

**Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church**  
**Rev Sharon Gardner**  
[sharon.gardner@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sharon.gardner@methodist.org.uk) Tel: 01344 774967

Sunday 10th December 2023			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	Revd Catherine Bowstead
		<b>Music</b>	Alison Bone/Mary Grossmann
		<b>Multimedia</b>	Robert Godden
		<b>Flowers</b>	-
		<b>Steward</b>	Sandra Wooledge
		<b>Assistant</b>	Wendy Hart

Church Diary Week Commencing 10th December 2023	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Prayer Group 7.45 pm Bible Study 8 pm. Zoom link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09">https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09</a> Meeting ID: 279 954 9300. Passcode: 3v25BES
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Babes and Tots 10.30-12</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Christingle/Messy Christmas 3-4.30pm</b>

Sunday 17th December 2023			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	Revd Sharon Gardner
	<b>Carol Service</b>	<b>Music</b>	Music Group
		<b>Multimedia</b>	Douglas Brown
		<b>Flowers</b>	-
		<b>Steward</b>	Matt Rowell
		<b>Assistant</b>	Wendy Hart

**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.**

**[Carol Singing Village Inn - Monday 11th December 7 - 9 pm.](#)** If you like singing carols and Christmas songs - join us with the Sandhurst Baptist Church at the Village Inn, Sandhurst on Monday 7 - 9 pm. Last year there were only three of us! Nonetheless, we had a really enjoyable evening singing and the customers received the singing well and actually joined in with some of the carols. Do join us on Monday, if you would like to and bring some festive cheer to the Village Inn.

If you are interested, just ask Keg or Sharon who else will be going so we can meet up. Best wishes Keg

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT FOURWAYS HOUSE - WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER** We shall be holding a short Christmas Carol service led by Sharon at Fourways Residential Home at 2 pm on Wednesday 13th December. We would love to be able to give each resident and each member of staff a gift-wrapped selection box. We did this last year and everyone was so thrilled to receive a little gift. The selection boxes are already in the shops folks! If you would like to, please give your selection boxes to a Steward who will then put them in the vestry awaiting wrapping.

If you would like to join us for the service - that would be great - the more the merrier. They usually serve refreshments afterwards. Just let a Steward know and we will make sure we meet up with you on the day. Many thanks for your generosity. Keg

**OUT OF THE ORDINARY - DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS** Methodist Publishing's Christmas Campaign this year is entitled 'Out of the Ordinary'. This Advent and Christmas, you are invited to experience how the wonder of God's love is revealed in the ordinary: 2,000 years ago, a seemingly ordinary birth changed the world. Each day, ordinary acts of kindness can breakthrough to the extraordinary. With lots of other information on the website about this campaign as well, you can sign up for daily reflections to be sent to you throughout Advent. If you are interested please visit: [www.methodist.org.uk/outoftheordinary](http://www.methodist.org.uk/outoftheordinary). Keg

### **5@5**

#### **Praying together for Sandhurst 5pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

If you can, please pause and pray for 5 minutes at this time.

The Christmas season should be a time of rejoicing, but it can be a time of strain, stress and loneliness. We pray that the good news proclaimed by the angels will be received and the message of 'peace on earth' will touch individuals, families and nations.

We might pray for

- our churches' activities and witness
- those who serve others during the holiday season
- those for whom this a difficult time of the year
- peace in place of strife.

Luke 2: 17-18

*When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.*

Jesus,

in being born as one of us;  
in sharing the experiences of life with us;  
in being obedient to our Father's will,  
you showed us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love shine in our hearts.  
Enlighten those in darkness.  
May your love be born in many hearts at this time.  
Amen



**Weekly Notices** Items should be with Barbara by Friday 12 noon [notices@sandhurstvateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sandhurstvateleymethodist.org.uk)

**Monthly Newsletter** items for **Dec/Jan edition** should be with Sue T by **21<sup>st</sup> January**