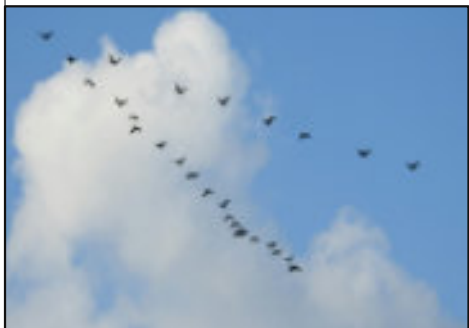


# **Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church November 2025 newsletter**



## The Minister writes...



Dear friends,

This is the time of year when it is not unusual to see skeins of geese flying overhead. Often our attention is drawn to them because we hear them honking as they fly and we look up, marvelling at that distinctive 'V' and perhaps wondering, are they just flying to safe pasture for the night or is this the start for them of a much longer, migratory journey?

A couple of weeks ago was World Migratory Birds Day and I found myself reading about migrating birds – well, specifically about migrating geese actually – and I discovered that there are some things we could learn from them. So here are my **five lessons from the geese**:

### **Lesson 1: We travel farther together**

Geese flying in a V-formation can travel 71% farther than if they flew alone. The birds fly in other birds' slip streams, thus reducing the effort each individual bird has to make and preserving their strength. All but the lead bird of course – but I will come to that one in a minute. When we share our journey of faith — praying, serving, worshipping together — we find strength and encouragement we could never have alone. Who helps you to keep going in faith? Who do you lift up?

### **Lesson 2: We take turns to lead**

When the lead goose tires, it drops back and another takes the front. Christian life is about service and sharing the load. In the church, we each have times to lead and times to follow. What or who has helped you when it has been your turn to lead?

### **Lesson 3: We encourage each other**

Geese do a lot of honking! Whether on water, land or in the air. But did you know that when they are flying the honking isn't just noise — it's encouragement! Our words can lift or crush others; encouragement is a holy habit.

### **Lesson 4: We care for the weak**

When a goose is injured or falls ill and has to drop out of the skein, two or three others stay with it until it either recovers or dies. In doing so, they are left behind from their original formation. They will have to join another flock

in order to continue their journey or, if it is too late, they will have to overwinter where they have landed. That's a picture of true fellowship and compassion. The flock cares for its weak and so must we.

### **Lesson 5: We have a destination**

The geese aren't just flying idly – they have a destination: they are heading home. So are we — this earth is not our home as the old hymn goes; we are pilgrims on the way to God's kingdom.

So my prayer for our fellowship is that we may be a flock that flies in formation — following Christ, encouraging one another, and trusting that God will bring us safely home.

With every blessing,

Sharon



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## **What's on?**

### **November:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Dedication of shoeboxes

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Rejoice!

**9<sup>th</sup>:** No service. Instead there will be a service of Remembrance at 3pm which will contain an act of remembrance for those loved ones who have died.

**15<sup>th</sup>:** High Cross organ concert, YCS concert

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Camberley and District Silver Band concert in church, FMC Mission Quiz (Fleet)

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Film night

**27<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee, craft and creativity - bring buttons

**29<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Fair, Christmas Tree festival



### **Advanced notice:**

Carol singing at Fourways Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

Messy church/Christingle/nativity 14<sup>th</sup> December 3-4:30

SCT carols and readings at the Meadows (Tesco) 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm.

Carol service/LA Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please invite your friends and neighbours. Followed by the Christmas meal at the Bird in Hand.

## Love Remembered service 9<sup>th</sup> November 3pm

Please note that, like last year, we will NOT be holding a morning service at our church. This allows people to attend the Civic service at Sandhurst memorial park if they so wish.

Instead we will hold an afternoon service of Love Remembered/ Remembrance with the opportunity to remember and light a candle for those loved ones who are no longer with us. This will be at 3pm and will be followed by refreshments.

## Messy Harvest

On Saturday 18th October we held Messy Harvest at Church. There were about 20 children who attended (difficult to count them as they dart around!) with one or two of their grown ups, so the hall was really rather full. We had brilliant activities: A scarecrow trail, making pasta and leaf owls, potato printing, colouring a beautiful picture drawn by Heather, colouring sheets, decorating and filling autumn baskets, decorating biscuits and colouring wooden leaves with paint markers (the Dads really liked this - must remember to get wooden decorations for Messy Christmas!) All this time, Wendy kept us in refreshments and biscuits, which were very welcome.

We then went into church. Each child was given a bag and had to find several autumn things which were hidden around the church i.e., acorn, stick etc - children are so competitive, they put their hearts and soul into finding each item. A full bag brought to the front was rewarded in either a Milky Way or bag of Haribo sweets.

We then had a harvest story with the children coming up onto the stage and showing us how little seeds grow with pitter-patter rain and sunshine, into tall plants which the farmer can harvest. We sang harvest lyrics to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus.

After a prayer and blessing all the little ones went home. Us grown ups were quite exhausted! However a really good time was enjoyed. We have the same children come time and again and it is lovely to see them having such a good time.

Let's do it all again for Messy Christmas with Christingle - **Sunday 14th December** at 3 - 4.30 pm - if you fancy coming along and helping out, even just handing out teas and coffees, that would be wonderful. Come and join in the fun!  
Keg

# Baroque SPLENDOUR

*Yateley*  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY  
Musical Director James Casselton



**Pergolesi: Magnificat**  
**Charpentier: Te Deum**

**Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord alway**

**Handel: O come, let us sing  
unto the Lord**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**7.45pm at St Swithun's Church, Yateley**

[www.yateley-choral.org.uk](http://www.yateley-choral.org.uk)

Registered Charity: 295665



## Link to Hope ShoeBoxes dedication

If you have prepared a shoe box for Link to Hope, please can you bring it along by **Sunday 2nd November?** (You can drop it off at church sooner if that's more convenient!) The shoe boxes will be blessed during the morning service and then Sharon will collect and deliver to the local agent the following week.

If you haven't been able to fill a shoe box this year but would still like to contribute, then financial donations are very welcome. Link to Hope can fill shoe boxes for us. It costs £20 for them to fill a shoe box and Sharon is happy to collect donations (please leave in an envelope marked 'Link to Hope donation' in the vestry or pass to a steward). She will then complete the online form/payment on our behalf for as many shoe boxes as we raise funds for.

Thank you,

Sharon

### THE TRIANGLE

Meaningful Chocolate – For Churches at Christmas 2025



#### Real Advent Calendar

2025 design – includes a colour 24 page Christmas story-activity book. Included in the calendar are 25 high quality Fairtrade chocolate shapes. UK made. Charity donation. Backed by Alan Titchmarsh. RRP £6.65 for a single or £30.50 for 6. For a case of 18. £94.50. It is the same price for dark chocolate Advent Calendars. **Please note we believe that there is no Divine Advent Calendar this year**

#### Joy to the World Sharing Box

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Please contact us to place any orders for your Church or congregation this Christmas:  
Email: [admin@thetriangle.org.uk](mailto:admin@thetriangle.org.uk) or telephone: 01252 519172, to speak to Paul, Teresa or Susanne

All Church orders will be given a 5% discount

We look forward to hearing from you

## **Christmas Day worship?**

Dear friends,

A second letter this month but one about a particular subject, concerning which I and the Church Council need to hear back from you.

When the stewards and I were planning for the services over December and the Christmas period we realised that – for very understandable reasons - there would be no stewards available on Christmas Day itself. We began to think about what we could do instead but realised that it is not just about finding stewards to cover, we have a greater problem.

Over the past several years it has become clear that for many of our congregation the Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas has really become their main Christmas service. It is a popular and uplifting service and we get a good turn-out for it, which is wonderful.

Christmas Day however is a different scenario altogether. A lot of you go to family or friends and are not around to attend church. This includes the stewards, those on Multimedia and the musicians. We really struggle to put on a service. Last year, even with the attendance of my own and Keg's family our congregation only amounted to 13. The year before (when I was leading worship elsewhere) there were even fewer at our church.

This Christmas Day I will be leading worship at Bracknell and we would need to find a Local Preacher to take our service. However, the stewards and I feel it is a big ask to request a preacher for a service which may turn out to be just the preacher themselves and a few others who are there because they are 'on duty.'

I don't write of this to make any of you feel guilty! Times are changing and so is the demographic of our church family. Why I am writing is to put to you a somewhat radical alternative (with the backing of Church Council): what are your thoughts on us NOT holding a Christmas Day service in our own church but instead joining with our friends at Crowthorne Methodist Church? Or even with Sandhurst Baptist Church? Both churches would welcome extra people with open arms.

Please can you feedback to myself or the stewards your thoughts on this proposal? I know that none of us like change, especially when it seems to reflect a downward turn, but here's the rub: it is not enough to simply say you object if you yourself know that you cannot attend on Christmas Day! So please consider prayerfully.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon (o.b.o. the stewards and Church Council)

## Coffee, Craft and Creativity

Coffee, Craft and Creativity Mornings every **fourth Thursday** in the month.

At our February coffee morning we introduced a new Craft and Creativity session to run alongside our usual Coffee morning. This proved to be popular as we had nine people who participated in this.



We offered card making with a flower theme of Snowdrops, as well as colouring in various forms, and the simple craft painting of flower pots.

This is a lovely opportunity to catch up over coffee and cakes and be creative too!

**The next Coffee, Craft and Creativity morning will be on Thursday November 27th 10.30 - 12 noon.**

**There will a variety of crafts available, including making felted Christmas cards and, if you fancy trying your hand at some decorations like these in the picture, then bring along your old button boxes and let your imaginations carry you away!**



Do put the date in your diary and pop along if you are free between 10:30 and 12 midday.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY**  
**29TH NOVEMBER**



**SANDHURST AND YATELEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**2—4PM**

Gifts, cakes, tombola, raffle, games and  
Tea and Mince Pies  
Do come and join us. All welcome!

**Camberley & District Silver Band**

# **Free Concert**



Join us for an evening of great music & community spirit

**22nd November - 7 pm**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM - Retiring Collection**

**Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist  
Church, Scotland Hill, GU47 8JR**



**<https://camberleyband.org.uk>**

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## ***MESSY CHURCH***

And

## ***CHRISTINGLE***

**SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER**

**3pm to 4.30 pm**

**Messy Crafts, Activities, Christingle Candle  
making, *the* story and songs.**





# **Toccatas & Tea Cakes**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**3 - 5PM**



Concert featuring  
John & David on the Organ  
with  
Geoff Willis (Trumpet / Organ)  
Alison Wren (Flute / Organ)



Tickets £10.00 available from the Church  
office, in aid of High Cross Roof Appeal

## Hotel toiletries

If you have any spare mini toiletries which you have had from hotels or airlines, then please consider donating them to the Whitechapel Mission Shelter for the Homeless.



Maggy and Colin Garton go up to the Shelter every year and take donated toiletries with them.

Just hand to a steward. Thanks

## Your favourite hymns

If you would like to suggest a favourite hymn that we don't regularly sing, then please suggest it to Alison B and she'll put a list together for Sharon to try to include in one of her services with us.

We would also be able to practice it in Rejoice!

## 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.

Facebook page: Babes and Tots - Sandhurst.



## Film night

Film night is on the 4th Sunday...

In November it will be on **23<sup>rd</sup>** and will be chosen by Keg and will be held in the church.

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



## 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 meeting of Rejoice! will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

## Christmas Service at Fourways

Our Christmas Service/Carol Singing at Fourways will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:30 pm

Please do come along.

## All are Welcome in this place



"As a church we seek to welcome and love the 'outsider'. We are taught this in the Old Testament and in the parable of the sheep and the goats, where we are taught to invite strangers in as if they were Christ himself".

St John's Methodist church, Hayfield, Derbyshire, is displaying a banner sharing a message of reassurance and support as a response to nationalist tensions across the country.

## LEGO

WE NEED LEGO and DUPLO BRICKS!!

Do you have any Lego bricks that you would consider donating to the church? Once we have enough, our 'Brick Builders' event will be coming to our church where the youngsters, who are too old to attend Messy Church, can come and show their creativity whilst building Lego, most probably based on Bible stories. This is in the infancy of planning and more information will be given when we have finalised arrangements, but first we need LEGO and DUPLO bricks! Without bricks we can't put together what we think will be an exciting project for the 10's and over age group. Please see a Steward if you have any you would be happy to donate. Many thanks  
Keg

## Flower rota



For various reasons, there are always 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 in **November - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**December - 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

## **A statement on the announcement of a ceasefire in Gaza**

We welcome the announcement that Hamas and Israel have agreed to the first phase of a deal that will release all hostages and see Israeli troops withdraw to an agreed line.



Many have prayed for the release of captives on both sides and for an end to the violence. We thank God that these prayers are beginning to be answered.

While this is a significant move toward a ceasefire, lasting peace will require much more. The current 20-point peace plan under

negotiation does not address the deeper injustices in the history and present reality of the Holy Land.

In the West Bank, Israel continues to expand illegal settlements through legislation and the actions of violent settler groups, often supported by the Israeli Defence Forces. Palestinians face increasing restrictions on movement, and violent confrontations continue daily.

The West Bank is notably absent from the current peace plan, suggesting that self-determination for Palestinians is not a priority for those leading the peace process.

If the plan succeeds, Gaza may be rebuilt and governed by Palestinians. But the broader relationship between Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank will remain unchanged. The ongoing occupation of the West Bank and the blockade of Gaza have failed to provide freedom for Palestinians or security for Israelis. Without addressing these root issues, the region risks falling back into an uneasy peace, maintained by force and vulnerable to future unrest and violence.

We welcome these first steps toward ending the war on Gaza. We continue to pray for a peace process that delivers justice, security, self-determination, and respect for human rights for all. We urge the international community to support a process that builds on this agreement and leads to a lasting and just peace in the region.

The Revd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference

Matthew Forsyth, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

## The Leprosy Mission

Forgotten by society, begging is the only way to survive in the colonies. But for many very elderly and disabled people, even this is impossible. Unable to make the long journey into towns to beg, there is no way to get enough food.

People like Pala and Naranga are facing starvation. In the recent extreme heat, some have tragically already died from hunger.

Together, we must act now.

It costs just £20 to get an emergency food parcel to people like Pala and Naranga today. Please will you reach out to communities in Odisha once more and help stop starvation in Jesus' name today.

Whatever you can give today, your kindness will save lives. And thanks to a compassionate supporter like you, your donation will be doubled.

That means that for every life-saving food parcel that you send, another will go alongside it.

Thanks you for your commitment to communities affected by leprosy in Odisha. Thank you for showing people like Pala and Naranga that they aren't forgotten.

Every blessing

Peter Waddup, CEO The Leprosy Mission

Donate using this link <https://actions.leprosymission.org.uk/page/176546/> donate or pop an envelope of cash/cheque in the collection and we'll sort it out.





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## It's the FMC Mission



**Saturday 22nd November 2025  
at Fleet Methodist Church  
7.00pm for 7.15pm start**

Enter as a team of up to 6 people or enter on your own and we will sort out a team for you on the night.

The entry fee is £5 per person.

Bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic) and nibbles if you wish.

Hot drinks and cake/biscuits will be served later on.

**All money raised will go to our FMC Mission charity -**



**Ocean Stars Trust** was started 20 years ago, by one of our church members, to provide help and support for the devastated communities and children of Sri Lanka following the Tsunami in 2004. The work is now primarily focused on the provision of schooling for the young children.

Follow the link to find out more : <https://oceanstars.org.uk/>

**Please come along and support this important work  
and have fun in doing it.**

Tony Ellis will be the quizmaster on the night.

If you would like to enter a team and reserve your place,  
phone Brian Sexton on 01252 676373  
or email [briansexton@virginmedia.com](mailto:briansexton@virginmedia.com)

## **Christmas Dinner at The Bird in Hand, Sandhurst**

**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025 AT 1 PM AFTER THE CHRISTMAS  
CAROL SERVICE**

If you are interested in joining us for a jolly good festive meal and great company at the Bird in Hand, please let Keg know as soon as possible as we really have to give definite numbers to the Team. Please give £5 deposit, you will then pay the full amount on the day.

3 courses £32 per person

2 courses £25.95                      plus 10% service charge on each choice

Keg

### Starters:

Baked Camembert on toasted sour dough with crispy bacon and onions

Leek and potato soup with crusty bread and butter

Crab, smoked salmon and prawn cocktail with Marie rose sauce and brown bread and butter

Chicken Liver Pate with balsamic onion marmalade and toasted Brioche

### Mains:

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the Festive Trimmings

Monkfish, salmon, prawn and chorizo stew with spinach, peppers and butter beans

Spiced Moroccan lamb, couscous and toasted almonds

Roasted vegetable and pepper tart with crispy onion and breadcrumb topping

### Desserts:

Homemade Christmas pudding with Brandy Sauce

A selection of Cheese and Biscuits

Salted caramel baileys filled profiteroles with a toffee sauce

Strawberry ripple parfait

## **Link to Hope Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2025**

Yes it's that time of year again!! This means it is time for the Shoebox appeal.

Link to Hope is a Charity based near Worthing which sends shoeboxes to Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria) - they can be for a family or a unisex shoebox for the Elderly. Sharon has purchased some boxes separately if you do not have a shoebox. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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@gfradgley.com](mailto:alison@gfradgley.com)

Thank you  
Alison

## **Action for Children Collection boxes**

I would like to close the "books" for this year's Action for Children Boxes now, so please could I have your boxes/donations as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Alison Fradgley 01276-36631 [alison@gfradgley.com](mailto:alison@gfradgley.com)

## **Giving lifts to church**

We have a number of people on the list who regularly give others lifts to church from both the Sandhurst and Yateley areas, but it would be helpful if we were able to have a few more volunteers.  
If you drive, please do consider if you would be able to help out like this.

Thanks

## Crowthorne Foodbank



Current shortages -

**Tinned meat/stews, small bottles of squash, sponge puddings, ready to use custard, cereal and pasta sauce.**

**Black bin bags, cleaning sponges.**

**Women's deodorant**

Note—they currently have plenty of baked beans, pasta and hand-wash

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

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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.

## THREADS THROUGH THE CROSS

25 SEPTEMBER – 3 NOVEMBER 2025

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL



*Talented textile artist*

**Jacqui Parkinson**

*presents*

**'Threads through the Cross'**

- a stunning series of panels exploring the life and teachings of Jesus, from his birth to his final weeks, culminating in Pentecost.

Jacqui's intricate stitching and vibrant design bring Christ's story to life.

The exhibition is free to view

- please don't miss it!

# The Gift of Christmas; A Christmas Tree festival



**St. Michael &  
All Angels  
Church**

**Lower Church Road  
Sandhurst  
GU47 8HN**



**Saturday 29 November**

**Festival: 10:00am-5:00pm**

**Fair: 10:00am-4:30pm**



**Sunday 30 November**

**Festival: 11:00am-5:00pm**

**Fair: 11:00am-4:30pm**

There will also be a children's trail during the festival

Registered Charity No 1134547



## **VINYL RECORDS WANTED**

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## Quiz night in aid of Action for Children

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October there was a Quiz night held at Crowthorne Methodist Church. There were eight teams, three of those were from SYMC! A total of 14 from our church attended the quiz, which turned out to be hilarious and fun. The 'Oxymorons' (Wilf, Pam, Tricia and hubby) won the quiz - well done Oxymorons! 'Sharon's Gang' (Rev Sharon, Graham, Mike, Margaret P, Keg and Ray) came second! We won't mention where 'The Latecomers' (Lesley and Keith, Mary and Anton) came but they certainly gave it their best shot.

It was great to see such a good turnout of people, folk came from The Pines, Bracknell, Wokingham, CMC, SYMC and even the old Bagshot attendees.

There was a ploughman's spread, you guessed it!! Provided by Maggy, Colin and Ros from CMC. Tea and coffees were on tap! Bottles of water were provided on each table with bowls of crisps and nuts.

There were 8 rounds with ten questions: Man—, Comparisons, England, on this Day, Classical Literature, Red, white and blue flags, Intro-Musicals and the 1970s.

Mike Gardner was the host, and after being playfully rude to absolutely everyone, we thanked him for such a good quiz! Thank you to Maggy, Colin and Ros too for feeding us and keeping us hydrated!

The evening raised £400 for Action for Children

Keg

### Celebrate Christmas with us!

**You're invited to The Leprosy Mission Carol Service**  
Friday 5 December  
St Giles-in-the-Fields Church, London, WC2H 8LG  
1:00 pm



It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas! And to start the season in festive style, you are warmly invited to TLM's Carol service in London on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be music from the Tredici Choir, season refreshments and a chance to browse Christmas gifts before and after the service.

If you're planning to go please let them know by 1<sup>st</sup> December - they don't want to run out of mince pies!

<https://actions.leprosymission.org.uk/page/179790/subscribe/1>

## 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 (preferably in plastic bags), bras (any condition), pens (working or not) and Ferrero Rocher boxes (probably empty!) in the other box in the foyer!  
Note that Pringles tubes can now go in with your household recycling.

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.

# Camberley & District funeral directors

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## Sandhurst

337 Yorktown Road,  
College Town, GU47 0QA

**01276 33241**



[www.camberleyanddistrict.co.uk](http://www.camberleyanddistrict.co.uk)

## 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**—10:30am to 4:30pm

**Tuesdays**—11am to 2pm

**Wednesdays**—3pm to 7pm

**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)



## Minister

**Rev Sharon Gardner**

minister@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk  
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 |                |

## Sandhurst Churches Together



**16th November**—Sandhurst Baptist Church

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Turning on the lights at Sandhurst Memorial Park - usually around 6pm

20<sup>th</sup> December—the Meadows carol singing/telling the Christmas story, probably 4pm

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St Michael's (for both Sandhurst and

Crowthorne Churches together)

## Newsletter and website

Contributions for the **December 2025/January 2026** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday November 23rd 2025**

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)

## **S.A.L.T.**

Our Zoom Bible study on the Gospel according to John will continue on Tuesday evenings throughout November.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be doing an Advent Study. Please watch this space for more details!



We start at 7.45pm with a short time of prayer and begin the study at 8pm, finishing by 9pm.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please speak to Sharon or any of the stewards. We would love to welcome new people to join us and it does not matter whether you have years of biblical knowledge or hardly any at all. We learn and discover together!

The Zoom link is:

[https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?  
pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09](https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09)

Meeting ID: 279 954 9300  
Passcode: 3v25BE

## **Songs of praise at Sandhurst Day Centre**

SCT hold a 'Songs of Praise' service at Sandhurst Day Centre on the first Tuesday of each month. These are just half an hour in length, and we always get a very warm welcome from both the staff and those attending the Day Centre.

We meet at the Day Centre about 11.15am ready for an 11.30am start and we're always finished by 12 noon. If you would like to be involved, whether every month or just on an occasional basis, you are most welcome to join us.

## House Fellowship group - providing a friendly platform for discussion...

**Thursday House Group (usually third Thursday)—  
at 15:00**

Robert Godden, 11 Scotland Hill, Sandhurst. 07543 800921

Next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> November and then 11<sup>th</sup> December



## Rotas - November

### Flowers

### Coffee

| <b>November</b> |                  |                          |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2nd             | Matt and Helen R | Margaret H and Cynthia R |
| 9th             | Margaret P       | Marian L and Wendy H     |
| 16th            | Alison F         | Alison B and Cynthia R   |
| 23rd            | -                | Sandra F and Joan T      |
| 30th            | -                | Wendy H 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 Needes | 01252 658350 |

## Sandhurst

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Graham Fradgley | 01276 36631  |
| Douglas Brown   | 01252 655419 |

## Services - November 2025



| November |          |                                         |
|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2nd      | 10:30 am | Sue Smith                               |
| 9th      | 10:30 am | No service                              |
|          | 3:00 pm  | Remembrance service, Rev Sharon Gardner |
| 16th     | 10:30 am | Rev Mike Thomason                       |
| 23rd     | 10:30 am | Rev Nick Oborski (Holy Communion)       |
|          | 6:30 pm  | Film night                              |
| 30th     | 6:30 pm  | Rev David Ashby                         |

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**[www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)**

If you're on Facebook—then 'like' our Facebook pages—  
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**Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church**  
**And Babes and Tots—Sandhurst**

To get in touch email:

**Stewards:** [steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:steward@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)

**Hall hire:** [halls@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:halls@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk)

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