

## Services—April 2024

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7th	10:30 am	Peter Whalley
14th	10:30 am	Doreen Murgatroyd
	6:30 pm	Sandhurst Churches Together service at the Baptist Church
21st	10:30 am	Maggie Garton
28th	10:30 am	Pauline Matondo

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# *Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church April 2024*



## The minister writes...

Dear friends,  
I realise this will be appearing in the April newsletter which means that *officially* we will just have celebrated Easter as it is earlier this year, coming as it does at the very end of March. However, the Easter season is more than just Easter Day, and we continue to celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection long



after the Easter eggs have been consumed and the last Easter hymn sung.

As I'm sure you are aware, the liturgical year follows certain seasons. We always start with the first Sunday in Advent, then comes Christmas Day and the season of Christmas which is quickly succeeded by the Feast of Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Depending on church tradition, the season of Epiphany can either be seen as continuing until the day before Ash Wednesday or being replaced by Ordinary Time but either way Lent is the next season. Lent takes us through to Easter and the Easter season continues to Pentecost, then Trinity Sunday and then Ordinary Time reasserts itself and takes us all the way to Advent once again.

There are colours associated with each of these periods too. I won't go into the meaning of them here except to say that I think it is particularly significant that Holy Week should, for the most part, be marked by red as a reminder of the shed blood of Christ, and Easter by white and gold. White represents purity, holiness and grace, and gold denotes the triumph of resurrection over sin and death.

I do find the division of the liturgical year and the symbolism of the related colours interesting, but they are not something that we focus on deeply in the Methodist tradition. And I think it is right that this is so because, in one sense, as Christians, we are *always* living in the Easter season. Even when we celebrate Jesus' birth, we do so knowing that he doesn't stay a baby in the manger. We know about his ministry, his teaching, the miracles he performed, the acceptance he showed to the outcast and the stranger, the friends he chose (including Judas), the love he demonstrated throughout his life and most especially his loving embrace for all humanity stretched out on the cross.

We even know that the cross itself is NOT the end. In fact, we celebrate an empty cross because Jesus is no longer dead but risen. And it is right that we should do so.

Yet there is a danger. We can come too quickly to Easter Sunday morning. We can career from Palm Sunday to Easter Day with barely a pause to remember all of what happened during Holy Week. We can make of Easter something too light, too easily come by, too temporary. We forget the cost of crucifixion and sin and grief, and in doing so we lose something of the joy and the wonder at

## Rotas April

### Flowers

#### April

7th	-
14th	Sue T
21st	Karen G
28th	-

### Cleaning

w/c 8/4/24	Alison F and Alison B
w/c 29/4/24	Sandra F and Mary A

### Coffee

#### April

7th	Alison B and Sandra F
14th	Cynthia R and Margaret H
21st	Joan T and Sandra W
28th	Alison F and Cynthia R

## 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! (usually 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 but not for April—July  
2024.

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.

**Note change of arrangements for Bible study in April to July.**  
**While Sharon is on sabbatical, Bible study will be jointly with**  
**Crowthorne MC at 7:30pm on Thursday evenings (not Tuesdays).**

**Zoom link will be in the notices.**

April		2024	
2nd	2:30pm	Rejoice!	Schoolroom
4th	7:30pm	<b>Bible study with Crowthorne MC</b>	Zoom
11th	7:30pm	<b>Bible study with Crowthorne MC</b>	Zoom
18th	7:30pm	<b>Bible study with Crowthorne MC</b>	Zoom
25th	7:30pm	<b>Bible study with Crowthorne MC</b>	Zoom

the rolled-away stone and the empty tomb.  
I hope that this Easter you will have rediscovered that  
amazement, that awe. And I pray that as you journey in  
faith with the risen Jesus, the message of Easter will  
shape all of your living: your thoughts, your words and  
your actions far beyond Easter Day itself. For you – we  
– are Easter people. Alleluia!

With every blessing at Easter and always,  
Sharon

*And we are Easter people, risen with Christ;  
Easter people, alive in him:  
Easter people, dancing, singing, praises  
bringing to our risen Saviour, Lord and King.*

Brian Hoare (b. 1935)  
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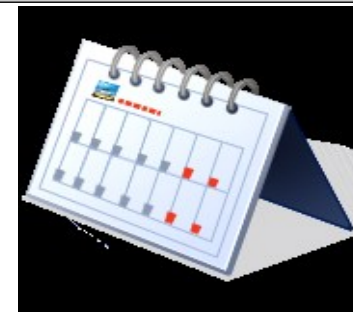
## What's on?

### March

**24th:** Palm Sunday, Stainer's Crucifixion  
**26th:** Lent course 6  
**28th:** Coffee morning, Maundy Thursday supper  
and service  
**29th:** Good Friday service, Good Friday Act of  
Witness at The Meadows  
**31st:** Easter Sunday service

### April

**2nd:** Rejoice!  
**7th:** General church meeting  
**18th:** Thursday housegroup  
**25th:** Coffee morning  
**28th:** Film night



## Sandhurst Churches together



**29th March Good Friday Act of Witness** at The  
Meadows from 12:45-1:15

**14th April** Sandhurst Baptist church

## Your Church needs you! - Calling all previous stewards and assistants!

We currently have a lot of gaps in the weekly Stewarding and Assistant Stewarding Duty rotas. If you are able to do any duties then please email me and I will give you the dates which need to be filled.

Please let me know what you can do - even if you can only open up on the day and be the Steward/Assistant, I am always happy to liaise with the preacher. The Team will even pay the offering into the Post Office, if necessary!

So please do consider doing a duty or two, it would really take the pressure off the current Stewarding Team.

Many thanks in advance for your help - Keg

## 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:

March—31st (Easter Sunday), April—7th, 28th, 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**

## Minister

**Rev Sharon Gardner**

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01344 774967

## Church Stewards—steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Karen Glossop	07934 144322	Senior Steward
Sandra Wooledge	07710 066210	
Heather Brown	01252 655419	
Matt Rowell	07890 424767	

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

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

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 07543 800921

Next meeting

**Thursday April 18th at Robert's**



## Newsletter and Website

newsletter@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk

Contributions for the **May 2024** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 5th May or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday April 28th 2024**

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)

## Our Church Hall availability

Please keep in mind the following availability of our beautifully redecorated, light and airy church hall should you, or someone you know, be looking for such a facility.

Regular hirers as well as occasional use for children's parties or meetings always considered and most welcome.

**Mondays**—11am to 4pm

**Tuesdays**—11am to 6pm and 8pm to midnight

**Wednesdays**—4pm to 6:30pm

**Thursdays**—fully booked at present

**Fridays**—11am through to midnight

**Saturdays**—1pm through to midnight

To see our charges (plus more photographs and measurements) please click <https://sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk/blog/hall-hire/>

### Regular bookings

£19.50 per hour with the use of the kitchen

£18.50 per hour without use of the kitchen

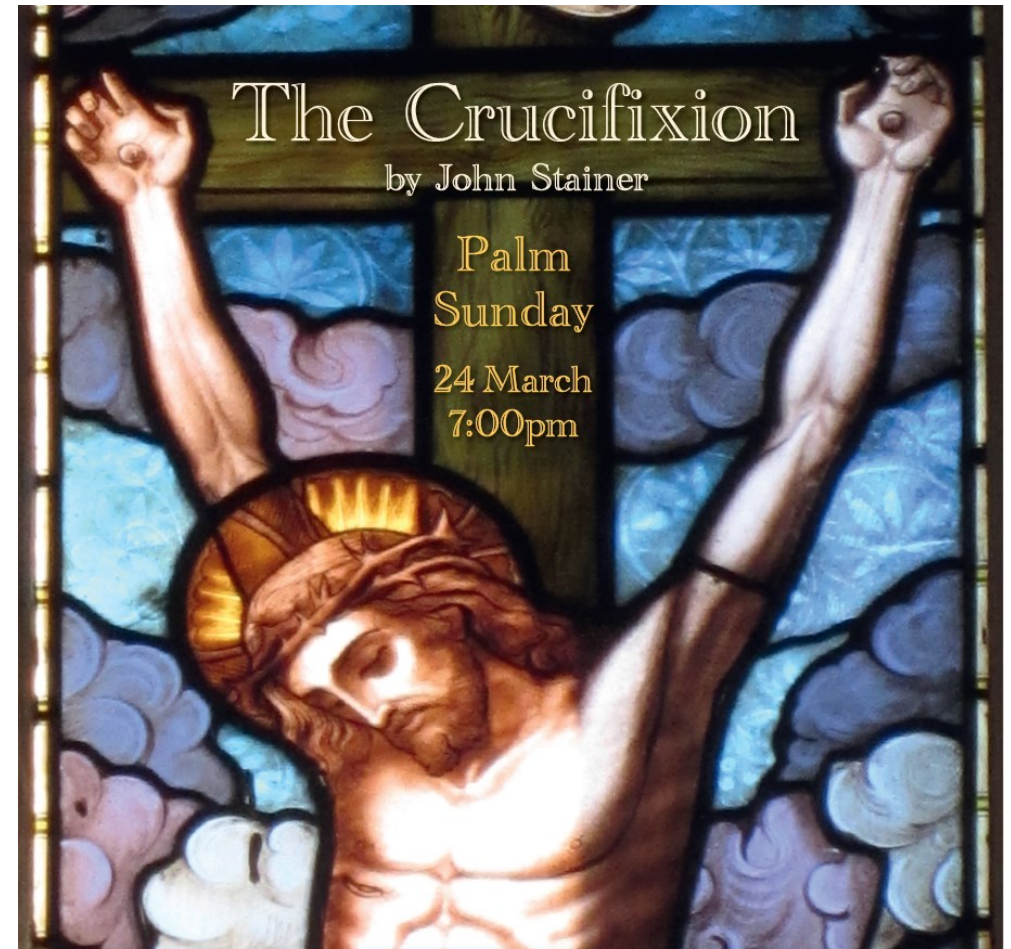
£17.50 per hour for charities with use of the kitchen

### Single one-off events

£22.50 per hour for parties etc with the use of the kitchen)

£20.00 per hour for charities

Please make contact via [halls@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:halls@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)



ALL WELCOME • ADMISSION FREE

Refreshments served from 6:15pm

Retiring Collection in aid of St Michael's Lent Appeal

St Michael's Church Choir and Friends

Tenor: John Castle • Bass: Nick Allen • Organ: Jane Palmer

St Michael and All Angels Church

Lower Church Road, Sandhurst, Berkshire. GU47 8HN

## Sonia

Here are the latest images of Sonia and baby Isabella.

We look forward to welcoming her back.



## 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.

**Coffee morning in April 2024 will be on Thursday 25th**



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## 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

## 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.

## Messy Mother's Day/Easter

On Saturday 9th March we held Messy Mothers Day/Easter. We enjoyed hosting this event and 36 children attended - with their grown-ups! It was very noisy! Heather had the messiest job getting the children to paint the palms of their hands to put on the huge Mother's Day heart she had prepared and this was displayed in church the following morning on Mother's Day (or more correctly 'Mothering Sunday!').

There were also paintings of roses from celery hearts believe it or not! Sandra did her usual preparation of food which is always a winner with the children - they flocked around her table and she nearly ran out of biscuits to decorate. There were other craft activities as well and the children really enjoyed themselves. Cynthia and Wendy did their usual hosting of refreshments which were gratefully received.

We then went into church where the children did an Easter Egg hunt and Keg then told a story which caused hilarity when the children thought Keg was going to crack open an egg onto Adam's (Sharon's son) head. They even voted to do it - none of the children wanted to prevent what could have been a traumatic event for Adam, and they laughed as an empty egg shell came crashing down onto his scalp expecting a messy scramble. They were almost disappointed! Anyway let's hope they remember the point of the story!

We sang a couple of action songs, one about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a Donkey and the other one written by our clever Minister about mummies, daddies, Nannas and Grandads, to the tune Frere Jacques; she is so talented.

When time was up, away the children went, armed with the crafts they had loving prepared for their mummies, with a Fairtrade 'Real' chocolate egg and Easter story book.

The Team cleared up and went home exhausted! What a great afternoon of fun engaging with the little ones and their families - we are going to do it all again in the summer - so watch this space!

Keg

## Maundy Supper

**7pm Thursday 28th March.**

We are hosting the Maundy Supper, Service and Communion this year and Crowthorne Methodist Church will be joining us.

We will need to know who would like to come as we need numbers for catering. We will be offering a cheese or ham supper. There will be a list on the hatch during refreshments so please make sure you put your name down or let Keg know via email.

Keg

## Film night

The next Film night is on the **4th Sunday this month - April 28th**

and this month will be held in the church

Do join us for fellowship and pizza at around 18:30.



## Yateley Town Council Mayor's awards

Here are two photos which were taken at the Mayors awards ceremony on 18th March at Yateley Town Council. There were 13 volunteers from the community pantry who each received a certificate—including Wendy. As she reached 80 on Thursday this award will have a special meaning for her, but it is a big way to say thank you to all the volunteers.



Tricia Needs also received a certificate for her work with Yateley Industries

## Crowthorne Foodbank

Current shortages -

**Fray Bentos pies, cartons of juice, tinned stewed meat, long life milk, tins of meatballs, tins of hotdogs, cup-a-soup, tea bags (80s), tinned ham and corned beef, custard, rice pudding, jam, bottles of squash, sponge puddings.**



**Bleach, antibacterial spray, washing up liquid, washing powder (tablets).**

**Bars and liquid soap, men's shower gel, ladies deodorant.**

Note: the foodbank update their needs weekly here: [Crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://Crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Note—they currently have plenty of coffee, cereal, beans, big packs of pasta.

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!

From 2.30- 3.30 on the 1st Tuesday of the month a small group of us meet to sing old favourite hymns, learn new ones and share fellowship.

If you miss singing hymns that perhaps you loved years ago or are keen to familiarise yourself with different ones you would be very welcome.

Sometimes there is also a chance to select what will be sung at services either when Sharon is preaching or when we have a Local Arrangement.

The next Rejoice! will be on

**2nd April 2024**

