the We Love Sandhurst Facebook site) organises many different sorts of recycling collections. These are in aid of 'Against Breast Cancer', 'Ellie's Fund' (Brain tumour research and support) and 'Ali's recycling for the Local Community' amongst others. For example:

Used bras and bikini tops—in any condition

Ink Jet cartridges (Canon, HP, Lexmark, Neopost, Dell and Samsung)

Old pens (biros, markers, correction fluid and tape, highlighters, felt tips, mechanical pencils, eraser pens)

Any brand of empty medicine blister packets—these can also be dropped off at any SuperDrug

Marigold gloves

Ferrero Rocher and Ferrero Collection—the gold plastic trays, transparent plastic box and outer plastic wrappers, individual wrappers (the aluminium bit not the paper case).

Pringles lid, seal and tube, any size including minis

Flexible single use mask packaging, flexible plastic wipes packaging, personal care and beauty product packaging caps, pumps and trigger sprays (not rigid plastic bottles, plastic pots and flexible plastic tubes (used for personal care and beauty products), hair colourant kits (but not the rigid plastic bottles and cardboard packaging), plastic roll-on deodorants (not aerosols)

Sue T will put a box in the porch for any/all of these and arrange to take them to Wendy. If you could sort using perhaps soft plastic bread bags (which can also be recycled) that would be helpful.

Thanks

You can see more information about all this on Wendy's Facebook page.