

Services—July 2023

Services



July

2nd	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
9th	10:30 am	Rev Cathryn Bowstead
16th	10:30am	Pauline Matondo
	6:00 pm	SCT St Johns Crowthorne
23rd	10:30 am	Kim Tame
	6:30 pm	Film night
30th	10:30 am	Mary Elms

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www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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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 July 2023



The Minister writes...

Dear friends,

And so another summer is upon us. How the time flies! Some of you will have been away already and others perhaps have something planned for later in the year, avoiding if you can the expensive school holiday period. For others still, this may simply be a quieter time when some of the usual activities are put on hold for a bit – which can be a mixed blessing: a chance for those who organise and run them to have a well-deserved break but, for those who live on their own, life can be a little bit lonelier. So this summer why not make a date for a coffee and a chat with friends or perhaps a picnic in the park? Embrace the time and make the most of it. Which doesn't necessarily mean filling each available minute but finding some space for you and for God.



I know I have said this before but I do think – no, I *know* – that we need to take time out for some spiritual refreshment just as much as we need a physical break. In all areas of life, we can get onto a bit of a treadmill, following the same old routines, ticking things off our 'to-do' lists. Patterns, habits.... some are good but some lose their benefit over time. It's all too easy to be so busy 'doing' that we spend too little time 'being'. Yet first and foremost God call us to just be with him in prayer and contemplation and to speak peace to our souls. It is out of such time of spiritual refreshing that we are equipped and enabled for service.

It doesn't have to be lots of time – quality is more important than quantity. Better to spend 10 minutes each day really given over to God than aim at an hour and find our minds distracted. It doesn't matter whether we speak or are silent and it doesn't matter *where* we are. St. Teresa of Avila said, "We need no wings to go in search of him, but only have to find a place where we can be alone and look upon him present within us".

We could be sitting quietly at home with a cup of tea, we could be out walking, or wandering around a beautiful cathedral, we could be in the park, we could be in our own garden.

For some people – and perhaps you are one of them – it helps to have some structure to this time with God. The Celtic saint, Ignatius, recognised this and he taught believers the Examen. It's a spiritual practice that is simple to

July Rotas

Flowers

July

2nd	Alison F
9th	Joan T
16th	Mary G
23rd	Matt and Helen R
30th	Margaret P

Cleaning

w/c 10/7/23	Sandra W and Wendy H
w/c 31/7/23	Alison F and Alison B

Coffee

July

2nd	Joan T and Sandra W
9th	Alison F and Cynthia R
16th	Cynthia R and Ann H
23rd	Dawn O and Cynthia R
30th	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 Needs	01252 658350

Sandhurst

Graham Fradgley	01276 36631
Barbara Rush	01252 876051
Douglas Brown	01252 655419

80 years of MHA

In June, we celebrated one of the bright fruits in the family tree of Methodist-inspired organisations and charities: Methodist Homes for the Aged.

Founded 80 years ago (then chair of the Methodist North London District, the Revd Walter Hall, was a key player), today MHA is the largest charity care provider for older people in the UK. It supports over 18,500 older people nationwide. (See MHA website for more information.)

Resources are available for 2023, highlighting international activities, as suggested by 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 – "There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body." MHA is highlighting the impact of intergenerational activities: "what we can learn from each other, and the amazing things we can achieve together".

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.

July

2023

4th 2:30 pm 7:45pm 8.00pm	Rejoice! Prayer group Bible study	Schoolroom Zoom
11th 7:45pm	Stewards meeting	Zoom
18th	No meetings	Zoom
25th 7:45pm 8.00pm	Prayer group Bible study	Zoom

follow and can be so helpful in our daily Christian living. The morning Examen is a way of giving your day to God and the evening Examen is an opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the day. There are some cards in the vestibule which have both Examens printed on them. Please do take one next time you're in church and use it to top and tail your day spiritually.

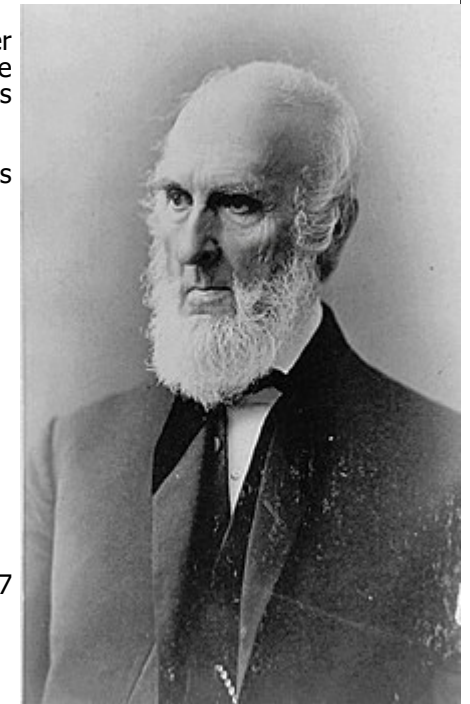
Wherever you are this summer, whatever you are doing, I pray that you will find time just to be with God and experience his peace and love.

As John Greenleaf Whittier wrote in his hymn, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*:

Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease,
take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

With every blessing,
Sharon

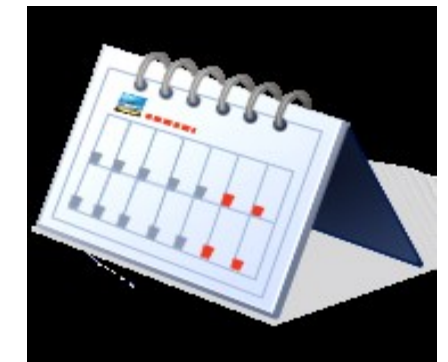
John Greenleaf Whittier 17 December 1807
to 7 September 1892
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Greenleaf_Whittier



What's on?

July

4th: Rejoice!
5th: Wednesday house group
6th: Thursday house group
8th: YCS Concert
11th: Stewards' meeting
12th: Organ recital
14th: Handbells Concert
16th: (SCT) Evensong Celebration at St Johns in Crowthorne, 6pm
23rd: Film night
26th: Organ recital



NB Messy Summer church will now take place in the autumn

August

26th: BBQ at Sharon and Mike's

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:

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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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 July 6th (social)**



Wednesday House Group:

at Alison and Graham Fradgley's
3 Forbes Chase, Sandhurst
at Alison and Graham's. Next meeting will be **Wednesday 5th July.**

Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **August/September 2023** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 23rd July 2023 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday July 19th 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

Thank you!

Dance Soul Rock Chart Disco Blues Punk Reggae


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

Summer Fair 2023

Once again, we had a very successful summer fair at the church in June where we raised over £400 for church funds. Margaret's cards were once again very popular and Marion's cake stall a huge success. The children were able to complete a scavenger hunt around the church with the church mouse the hardest thing to spot. Church members and their friends and families came along as well as toddler group families. The name the dog competition was won by KEG with Bella and Keith won the sweets in the jar guessing 108 with 107 being the correct answer. There was a lovely atmosphere and a time to catch up. Thank you to everyone who helped. Sandra

Action for Children Collection Boxes 2023



I am now in a position to empty your Action for Children Collection Boxes – I know it is very late this year but I experienced some problems banking the cash that had been collected last year. I think these have partially been resolved at least so will collect the money and see how I get on this year. 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 problem with this please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you, Alison Fradgley 01276-36631 alison@gfradgley.com

Film night

The next Film night is on the **4th Sunday - July 23rd**
Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in) at around 18:30.



The film will be chosen by TBA

Summer BBQ at The Manse



Mike and Sharon will be hosting their annual BBQ at The Manse to which you are all warmly invited. **The 'official' date for Sandhurst & Yateley folk is Saturday 26th August from 12.30pm** but we will also be hosting one the previous Saturday (19th August) for Crowthorne and if you can't make the 26th, then of course you are welcome to come on the 19th instead. I'm sure you will know most, if not all, of the people!

For catering purposes it is helpful if you can let us know if you are coming. We will provide bread rolls, meat and vegetarian alternatives. Offers of salads or desserts are always welcome, thank you, but not everyone needs to bring one or we'll be inundated!

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

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

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.



St Lawrence Chobham Handbell Ringers



Musical Director, Tim Willetts

Website: <http://handbells.chobham.org>

With guests:

Cleves School Handbell Ringers

SUMMER CONCERT

FRIDAY 14 JULY 2023, 7.00 pm

St Lawrence Church, Chobham, GU24 8AA

Featuring music by:

Paul McCartney, Gustave Holst,

Alan Menken and many others

No ticket needed. Entry by donation. Refreshments available

For further information contact **Tim Willetts**

(tim@hrgb.org.uk) any **team member**, or **Mr Kilhams at Cleves**

Please do support us. Gill L and Sue T are in the ringers

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.

No coffee morning in July



Should you need support or wish to talk about the issues raised, please speak to a member of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team: equality&diversity@methodistchurch.org.uk

Here is a prayer by Revd Arlington Trotman, Methodist Supernumerary Minister:

God, Father of all: We thank you for Christ Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit. You have sustained us with abiding grace, that as peoples of the Caribbean, we are enabled to mark the 75th Anniversary of an historic journey to the United Kingdom, on the HMT Empire Windrush in 1948, pioneers of a new age. Your grace has enabled the People of Windrush and their descendants, to accept the Government's call to rebuild the nation's infrastructure following War. We praise you, that Your assurance of peace helped us in this task, and confronting rejection and oppression, we worked and worshipped, reflecting your justice and love.

Bless our celebrations reflections and future! Grant that we heed your wisdom in life worship and word, that the People of Windrush and British society generally would reciprocate your love in all we are and do. Amen.

Exploring Digital



A day online exploring the digital world for Methodist churches and communities, taking place on Saturday 30 September from 10am – 3:30pm.

Join together with Methodists from all over Britain for a special digital gathering. Learn from key individuals who've mastered the digital world on how to connect and share the Gospel online. The event will feature insightful keynotes, group discussions and an expert panel. Don't miss this chance to enhance your church's online presence and explore faith in the digital era!

The use of Oasis in flower arranging

King Charles III has banned the use of oasis in cathedrals and churches.....none was used in the coronation. The material, although a bi-product of the petroleum industry, does not biodegrade.

Whilst not an edict, we should take this on board and we will be discussing with Sharon and Gill to see what is the best way forward for us. In the meantime we will continue to use the supply of oasis that we already have.

More information here:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/24-september/news/uk/bishop-backs-campaign-for-more-sustainable-approach-to-flower-arranging>

Windrush 75th Anniversary



Notting Hill's Methodist Church that became a centre for Caribbean identity

22nd June was Windrush Day and marks the 75th anniversary of the first crossing from the Caribbean. You can watch a video of The Caribbean Contribution on the latest edition of the Methodist News website (methodist-news.org.uk). In the 1970's The Methodist Church became a focal point for Caribbean identity in Notting Hill, bringing together many who had come to London as part of the Windrush generation. The video talks about how Notting Hill Methodist Church became the hub for those who came from the Caribbean during the Windrush movement

This film features content from the book 'The Caribbean Contribution - Stories from Notting Hill Methodist Church' by Claudius Steven and others. Our thanks to those who contributed.

Singing the Faith



Many hymns are structured to reflect the three persons of the Christian Trinitarian God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Other names are also used to reflect those three "persons"/manifestations/activities/characteristics (see, for example, Clare Stainsby's wonderfully exploratory Adonai).

Some of these hymns are included in the suggestions to accompany lectionary readings set for Trinity Sunday (4 June). Also included for that day are three hymns published on the StF website. Marco Adria's lovely re-wording of the Doxology is among them, set to "The Call" by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

However, there are many other examples of Trinitarian hymns. I discovered one recently when looking at the three hymns in *Singing the Faith* by the late Michael Forster. I've described his God of forgiveness as "subtly Trinitarian ... out of which a picture of the forgiving Trinitarian God unfolds". If you don't know it, take a look – it's a hymn applicable to many preaching and worship contexts.

Refugee Week



Refugee Week takes place annually in the week around World Refugee Day: 20 June. (Sunday 25 June falls within the week.) The programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK started in 1998 in reaction to growing hostility towards refugees and asylum seekers; long before the phrase "hostile environment" became current. The organisers say their aim is "to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution."

Though the specific issues and stories relating to refugees, and immigration more generally, vary from year to year, the basic questions and concerns are a constant thread. Refugees and the Bible - readings to explore is one place to begin thinking about the issues in worship. For hymn suggestions and other materials related to these readings, see A wandering Aramean was my ancestor – Refugee Week. A brief overview of what the Bible says about refugees can be found in Wandering people - learning from the Bible.

Crowthorne Foodbank

Current shortages -

Long life milk, fruit juice, pasta sauce, tea bags, jam, tins of fruit, squash

Washing tablets, toilet roll, bleach, washing up liquid

Men's deodorant, adult toothbrushes, ladies deodorant, men's shower gel, men's shaving foam



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 **4th July.**



Yateley CHORAL SOCIETY

Musical Director: James Casselton

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