

# Services



## May 2022

1st	10:30am	Mike Bowstead
8th	10:30am	Karen Glossop
	6:30pm	SCT ecumenical service at the Baptist Church
15th	10:30am	Chris Stratta (The Leprosy Mission)
22nd	10:30am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
	6:30pm	Film night
29th	10:30am	Maggie Garton

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# Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church



## Newsletter May 2022

## The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

What brings you joy?

Is it getting away on a holiday and discovering new places? Spending time with friends or family? Reading a great book? Walking in lovely scenery and enjoying nature? Listening to beautiful music? Watching the latest series of *The Chosen*? Is it worshipping God?

As I write this, it is only three days since we celebrated Easter so of course that is very much in the forefront of my mind. The joy of resurrection, for me at least, transcends that of Christmas Incarnation. Or perhaps it would be truer to say it completes it. The cry on Easter morning of: 'Alleluia! He is risen!' and the jubilant response: 'He is risen indeed! Alleluia!' never fails to stir up hope. The Light of the World, which seemed to be extinguished on Good Friday shines again, sin and death are defeated and Love wins the victory. Alleluia!!



This year, our journey through Lent was different from how it has been the last two years. As our church services have been able to resume a near-normality so we've been able to do things we had previously had to put on hold. We held a Messy Easter craft and worship session on the Saturday before Palm Sunday and were thrilled that several of the families from Babes and Tots came along. If the noise of happy children is any measure, then it was a joyful time! For me, the highlight of Holy Week was *Jerusalem Joy* on Palm Sunday evening. How lovely to have a packed church for it and how wonderful to be part of the singing! There was a notable solo and acting performance from our own Douglas as well as musicians and singers from among our congregation. Look out for more about the event elsewhere in this newsletter. I was just in the chorus but I'd forgotten how uplifting it is to rehearse alongside other singers and I was definitely left wanting more, please!

I heard a children's song recently about joy. It goes:

*J. O. Y., J.O.Y. That must surely mean  
Jesus first, yourself last and others in between.*

What a simple, yet profound message about how to discover joy.

With that in mind, we have a number of opportunities in the coming month to find joy: Christian Aid week always occurs in May and Christian Aid envelopes will be available on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, a Sunday ahead of the actual week, which will culminate in the Christian Aid Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper at St Georges on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, led by our own Wilf Hardy. Don't miss it!

## May 2022 Rotas

### Flowers

1st Heather B  
8th Alison F  
15th Robert G  
22nd Sandra W  
29th Jon and Alison B

### 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 16/5/22 Sandra F and Mary A

### Welcome

1st Phil T and Cynthia R  
8th We hope to have a welcome person again soon Alison B and Sandra F  
15th Joan T and Sandra W  
22nd Alison F and Cynthia R  
29th 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=QUM1NG5sMFBiITZiIWIWkwOGJXQ0o3QT09](https://zoom.us/j/95092595018?pwd=QUM1NG5sMFBiITZiIWIWkwOGJXQ0o3QT09)

Meeting ID: 950 9259 5018  
Passcode: 063832

Same link for Stewards meetings and Church Council.

### May

### 2022

3rd	2:30 pm 7:30 pm 8.00 pm	Rejoice! Prayer Group Bible Study	Schoolroom Zoom Zoom
10th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
17th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
24th	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Group Bible Study	Zoom Zoom
31st	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

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> May we welcome Christ Stratta from The Leprosy Mission to lead our worship. Chris has been before and is a popular preacher. It's another chance to find joy in supporting TLM.

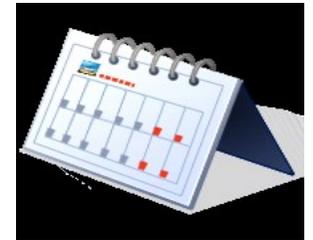
Finally, although the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is at the beginning of June, do look out for opportunities to celebrate locally. If you would like the church to host an afternoon tea, then please let us know (ask one of the stewards for the sign-up sheet). There needs to be sufficient of us to make it worthwhile.

Whatever you find yourself involved in this month, I pray you will find real **JOY** – the deep and abiding joy which comes from knowing the love of God in your heart and following Jesus in your life.

With every blessing  
Sharon

## What's on?

**May**  
**3rd** Rejoice!  
**4th** Wednesday housegroup  
**8th** SCT service  
**12th** Thursday housegroup  
**15th-21st** Christian Aid Week  
**21st** Christian Aid Quiz  
**22nd** Film night  
**26th** Coffee morning



## Film night—upcoming ... May 22nd

The next Film night is  
on the **4th Sunday in May—22nd**  
Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we  
order in)

The film will be chosen by Keg :-)



## Our Easter cross



## Messy Easter



What an eggciting time we had on Saturday with Messy Easter!!! The ladies had worked so hard to make the afternoon fun and informative. The children could make their own palm branches, some even magically grew before our eyes! There was colouring - Heather had created a wonderful picture with the main scenes from the Easter story and Layla and Chloe (a couple of the older girls) were happy to colour those without going over the lines. Actually Keg and

Dolly finished off the picture at the end of the afternoon, and really enjoyed doing it ... just a couple of big kids really!!

The children made chocolate cereal egg nests topped with mini-eggs - yummy- not many of those went home but were washed down with a glass of squash! John worked hard in the kitchen making copious cups of tea and coffee for the grown ups.

Next was the Easter egg hunt! My goodness, the children really knew how to find the eggs, I think they must have been practicing. Everyone had a little basket to put their stash of eggs in, then handed in their eggs to be given a chocolate Easter egg in return. Everyone was happy.

We had a couple of songs in the church and Alison played for us and Sharon showed us the actions to the songs. For those who found the instructions too complicated, we just shock our musical instruments and enjoyed the beat of the music.

Sharon used the coloured picture that Heather had drawn which had been beautifully coloured in



## Minister

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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 ...

### Thursday House Group—note now at 14:30

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 01252 872503

Next meeting **Thursday 12th May. Venue TBA.**

### Wednesday House Group:

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

Next meeting **Wednesday 4th May** at Alison and Graham's



## Newsletter and Website

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Contributions for the **June 2022** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 29th May 2022 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday May 22nd 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, long life milk, cup a soup, jam.**

**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/](http://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.

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 26th May**



by Layla and Chloe, to tell the Easter Story. It was so exciting to see that Jesus had ridden on a donkey, had enjoyed the Last Supper with his disciples, had been crucified on the cross and died but then ----- wait -- -- in the middle of the picture was Jesus risen. This isn't just a wonderful fairy tale, it is a true story about Jesus who died and who God brought to life on Easter Day and that is why we celebrate Easter, that Jesus died to bring us life.



Thank you so much to Sharon, Sandra, Wendy, Heather, Alison B, Alison F ( I do hope I haven't missed anyone out ) for all your hard work and making Messy Easter such an eggciting afternoon.

Keg

## 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

## Paper copies of the newsletter

If you used to have paper copies before, and would like to do so again, please let Sue T know so that she can print the right number. If you've never had paper copies but would like to do so now, please let Sue T know so that she can print the right number.

If you notice a paper copy of the newsletter in the vestibule that is still there because its recipient hasn't been able to come to church, and you can possibly do so, please do deliver it to them while out and about.

Thanks  
Sue T

## Jerusalem Joy Palm Sunday St Johns Church Crowthorne

Last Sunday, 10th April, members of churches in Sandhurst and Crowthorne joined forces in a production of Roger Jones musical 'Jerusalem Joy'. For those of you who are not familiar with it, it is a lively portrayal of the Easter Story. As a child described it a shappy story (sad and happy).



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## 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 8th May—Sandhurst Baptist Church

Sunday 12th June—St Georges

Sunday 10th July—Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

## Action for children

It is the time of year that I normally empty your Action for Children Collection Boxes (a tradition I inherited from John and Joan Kember-Smith). Please bring your boxes to Church and leave them on the chairs at the back of Church if I am not around.

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
Alison Fradgley  
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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.

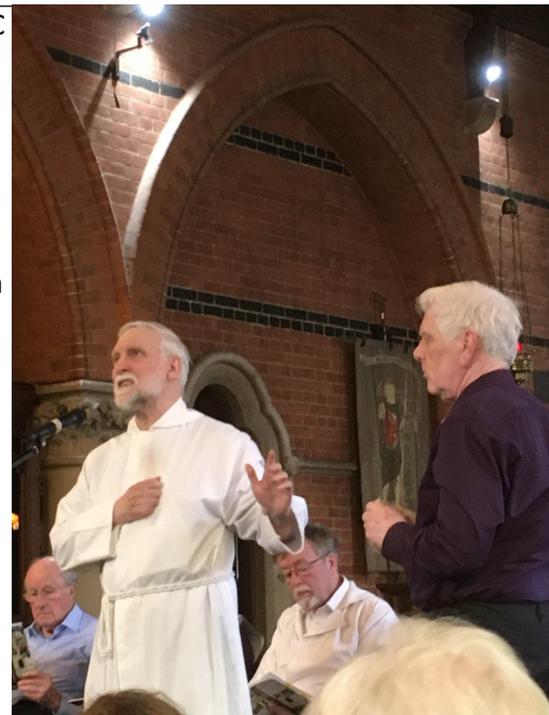
Seven churches and Crowthorne C of E school took part.

Our church was well represented with Douglas playing some of the role of Jesus, Mary, Sharon and Heather singing and me playing in the band. Others came to listen too.

Covid meant that participants, particularly in the band changed throughout the rehearsals but nevertheless the final performance was a joyful start to Easter Week.

Many thanks goes to Karen Phillips and the many others who made it happen.

Alison B



## Club \*

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.

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Phil Glossop

His proud mum would like to announce that Phil was promoted from Sergeant Glossop to Staff Sergeant Glossop last week.

Our family are very proud of him as he serves in the INT Corps as an Instructor. Well done Phil, and congratulations from all those who remember you as a cheeky little lad in Junior Church.

## 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 **3rd May 2022**

## Christian Aid Quiz



### Christian Aid Quiz

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kegferretfan@aol.com)

[thetidangel@gmail.com](mailto:thetidangel@gmail.com)

**By Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May**

## Club 15 walk—Good Friday



On a very warm and sunny Good Friday afternoon, eight of us set off from the Bramshill car park on a guided walk of 5 miles or so, ably led as always by Robert Godden.

We walked first across the Bramshill forest and heathland, ablaze with golden gorse, before making our way to the river Blackwater, which we crossed a couple of times – by the bridges, as we didn't fancy fording the river, though some young boys were enjoying paddling in the summery weather.

We also saw the confluence of the Blackwater and Whitewater rivers, before returning via Bramshill, stopping off to view a couple of ponds.

It was an ideal day to appreciate the spring wildlife. There were a large number of butterflies on the wing, including peacocks (which followed us along the paths), brimstones, speckled woods, a red admiral, orange tips, a comma and a green-veined white. Robert had hoped to show us green hairstreak butterflies, which can be found on gorse bushes at this time of year, but sadly we failed to find any except for one which flew away before we could view it.



The air was full of birdsong and we stopped frequently to see what we could identify. First a buzzard, which perched quite close to us in Bramshill but flew off as soon as we raised a camera. Later chiffchaffs, with their easily identified 'chiff chaff chiff chaff' calls, the melodious song of a whitethroat, a handsome stonechat and the strident cries of a mistle thrush. We also saw roe deer several times, and a red-legged partridge.

Finally we spent some time beside a pond listening to the loud croaking of marsh frogs – only a few were present at this time, but when more arrive later in the spring their din can be deafening and announces their presence from afar!

Altogether it was a delightful walk in good company – a chance to chat, of course, but also to appreciate the sights and sounds of spring and the variety of fauna and flora on our doorstep. Many thanks to Robert, as always.

Tricia



## Marriage blessing of Jonny and Seb



On Monday 18th April I had the privilege of conducting a marriage blessing for Jonny and Seb. They'd originally married just before they moved to Queen's in Birmingham for Jonny to train as a minister but they hadn't been able to have the church service they'd wanted. So it was wonderful to be able to conduct the blessing - and on such a glorious day as well. The service was well-attended by family and friends, including friends from church. It turned out their friends were all good singers so the church fairly reverberated to the hymns they had chosen. These included one I'd not come across before: *Sacred the body God has created*. It had some beautiful words.

Colin Garton read the first reading from the Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 17 and Ruth (Jonny's sister) read from John's gospel 2: 1 - 11: The Wedding in Cana. Maggy Garton led the prayers of intercession.

There was a point in the service when the minister places their hands on the couple's heads to bless them and Jonny and Seb said they'd have to kneel as I was too short to reach otherwise (cheek!).

The service included Holy Communion and it was lovely to see Jonny and Seb, having first received the bread and wine, help distribute the elements to those in church.

It was a joyful service with lots of laughter (not always intended!) and we shared in refreshments afterwards which they had provided. Sadly, it will be the last time we see them for a while as they will be moving to Holt in Norfolk where Jonny takes up his first stationing. We wish them a fond farewell and every blessing for the future.

Sharon



## 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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](https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1?ApproachCode=CAM-003194&_ga=2.20324216.1536160226.1647861432-873280265.1647328404)

Wilf

## Christian Aid Quiz

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

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