

Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
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Sunday 24th September 2023			
10.30 am	Morning Service	Preacher	Karen Glossop
	All Night Cafe	Music	Alison Bone
		Multimedia	Robert Godden
		Flowers	Sonia Walton
6.30 pm	Film Night at Sharon and Mike's		
		Steward	Matt Rowell
		Assistant	Mike Bader

Church Diary Week Commencing 24th September 2023	
Tuesday	Prayer Group 7.45 pm Bible Study 8 pm https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09 Meeting ID: 279 954 9300. Passcode: 3v25BES
Wednesday	Babes and Tots 10.30-12
Thursday	Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30-12

Sunday 1 st October 2023			
10.30 am	Morning Service	Preacher	Revd Sharon Gardner
		Music	Alison Bone
		Multimedia	None this week
		Steward	Matt Rowell
		Assistant	Lesley Dumbleton

We welcome any visitors and new residents with us today. Please introduce yourself to a steward or sign the visitor's book in the porch.

Film Night THIS EVENING is to be held at Sharon and Mike's, 6 The Chase, Crowthorne RG45 6HT, and not at Church. All welcome

Macmillan coffee morning this coming Thursday 28th September 10 30 to 12. Tea, coffee and cakes. Please come and join us and invite your friends and family.

Rejoice Due to an electrician working at the church it has been necessary to change next month's Rejoice from the 3rd to the 10th Oct.

Harvest Baskets We are holding our Harvest service on Sunday October 8th. Would some members like to decorate a Harvest basket and then it could be distributed to others following the service? If so perhaps they would like to take a basket as laid out on the table in the refreshment area following the service. Also if anyone has any suitable produce of fruit or vegetables that could be used in the display I would be happy to receive them on the afternoon of Friday October 6th. Any queries please contact me. Many thanks in advance. **Heather**

Harvest Gifts The Harvest Service will be on October 8th. The stewards have decided that the gifts donated will then be distributed to The Yateley Pantry and The Food Bank

Harvest Lunch We shall be having a Harvest Lunch straight after the service on Sunday 8th October. This will be a bring-and-share lunch. There will be a list to put your name down if you would like to join in the Harvest celebrations and lunch. Don't worry if you are not able to bring anything for lunch or if you make up your mind at the last moment - there will be plenty to go around! Many thanks **Keg**

Church Council MONDAY 16th October at 7.30pm by Zoom. Zoom link is the same as for Tuesday evening Prayer and Bible study. Church Council members please check that the date is in your diaries. Please note that it is *not* on a Tuesday as has been our usual practice. Those who are not Church Council members are still welcome to attend the meeting although they are not able to vote. So, if you've ever wondered what goes on at the meetings, now is your chance to find out!

Congratulations and best wishes to Crowthorne Methodist Church this Sunday as it celebrates its 125th anniversary! The first church was built on the site in 1870 (where the church halls are) meaning there has actually been a Methodist presence in Crowthorne for 153 years - but the current church building was opened on 21st September 1898. Our thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness over the years and the generations of believers who have worshipped there. For those interested, our own church was opened on 2nd May 1906 making it a *mere* 117 years young(!) although the original Sandhurst Methodist Chapel was opened on 1st January 1869 and the first Wesleyan congregation met in 1865 and worshipped in the open air for six months before moving into a shed until the chapel could be built. If you are interested in learning more about the history of Methodism in Sandhurst, then I commend Libby Godden's excellent book, '*A Winding Lane in the Wilderness*' to you. Robert passed on to me a number of copies. You are welcome to one for a donation to church funds. Just let me know if you would like one.

Christmas Dinner at The Bird In Hand – Friday 15th December As always the menu at the Bird in Hand looks delicious. I have provisionally booked for us to be seated at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining us for a slap-up meal and fab company please let me know. Cost of meal is £29.95 + 10% surcharge. I would need a £5 deposit and then you can pay on the night. Check out the menu on the website or look out for it in the October newsletter. Best wishes **Keg**

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2023 Yes it's that time of year again!! This means it is time for the Shoe Box Appeal.

Link to Hope is a Charity based near Worthing which sends shoeboxes to Eastern Europe (Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria) – they can be for a Family or a unisex shoebox for the Elderly. You don't have to wrap the box before you fill it – you wrap it up when it is full as you would a present. The shoeboxes should be average size – no boot boxes or oversized shoeboxes. Let's see how many boxes we can fill in the next couple of months!! The leaflet gives details of the items that should be included. I believe we shall need to have the shoeboxes dedicated at the end of October so that we can deliver them before 5th November as mentioned on the leaflet. I will advise when the Dedication will take place when I have arranged it. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 07811-870183 or alison@qfradgley.com. I hope to be in Church on Sunday. Thank you. **Alison Fradgley**

Bagshot Concert Band (who meet in what was Bagshot Methodist Church) are having a 125th Anniversary Concert in St Paul's Church Camberley at 7.30 on Sat 30th Sept. If you are interested or want more information, please speak to Alison Bone

Your Church Needs You!! - Calling all previous Stewards and Assistants! We currently have some gaps in the weekly Stewarding and Assistant Stewarding Duty rotas. If you are able to fill in any of these slots - that would be fantastic! **Stewards still needed** 22nd October, 5th November, 19th November.