

Services—June 2023

Services



June

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| 4th | 10:30 am | Peter Whalley |
| 11th | 10:30 am | Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion) |
| | 6:30 pm | SCT Service here |
| 18th | 10:30am | Sharon Wright |
| 25th | 10:30 am | Rev Mike Thomason |
| | 6:30 pm | 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 June 2023

The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

'That which was lost is found!'

I mislaid my keys the other day – the keys to my car, the house, the garage and some other keys (of indeterminate-but-no-doubt-very-important purpose).

I'm not the kind of person who normally loses keys because they're always kept in one of two places – either my handbag or the key rack. Only they weren't. And believe me, I looked through that handbag multiple times, eventually emptying it out and finding a lot of things I didn't know were in there, including a metal tape measure, a split herbal tea bag, a vial of anointing oil(!) and some gone-soft polo mints. But no keys. Definitely.



Of course it wasn't a convenient time to lose them. Well, obviously it wouldn't be, but this was *particularly* inconvenient as I was due to lead worship and needed to get to the church. In the end I had to phone someone to come and pick me up (Mike being away) and I made it with ten minutes to spare, but flustered and preoccupied. Where *could* those keys be??

Perhaps you've lost something important too? Maybe keys, or a wallet, your phone, a passport, a certificate? If so you will know the feelings of frustration and anxiety and then, when finally found, the relief and joy.

It reminded me of the story of the woman who lost one of her ten silver coins (no doubt part of her dowry) and swept and cleaned her home from top to bottom until she eventually found it and invited her neighbours for a party, she was so happy! Jesus used that parable to illustrate the joy in heaven when one lost soul is restored. And how much more important are people than possessions?

I wonder if there's been a time in your life when it wasn't some *thing* that you mislaid but your self or your faith? A time when you wandered away? Perhaps you stopped coming to church because there was something else that got in the way on Sundays. Or maybe you continued to come but you felt lost inside? Like what you'd always believed no longer fitted where you were at. Your once-simple faith could not provide the answers to the questions that your life circumstances were throwing at you. Why has someone I love got cancer? Why am I constantly dealing with a problem that won't go away? Why do I feel depressed when everyone around me seems to be happily getting on with life? Why am I still grieving years later? Why has God gone silent on me?

June Rotas

Flowers

June

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| 4th | Mike and Ann W |
| 11th | Jon and Alison B |
| 18th | Sue T |
| 25th | - |
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Cleaning

w/c 19/6/23 Sandra F and Mary A

Coffee

June

| | |
|------|------------------------|
| 4th | Alison F and Cynthia R |
| 11th | Cynthia R and Ann H |
| 18th | Phil T and Cynthia R |
| 25th | Alison B and Sandra F |

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

The Leprosy Mission—Shop for Good

Every book you buy is helping to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy.

Browse what's on offer here:

www.theleprosymissionshop.com/books/view-all-books

For example:

How to Raise an Elephant by Alexander McCall Smith—£6.99 (was \$8.99)

The No. 12 Ladies' Detective Agency—£4.99 (was (£8.99)

The Chronicles of Narnia (7 book box set) - £14.99 (was £41.93)

The Lego Games Book with Bricks—£8.99 (was £15.99)

Usborne Summer Puzzle Pad—£5.99

The school that escaped the Nazis by Deborah Cadbury—£10.99

At the Captain's Table by Gervase Phinn—£8.99



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

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/2799549300?](https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09)

[pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09](https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09)

Meeting ID: 279 954 9300

Passcode: 3v25BE

This is the same link for Stewards meetings and Church Council.

June

2023

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| 6th | 2:30 pm 7:45pm 8.00pm | Rejoice! Prayer group Bible study | Schoolroom Zoom |
| 13th | 7:45pm 8.00pm | Prayer group Bible study | Zoom |
| 20th | 7:45pm 8.00pm | Prayer group Bible study | Zoom |
| 27th | 7:45pm 8.00pm | Prayer group Bible study | Zoom |

If so, you are not alone. Sometimes as Christians we feel we can't admit that, actually, life is a bit rubbish at the moment or that we're questioning our faith. Yet it's only when we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and confess that we're struggling that help can be given.

If you're in that situation now, please talk to someone: me, your pastoral visitor, a trusted friend. Someone who will listen without judging, someone who can pray for you when you can't find the words to pray yourself. And when those times occur, when it seems as if God is far away, remember he never is. Just we become closed off to his presence and forget – or can't believe – that he is waiting and watching for us, longing only to embrace us again with his love. And to rejoice that we are home once more.

Ohmy keys? Yes, I did find them. They were in the place I keep the dogs' leads and collars. Obviously.

With every blessing,

Sharon

What's on?

June

6th: Rejoice!

11th: SCT service at Sandhurst and Yateley

14th: Organ recital

15th: Thursday housegroup

17th: Summer Fair

22nd: Coffee morning

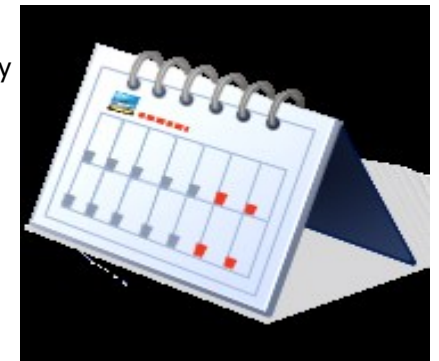
25th: Film night

28th: Organ recital

July

16th: (SCT) Evensong Celebration at St Johns in Crowthorne, 6pm

Date tbc Messy Summer



Messy Easter

Nearly 30 children attended the Messy Easter session in April. The church hall was packed with children and families involved in crafts, painting and making items relating to the Easter story. The jam sandwich making in cross shapes proved particularly popular.

Everyone then went into the church for the Easter story and some singing.

The next Messy Church will be held in July. Watch out for details in the notices, on the website and on Facebook.

Summer Organ Recitals - 2023



High Cross Church

Knoll Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3SY

Tel: 01276 66798

During the months of June, July, and August, the 14th series of lunch time organ recitals will be hosted in the Sanctuary at High Cross on the 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** of each month from 12.45 until 1.30 pm as follows:

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| Wednesday 14 th June | John Wood | High Cross |
| Wednesday 28 nd June | Alan Rapley | Freelance Organist |
| Wednesday 12 th July | Jane Palmer | St Michaels Sandhurst |
| Wednesday 26 th July | Barry Rose OBE | Former Cathedral Organist |
| Wednesday 9 th August | Stuart Mc Sweeney | Farnborough College |
| Wednesday 24 th August | David Markby | High Cross |

There is no charge for admission, but a retiring collection will be taken in aid of High Cross Charities and Organ Scholarship Fund. Please check for latest information on

highcrosscamberley.co.uk

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| Matt Rowell | 01344 775744 | |

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

Thursday House Group (third Thursday)— at 15:00

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 01252 872503
Next meetings **Thursday June 15th.**

Wednesday House Group:

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

No meeting in June at Alison and Graham's. Next meeting will be Wednesday 5th July.



Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **July 2023** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 25th June 2023 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday June 18th 2023**

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)

Vinyl Records Wanted

50s/60s 70s 80s 90s

Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Reggae Punk Dance

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

The Connexion—Articles for faith



See the Spring edition of The Connexion for this excellent article.

The Revd Richard Sharples describes creating an inspirational exhibition of paintings and artefacts from diverse faith traditions in Bristol to prompt conversations on 'where our paths meet'.

The vision for the exhibition was to use paintings from the Methodist Modern Art

Collection and artefacts from other faith traditions to open up conversations around various common themes, such as hospitality or hope. Involved are people from the local Hindu, Hebrew and Muslim communities.

The exhibition opened on February 20th.

Film night

The next Film night is on the **4th Sunday - June 25th**
Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in) at around 18:30.



The film will be chosen by TBA

Christian Aid update



Christian Aid Week is over for another year. In these changing times, fundraising for the poorest in the world needs to go on for 52 weeks of the year so watch out for new initiatives.

Once again, our Church held an envelope collection and when this is counted and banked, the amount raised will be reported. Increasingly more of us donate online or by phone (which is great!) but this cannot be reported down to Church level.

The country highlighted in Christian Aid Week was Malawi which suffered a 34-day long cyclone, Cyclone Freddy in March. This was one of the strongest storms ever recorded dropping a year's worth of rain and causing much devastation.

Christian Aid partners in Malawi responded to the immediate recovery needs of communities. In Malawi. This includes:

- Corn soya blend for porridge for breastfeeding mothers and children under 5 years
- Mosquito nets for families to provide protection against malaria.
- Providing temporary toilets and bathrooms, water containers and water treatment to help prevent the risk of cholera.
- Mobile clinics to help people process the emotional trauma of the cyclone.
Distribution of cash to 1,000 households so that families can purchase their immediate needs.

Jen and Esther, pigeon pea farmers who featured in the Christian Aid Week literature, were impacted by the cyclone. Jen had to leave home for a while and some of her crops were washed away. Yields for the year will also be down for both farmers. The good news however, is that the initiatives on pigeon peas will continue to be rolled out by Christian Aid partners to another 3 districts this year.

Wilf Hardy

Opportunity

A rare opportunity has arisen to join the Communion Stewards at Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church.

The role is not too demanding as you would normally only volunteer on 4 Sundays a year (once a quarter) and arrive 30 minutes before the service starts and finish about 30 minutes after the service ends.

Full training, mentoring and support will be given but it's not too arduous or rocket science.

You too can be a star!

To find out more please contact Wilf Hardy on wjhscot@aol.com

Flower rota

For various reasons, there are a number of Sundays available on the flower rota.

If you would like to take one of these, please let me know.

You can buy a bunch of flowers to put in a vase, or flowers for an arrangement (Oasis is always available), or make a donation (via the stewards) and one of the silk flower arrangements will be used that Sunday.

Gil F has some tips:

It is tradition in our church not to use just red and white flowers—if you particularly want to use red and white, then please also include flowers of another colour.

Because the wall behind the communion table is black, some flower colours (dark red, blue or purple—receding) don't show up very well unless very carefully surrounded by light foliage. It is probably better to use white, yellow, orange, pink—bright (advancing) colours.

It is lovely to be able to give flowers to members of the congregation—a ministry of flowers.

Dates available:

2023

June—25th

August—13th

Thanks. Sue T



Please note:

Please use the front entrance to the church when arranging the flowers if there are any hirers in the hall. The oasis and pot will be either in church or in the vestry once flowers have been distributed on a Sunday.

Thanks

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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

Don't forget that there is a SCT service at our own church on Sunday 11th June at 6:30pm!!

JULY: Please note there will NOT be a SCT service at St Michael's on 9th July as previously advertised. Instead we are all encouraged to attend a special **Evensong Celebration at St John's in Crowthorne on 16th July at 6pm.** St John's celebrate their 150th anniversary this year and this service is part of those celebrations. Please do attend if you can. It will be a lovely service.

By the way, anyone interesting in joining in with the choir is very welcome to do so. Just make contact with Karen Phillips: karen32phillips@gmail.com who is leading the choir.

Future SCT services:

10th September SCT service at St George's 630pm

8th October SCT service at St Michael's 6:30pm

19th November SCT service at Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist 6:30 pm

Sometimes for good reasons beyond our control, these services do get moved or swapped so please check for updates each month and also in the weekly notices.

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.

Jack Delbridge



Until Jack and Ann moved from Sandhurst they were stalwarts of Sandhurst and Yately Methodist Church and a local preacher. Jack had been fighting his illness bravely, and sadly passed away in early March.

Several of us travelled down to Worthing for his funeral, which of course Jack had planned in advance.



Sad as it was it was a lovely service. Ann and their family invited us to a good spread before we wended our way home.

Farewell Jack, you will be missed by many.

Sue B

Recycling for Good Causes

In the vestibule you will notice a largish box which advertises 'Recycling for good causes.'

Please donate your unwanted items from the following list. There are some leaflets available which tell you about what can be recycled but basically it is: Unwanted jewellery - including damaged items and costume jewellery and watches

Coins and currency - any age and UK and foreign both acceptable

Mobile phones, cameras, video cameras and gadgets including ipods, tablets but NOT laptops.

Stamps - single, loose and presentation packs.

The box contains a sack. When the sack is full Recycling for Good Causes will collect it and the church will receive 75% of the proceeds from the sale of the contents within about 8 weeks of collection. (As a guide, at High Cross they received a cheque for £80 - so it is definitely worth doing this!)

Thanks,
Sharon

Reminder of more recycling

And of course you can still recycle medication blister packs, Pringle tubes, bras (any condition), pens (working or not) and Ferrero Rocher boxes (probably empty!) in the other box in the foyer!

Thanks Sue T

Coffee mornings

Coffee Mornings every **fourth 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 22nd June



asking for his strength and wisdom for her forthcoming task as an anointed reigning monarch. This was replicated during the service of King Charles III when beautifully embroidered screens were suddenly pushed together, allowing the King to disrobe in private, and be anointed for his reign as our King.



This is the only way we can come before God, as ourselves, in humbleness and humility asking for His strength to enable us to work for His kingdom.

We prayed this last prayer:
Living God you bring us together in community and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. May we be beacons of your light in the communities in which we are set, that through truth, justice and action we may see your kingdom come upon the earth, in Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN

We then stood and sang the National Anthem. God Bless His Majesty King Charles III

Keg



Coronation lunch



After the Coronation Day on Saturday 6th May, we were all still in high spirits and very much in celebration mode! Cynthia and Wendy kindly set up the hall seating together with bunting and a large paper crown that someone had made which took pride of place on the

noticeboard. It was a bring and share lunch - or should I say a feast fit for a King. You should have seen Marian's celebration cake - it was impressive and she had decorated a union flag on the top of the cake with cream, raspberries and blueberries. I didn't get a chance to photograph it because it disappeared so quickly!

About 32 people attended and each table had an icebreaker dingbats quiz to get the old grey matter going. We had three rounds of quiz questions, each round followed by reflections and prayers from a Church of England booklet entitled 'Daily Payers for the Coronation of King Charles III. We then had a patriotic song, with much energetic flag waving. This was fun but also a wonderful way that we could celebrate the Coronation of our new King as a church family. Sharon and I had ordered a Commemorative Book on the Coronation of King Charles III and the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II for each member of the congregation as a gift from us.

One thing that really spoke to me when I read about the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, was during the anointing with oil from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the cameras stopped filming and she was disrobed. She wore just a plain white dress and knelt before God, not as monarch, but as an ordinary person in humility and humbleness before her God,



Come and join us for

Messy Summer

A Sunday in July TBA

3 pm

Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church

A time for families to come together
to celebrate

in a creative and interactive way

All ages welcome but particularly suitable

for toddlers

and children of primary school age

Crafts
Games
Painting
Fun Worship
Refreshments



Crowthorne Foodbank

Current shortages -

Long life milk, Pulses (chickpeas and kidney beans), crisps, pot noodles, cup-a-soup, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, jam, carton juice

Washing tablets

Women's deodorant, children's toothbrushes (single pack), adult toothbrush (single packet).

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 of coffee, pasta, squash

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.



Rejoice!

If you enjoy a good sing, chat & refreshments, why not come and join us at Rejoice. It's usually on the 1st Tuesday.

We sing a mixture of old favourites and more modern worship songs which are mostly chosen by those present. It also gives us the opportunity to learn new songs particularly ones we have struggled with on Sundays!

The next Rejoice! will be on **6th June.**



**SANDHURST METHODIST
CHURCH
SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 17th JUNE
2PM TO 4PM**

Gifts, Tombola, Cards, Games, Refreshments.

Do come along and join us and start to celebrate - Fathers Day

All Welcome