

Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church
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Sunday 8th December 2024			
11 am	No service conducted here		
	Circuit Service at The Pines streamed to our church (see below)		
		Multimedia	Douglas Brown
		Steward	Heather Brown

Church Diary Week Commencing 8th December 2024	
Sunday	Advent Studies 7 pm (zoom link see below)
Wednesday	Babes and Tots 10.30-12
Thursday	Thursday House Group at Robert's
Thursday	Advent Studies 7.30 pm (zoom link see below)
Saturday	Messy Church and Christingle 3-4.30 pm

Sunday 15th December 2024			
10.30 am	Morning Service	Preacher	Revd Sharon Gardner
	Holy Communion	Music	Alison/Mary
		Multimedia	Douglas Brown
		Steward	Karen Glossop
		Assistant	Mike Bader

30th Birthday Celebrations at The Pines - 8th December The Church at the Pines is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and the President of Conference will be leading the worship. The service will be live streamed in our church so no one will miss the service. The live Streaming here will begin at 11 am instead of our normal start time of 10.30 am. There will be no refreshments here after the live streaming.

High Cross - Sunday Afternoon 2.00 to 3.00 pm - 8th December After the morning service at The Pines, the President of Conference has agreed to stay on for part of the afternoon and arrangements have been made for her to be at High Cross Church, Camberley from 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm. As I am sure you are aware our circuit and the Hampshire Surrey Borders Circuit are uniting to become a new circuit on the 1st September 2025. The President will give a short presentation on how she sees Methodism today and offer some words of encouragement to us as we move forward into the merger. In addition, there will be a short Q & A session. You are invited to attend for what is hoped will be the first of many opportunities for members of our two circuits to get to know each other.

Please Note Sharon will not be around during the following week as she helps with Harlow's siblings 16 - 22 December During this week she will be contactable on her mobile 07377 811195 and via email but will not be around to respond in person. For anything urgent, please contact the stewards.

FOURWAYS RESIDENTIAL HOME - CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A few of us are going along to Fourways Residential Home on Wed 11th December at 2.30 pm to have a short Christmas service with readings and singing carols. Do come along if you can, the Residents are always pleased to see us. We meet outside the home just before 2.30 m. For more information contact Keg

SELECTION BOXES FOR FOURWAYS RESIDENTIAL HOME

We had advertised for donations of selection boxes so that we could wrap them and given them to each of the 20 residents, however we only had half a dozen donated and so we have changed our plans! We have purchased a couple of Celebration tins to take along with us and then the residents and staff can dip in and share them. Thank you to those of you who have donated the selection boxes, we will put them in the raffle at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday unless you let us know and we'll keep yours by and return them to you. Many thanks Keg

CAROL SINGING !!!! THIS MONDAY AT THE VILLAGE INN 7 PM

Would you like to join in with the Baptist Church as they bring some festive cheer to the Village Inn on Monday 9th December? There is always a wonderful atmosphere and the customers end up joining in with the carols and actually give requests for their special favourites! Peter from the Baptist Church plays the electronic piano and sings some of the songs he has written himself. Sharon and Keg have the date in their diaries so you won't be the only Methodists to join them! For more information, please contact Keg

CHRISTMAS CARD AND CHRISTMAS DAY RETIRING COLLECTIONS

If you would like to send just one card to the whole church and donate some money to our chosen charities, then this year we shall be giving those donations to two charities, one in Sandhurst and the other in Yateley. These will be the Sandhurst Day Centre and the Yateley Pantry. Pin your card to the Noticeboard and remember to take a Christmas card with you when you attend the last service before Christmas! If you want to continue sending cards to your friends at church, that is fine. You will also have the opportunity to give to the retiring collection after the Carol Service and on Christmas Day.

Advent Studies would you like to join a friendly and welcoming group during this Advent season, to engage with others as we all prepare our hearts and minds for this very special season. There are two groups and you are invited to either one or both!

1 Thursday evenings Advent study run by Crowthorne on the theme of the gifts of the magi:

Dates: Thursday 5th/12th/19th December and a final one 'Following the star' tba but either 2nd or 9th Jan

Start time: 7.30pm Join Zoom Meeting Thursday evenings 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89502232148?pwd=TKVrTVBhSIJYZXB4QUFqMW9hUHVMUT09>

Meeting ID: 895 0223 2148

Passcode: 198817

2 Sunday evenings at 7pm (on 1st, 8th and 15th December) for an hour. This will be run by High Cross Church and is entitled 'Shine your Light!' To join the study, just go to your Zoom page and click on 'join a meeting' then enter:

Meeting ID: 895 4793 9910 Passcode: 939744

Comedy and Carols with Award Winning Comedian Paul Kerensa. Sunday 8th December at 7 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church. Book Now tickets £12 from the parish office 01252 873030 or office@stmichaels-sandhurst.org.uk. Tickets also include mulled wine and mince pie during the interval. There will also be a raffle (tickets available in advance). **All proceeds to go to the Spire Fund.**

Prayer List on weekly notices If you have asked for a name to be added to the prayer list, please can you remember to let me know when it is appropriate to take it off. Many thanks Barbara

Weekly Notices Items for the next week's notices should be with Barbara Rush by Friday 12 noon

Monthly Newsletter items for February edition should be with Sue Truby by 19th January