

Services—August/September 2023

Services



August

6th	10:30 am	Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)
13th	10:30 am	Mike Bowstead
20th	10:30am	David Morgan
27th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement—the All Night Cafe

September

3rd	10:30 am	TBA
10th	10:30 am	TBA
	6:30 pm	SCT service at St George's
17th	10:30 am	TBA
24th	10:30 am	TBA
	6:30 pm	Film night at the Manse. Film chosen by Sharon

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www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
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Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church

Newsletter August/ September 2023



Dear friends,
I thought you would be interested to know that from time to time 'The Minister Writes....' column will be filled by a guest writer. This month, I'm delighted to say that Keg is writing for the newsletter.

If you think *you'd* like to contribute something, please let Sharon and Sue know and together we can plan which edition would work best and Sue can advise on a suitable length.

Looking forward to reading your stories!

With every blessing,
Sharon

Keg, our trainee Local Preacher, writes...

*"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here"*

Do you remember that song by Nat King Cole? I think of hot summer days and balmy evenings, of children's school holidays, of picnics in the park, of holidays at the seaside, a well-deserved break from work, and enjoying sitting in the open watching bands perform at music festivals.

I went with nine of my family to Hyde Park a couple of weeks ago. We spent the afternoon watching and listening to the Chicks and James Bay. Then at 7 o'clock, the one we had been waiting for - Bruce 'The Boss' Springsteen and his band came on. The facilities there were brilliant, lots of food vendors, drinks stalls, drinking water stations, an ice-cream van, and toilet facilities. Apparently there were 65,000 people attending that festival. That's one heck of a lot of people gathered in one place.



It reminded me of the time when the crowds heard that Jesus was in the Galilee and they pursued him, wanting to hear his unorthodox and revolutionary teaching and witness healings, basically his reputation went before him and everyone wanted to see him. They didn't go to see his band of disciples, they went to see the Boss, Jesus himself. They were sitting on the grass, but unlike Hyde Park, there were no facilities to make them comfortable. There could have been between 10,000 to 15,000 people in attendance.

Bruce played his music solidly for 3 hours but from the story in the Bible, Jesus seems to have held their attention with his teaching all day. We are told that it was late in the day when Jesus told his disciples to feed the people and we all know of the miraculous way that a little boys packed lunch extended to feeding

August/September Rotas

Flowers

August		September	
6th	Neil D	3rd	Cynthia R
13th	-	10th	-
20th	Joyce C	17th	Barbara R
27th	Michael B	24th	Sonia W

Cleaning

w/c 21/8/23	Sandra F and Mary A
w/c 11/9/23	Sandra W and Wendy H

Coffee

August		September	
6th	Cynthia R and Margaret H	3rd	Dawn O and Cynthia R
13th	Joan T and Sandra W	10th	Alison B and Sandra F
20th	Alison F and Cynthia R	17th	Cynthia R and Margaret H
27th	Cynthia R and Ann H	24th	Joan T and Sandra W

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 Needses 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/2799549300?](https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09)
pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09
Meeting ID: 279 954 9300
Passcode: 3v25BE

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

August

2023

1st 2:30pm Rejoice! Schoolroom

September

2023

5th	2:30 pm 7:45pm 8.00pm	Rejoice! Prayer group Bible study	Schoolroom Zoom
12th	7:45pm 8.00pm	Prayer group Bible study	Zoom
19th	7:45pm 8.00pm	Prayer group Bible study	Zoom
26th	7:45pm 8.00pm	Prayer group Bible study	Zoom

the crowd until they were satisfied, with baskets of food left over.

Jesus fed the crowd physically and spiritually that day. We shall never know the impact it had on their individual lives. Bruce only fed the crowds desire for entertainment, even though he did it well.

Traditionally August is a time when our church has a break from all activity, a time to rest, a time to recuperate, a time to enjoy our families. As it says in Ecclesiastes 3 "For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven: God has made everything beautiful for its time".

"May God bless each one of you as you enjoy relaxation and refreshment during the summer and may you rest in His peace."

*"I'm waitin, waitin' on a sunny day,
Gonna chase the clouds away,
Yeah I'm waitin' on a sunny day"*

Lyrics by Bruce Springsteen, 'Waiting on a Sunny Day'

Keg

What's on?

August

1st: Rejoice!
2nd: Wednesday house group
9th: Organ recital
17th: Thursday house group
24th: Organ recital
26th: BBQ at Sharon and Mike's
27th: Local Arrangement—the All Night Cafe

September

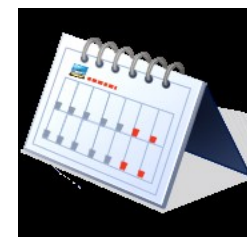
2nd: Messy Harvest
5th: Rejoice!
10th: Baptism of Hugh Riley in the morning service, refreshments afterwards
SCT service at St George's
20th: Harvest service at Fourways
21st: Thursday house group
24th: Film night at the Manse
28th: Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan
30th: Exploring Digital

October

8th: Harvest service followed by lunch
16th: Church council

December

2nd: Christmas Fair
16th: Christingle 3-4:30



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 August 17th and September 21st**



Wednesday House Group:

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

at Alison and Graham's. Next meeting will be **Wednesday 2nd August. No meeting in September.**

Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **October 2023** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 24th September 2023 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday September 17th 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 Reggae Punk

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

Visit to Polesden Lacey



Seven from SYMC (see photo) visited Polesden Lacey - a National Trust estate on the North Downs near Dorking - on 7th July.

We visited the house where Margaret Greville, a super-rich socialite, entertained royalty, politicians and celebrities at lavish weekend parties. George VI and the Queen Mother spent part of their honeymoon there in 1923.

The house is at the heart of a 1600 acre estate where there are lovely gardens and walks.

We were blessed with hot, sunny weather and were able to gather together in the shade to reflect on a wonderful day before returning home.

Many thanks to Mary Grossmann for organising the event.

Mike B

Film night

The next Film night is on the **4th Sunday - September 24th**

Do join us for fellowship and pizza (we order in) at around 18:30.

The film will be chosen by Sharon

No film night in August



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!

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 or an alternative 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

September—10th

October—1st, 29th

November 19th, 26th

December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

2024

January—28th

March—31st (Easter Sunday)

April—7th, 28th

June—16th

August—11th

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

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.

A new great grandson for Norma



He arrived on 12th July 7.7. Lbs His name is Albie Skye.

His father, my grandson Rob, and Kim his wife live in Castle Douglas Scotland.

Norma Heather

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.



SANDHURST AND YATELEY METHODIST CHURCH



MESSY HARVEST

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

3PM TO 4.30PM

ALL WELCOME



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 August. September one is 28th which will be in support of Macmillan



Situation Vacant!

We are in need of a Church Council Secretary - could this be YOU?

It is not an onerous task (honestly). The pay is non-existent but the job satisfaction is out of this world!

What is involved?

Taking the minutes for three Church Councils a year plus the General Church Meeting. Since the Church Councils are now held by Zoom, we have the facility to record them which can help with minuting, should something not get noted during the meeting.

Circulating the agenda, previous minutes and reports before each meeting. All Church Council members are on email so this is a straightforward process.

Very occasionally, the CC Secretary might be asked to write and send a letter (usually a letter of thanks) on behalf of the meeting.

Age is no barrier. All that is required is that the person fulfilling this role is a Church Member, on email, able to use Microsoft Word or equivalent, and attend meetings via Zoom (help can be given on this if needed). Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do for your church. Even committing for one or two years would be a great help. If you would like to know more, please speak to Sharon, any of the stewards or Sandra Fogwill who was our Church Council Secretary before becoming Treasurer.

Many thanks, Sharon

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>

Leaving a legacy



Recently charities have focused on asking supporters to leave them a gift in their will.

Christian Aid are no exception and recently set up a new campaign to encourage people to will them a legacy.

This link has more information and 2 videos: the first one features someone you may know!

www.christianaid.org.uk/give/gifts-in-wills/stories

Harvest

Our **Harvest Service** will be on **Sunday 8th October** and will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

Our **donations** at the service will be shared between Yateley Community Pantry and the Crowthorne Food Bank.

There will also be a Harvest Service at **Fourways** on **20th September**. Details to follow from Keg

Church charity

At our next Church council meeting on **16th October** we will be discussing who to make our annual charity donations to.

Please do let Sharon or one of the stewards know if you have any suggestions.

Thanks

Christian Aid Week 2023 in Sandhurst and Yateley



Social changes and a move away from using cash, continues to make raising funds for the poorest in the world a challenge. However, we do not know how much locally was donated online.... fingers crossed it was lots!

Many thanks to ours and Sandhurst Baptist Church for all their efforts which are much appreciated.

If you have any fund-raising ideas or want to help, please contact me.

<u>Christian Aid Week 2023</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
House to House Collections		53
Delivery Only Collections		29
Plant Sale		7
<u>Church Collections:</u>		
Baptists	126	
Methodists	<u>160</u>	
Total	286	286
Churches Together Service (Baptist Church)		99
Grand Total		<u>474</u>

Wilf Hardy
wjhscot@aol.com
07823 406908
07823 406908

Crowthorne Foodbank

Current shortages -

Long life milk, fruit juice, tea bags, tins of fruit, crisps, custard, rice puddings

Toilet roll, washing tablets

Men's deodorant, adult toothbrushes, ladies deodorant, 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, biscuits, pasta, jam, cereal

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
**1st August and
5th September**



Daisy Chain Café



Daisy Chain Café in Yateley is one of the charities we support as a church. As such, we have received a copy of their annual report for 2022 – 2023, in order that we may appreciate how they use donations to assist their members, not only at the weekly café sessions but at extra events they organise from time to time.

The report is on the noticeboard in the entrance hall if you would like to read it in its entirety but here are some excerpts from it:

Daisy Chain Café has been in existence since 2017 and a registered charity since 2020. The charity is run entirely by

30 volunteers on a rota basis, with 11 in attendance for each weekly café session.

The café runs on Monday afternoons (except for Bank Holidays) and meets in a local council-run hall. Attendance is free and refreshments and entertainment are provided. In addition to dementia-friendly games, quizzes and activities, they also have volunteer entertainers who provide musical, demonstration and movement activities. They also organise special parties, days out and functions.

This year's highlights have included:

- Queens Jubilee party and celebration
- Day out to Milestones, a local living history museum
- Special afternoon tea
- Parties to mark Halloween and Christmas

Volunteers have attended first aid training, and trustees have benefitted from NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) training. The charity also belongs to The Hampshire Good Neighbours Network who are able to assist with advice, templates, free insurance and DBS checks.

At the beginning of the year the charity donated, with the help of a Hampshire CC grant, a defibrillator to Yateley Town Council for installation at the hall where the café meets.

The average attendance on Mondays increased from 13 to 16 – 19 which necessitated finding a new seating arrangement to accommodate the extra people in a safe and comfortable atmosphere.

Their financial position is sound and they would like to express their grateful thanks to their volunteers and to all who have donated to the organisation, without whose generosity the Daisy Chain Café could not function.