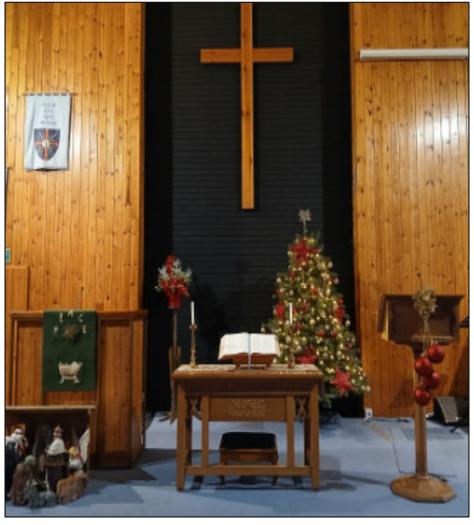
## Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church December 2025 and January 2026 newsletter



Thanks Ray and Keg for decorating the church

## The Minister writes...



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#### Gifts, gratitude and glory to God

Dear friends,

If I were to ask you about the greatest gift you've ever received at Christmas, I imagine many of you would point to God's gift of his Son – the Christ-child, Immanuel, God-with-us. And you would be right. But I wonder whether you've ever thought about how you might be a gift to others?

This Advent, the Methodist Church invites us to explore the theme **"Gifted"** – and one of the questions it raises is how we can be a blessing to our families, our churches, and our communities. It doesn't require grand gestures: a listening ear, a simple message, a moment spent with someone lonely or hurting. Small kindnesses, offered with God's love, make the world better because you are in it.

I've also been struck recently by the power of gratitude – of pausing each day to notice and give thanks for the blessings we might otherwise overlook. Even on difficult days, there is usually some glimmer of grace, and as we nurture this "attitude of gratitude," we often discover a deeper contentment and peace.

As we approach Christmas, you may find much to be thankful for... or perhaps this season is painful because someone you love is no longer here. Remember that the first Christmas was not cosy or comfortable. It was poor, stark, and frightening – and yet the Light of the world was born into the darkness to dispel it. While most of the world never noticed, a handful of shepherds saw the glory of heaven break open the night and heard the song of a thousand angels fill the air.

In this Advent and Christmas season, I pray you may know the gentle presence of the Holy Child, and that you step into 2026 with the angels' song in your hearts:

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth."

With every blessing,

Sharon

## What's on?

#### **December:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rejoice! Advent 1 Bible study **5<sup>th</sup>:** The leprosy mission carol service

**9**th: Advent 2 Bible study **10**th: Fourways carol service

11th: House group

13<sup>th</sup>: Handbell concert at High Cross 14<sup>th</sup>: Messy Church/Christingle 15<sup>th</sup>: Yateley Choral Society

**16<sup>th</sup>:** Advent 3 Bible study

17<sup>th</sup>: Carol singing at The Meadows at 4pm 21<sup>st</sup>: Carol service and Christmas meal

23rd: Advent 4 Bible study

#### January:

**6th:** Rejoice! **15**<sup>th</sup>: House group

**18**th: Christian Unity Service **22**nd: Coffee, craft and creativity

25th: film night



## **Camberley and District Silver Band concert**

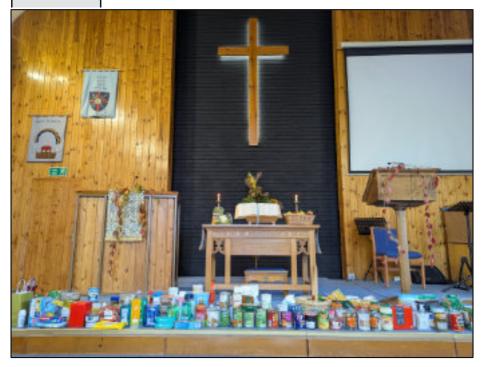


The Camberley & District Silver Band planned to stage a concert at our church on Saturday Nov 22nd. Despite it being a fund-raising event in support of the band and church, sales of free tickets in advance were disappointing, but come the night a healthier number had assembled in the church. Revd. Sharon Gardner welcomed the band under the baton of conductor Chris Alexander, and the programme commenced with the march *The Padstow Lifeboat*. After the *Countryfile* TV programme theme tune, the suite *A Devon Fantasy* followed featuring the sounds of a village fair and a reverential Sunday morning with strains of church bells played by the euphonium. Next came *Song for the Frontline*, a piece written to raise funds for key workers during the Covid years, followed by *Rey's Theme* from Star Wars – The Force Awakens, and after a rousing rendition of *You Can't Stop The Beat*, everyone adjourned to the hall for refreshments provided by the church during the interval.

The second half kicked off with the well-known *The Magnificent 7* and next came a solemn piece called *Icelandic Hymn*. One of the evening's highlights followed, the suite *Partita* in four movements by Edward

Gregson, often selected as a test piece for lower section bands. The trombones heralded the dramatic theme played by all sections of the band in the first movement and which brought the piece to its ominous conclusion. The final two pieces were probably more familiar to most, the *Game of Thrones* theme tune and a selection from *The Lion King* soundtrack. A call for an encore, a reprise of *You Can't Stop The Beat*, suggested a successful evening and Revd. Sharon, in thanking the band, hoped that they would return another time.

## **Harvest**



I know it was back in October, but here is a photo of all the donations that were given at our Harvest service - and didn't the church look wonderful?

All those wonderful floral decorations - thanks Heather! And apologies for not thanking you sooner.

I particularly liked the virginia creeper draped tastefully everywhere :-)

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## **Christmas Card/Retiring Collection donations**

As in previous years, if you would like to send one card to the congregation and then make a donation instead of sending individual cards to everyone, then there will be a decorated Christmas box in the vestibule where you can make a donation.

You can either pin your card up yourself or ask the welcoming steward to pin it up on the noticeboard in the vestibule.

Once we have had the Carol Service on 21st, we will be handing out the Christmas cards from the noticeboard during refreshments.

On Sunday 21st December at the Carol Service, we shall have our usual offering during the service, however on the hatch during refreshments, we shall have a retiring collection and if you feel so led, you may make a donation.

All proceeds from the retiring collection and the Christmas card donations will be sent to Action for Children, which is a charity that the church has supported for many years.

Many thanks for your support.

Stewarding team.

## **Christmas Day - no service**

Dear friends,

Following on from last month's letter when I explained the difficulties we would have to be able to resource and hold a Christmas Day service, I want to confirm that the decision has been made that this Christmas we will **not** hold a service at our church. Instead, you are warmly invited to join our friends at Crowthorne Methodist Church where Maggy Garton will be leading worship. Their service is at the usual time of 10.30am. I also know that our friends at Sandhurst Baptist Church would give you a warm welcome.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to speak with the stewards or message me about this and for your understanding.

With every blessing,

Sharon

# Sue T and Gill L would like to invite you to their handbell concert at High Cross

## **St Lawrence Chobham Handbell Ringers**

We are **looking forward to seeing you** at our

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Saturday 13 December 2025, 11.00 High Cross Church, Camberley** 



You will love hearing Christmas favourites played on our beautiful 100 year-old bells!

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"We Need A Little Christmas", "Angels' Carol", "O Holy Night", "The Christmas Song" ("Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire") "Winter Wonderland", and more!



All welcome. Retiring collection in aid of The Woodlarks Campsite Trust, Farnham (supporting local people with disabilities).

Website: http://handbells.chobham.org/

## **Coffee, Craft and Creativity**

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

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 January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 10.30 - 12 noon.

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

## THE TRIANGLE









#### Real Advent Calendar

2025 design – includes a colour 24 page Christ story-activity book. Included in the calendar at high quality Fairtrade chocolate shapes. UK m Charity donation. Backsod by Alan Titchmarch. RRP £6.65 for a single or £30,50 for 6. For a ca 18. £94.50. It is the same price for dark chocol Advent Calendars. Please note we believe that there is no Diving Advent Calendar this year

#### Joy to the World Sharing Box

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All Church orders will be given a 5% discount.

We look forward to hearing from you



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To

The Congregation of the Sandhurst & Yateley Methodist Church, Scotland Hill Sandhurst.

Dear members of the congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £100 to us recently. Every donation that we receive is used solely to support those with dementia and their supporters to try and relieve the pressures that attend their lives and provide some respite and fun for them as a weekly club. We are a wholly volunteer staffed organisation and rely on donations from groups to help us to do this, a job that we enjoy immensely. As well as our weekly sessions we provide extra events on other occasions, all free of charge. For instance we have just had a fish and chip lunch and are taking a group of 30 to the pantomime on Saturday. As you can appreciate these are quite expensive events and your money will go towards one of our events. Up and coming in the spring will be a trip to a garden centre with a tea included.

I attach one of our flyers for your information. If any of you know a person who may benefit from our services or would like to join our happy band of volunteers please do get in touch. We offer our services to people in the wider community of Yateley with or without a formal diagnosis and by just popping in at one of our Monday afternoon sessions to try out being a member.

I hope you enjoy reading the information I have supplied and hopefully attaching it to your notice board so that your parishioners can appreciate how much our members benefit from your generosity to us.

Kind regards

Julia Wedlock

Chairperson and Trustee





## **MESSY CHURCH**

And

## **CHRISTINGLE**

# SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 3pm to 4.30 pm

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



## Methodist church and Girls' Brigade launch Military Families Project

The Girls' Brigade, in partnership with the Methodist Church, is launching five new, church-based groups to support girls from military families in areas with high service personnel populations. Recognising the challenges of frequent relocation, these groups aim to provide a stable, nurturing community for up to 30 children each.



We understand being a part of a military family can include constant moving, making it difficult for young people to build a stable friendship group and grow their roots. To offer girls in military families the best support we can, the Girls' Brigade is going to set up five new groups. Each group can have up to 30 children and young people and is attached to a local church. This project is focused on areas such as Salisbury Plain,

Andover and Carterton, where there is a high volume of navy, army, and air force service personnel stationed. Girls' Brigade groups can provide girls and young women with an inspiring and nurturing community, supporting them through all the changes that are part of military life.

The Girls' Brigade have appointed a Military Families Worker, Hazel Adamson. Hazel is part of a military family, so understands the challenges well. Hazel says, 'This new military families project is hugely welcome. We want to give girls and young women a safe and welcoming space to make friends and learn new things — which is so important when times feel uncertain. We aim to listen to girls and young women from military families, develop a picture of how we can best support them, and empower them on their journey.' This work is crucial to enhancing the spiritual development and well-being of children from military families. Hazel shares, 'we want to give a voice to those girls and young women within the church, military communities, and society as a whole.'

'The Methodist Church is delighted to partner with the Girls' Brigade in this ground-breaking project. When we heard of the potential difference that this project could make, we were quick to offer our support. As a nation, we owe a great debt to our armed forces personnel. One small way the Methodist Church is paying them back is to look out for their families whilst they look out for us. We're excited about the difference this project with the Girls' Brigade will make to many girls in military families.' - Rev Dr Andrew Wood, the Methodist Church Forces Board.

## **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...

But there will be no meeting in December

In January 2026 it will be on **25**<sup>th</sup> and will be chosen by Monica. Venue TBA

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December and then** on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** 

## **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.

## The Methodist Church - 10 tips for a greener Christmas

- 1) Buy less
- 2) Aré gifts to be brand new?
- 3) Reusable packaging makes a difference
- 4) Find a Christmas jumper exchange to expand (or decrease) your collection
- 5) Rummage in charity shops for your Christmas outfit
- 6) Don't throw away what you got!
- 7) Choose an eco-friendly wreath
- 8) Try eco-friendly crackers
- 9) Gét ethical chocolate
- 10) Make homemade cards

More here: https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/10-tips-for-agreener-christmas/

## **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 Keq

#### 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 **December - 14<sup>th</sup>, 21st January - 25th**

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

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# 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**

We donated 12 shoeboxes and also £140 which was enough for an additional 7 shoeboxes.

Thanks everyone for your generosity.

We will receive formal thanks from Link to Hope in due course.

Sharon

## **Brick builders - figures needed!**



This Christmas, please would you consider buying a small gift for the church?

We are after Lego minifigures for the Brick Builders club which we plan to launch in the new year.

There are mystery packs available at various outlets including Argos and Smyths (and most supermarkets). They cost £3.50 for one figure.

There are other minifigures around that are not Lego but, as long as they are compatible with Lego (and they usually say if they are), are available in larger numbers that work out quite a lot cheaper.

We are not fussy! We would just be very grateful for anything you might feel able to gift — think of it as a Sandhurst and Yateley MC stocking filler!

Many thanks in advance.

Sharon and the stewards

## **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, Squash 75cl/1L, Sponge puddings, Ready to use custard

#### Bleach, anti-bacterial spray, J cloths

#### Women's deodorant, shampoo and conditioner

Note—they currently have plenty of baked beans, pasta, hand-wash, shower gel and tinned tomatoes

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Note: the foodbank update their needs weekly here: 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.

# Celebrate Christmas with us! You're invited to The Leprosy Mission Carol Service Friday 5 December St Glies-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**th **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 1st December - they don't want to run out of mince pies!

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



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## 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.

## A Candle in the Night



There is a church where more than a hundred people, many of them young, mostly unchurched, step inside to pray. Since opening its doors for a weekly Friday-night vigil three and a half years ago, over 15,000 people have accepted the invitation to enter the medieval church of St Mary's in Guildford to light a

candle and pray for peace. This takes place in the heart of the town, attended by the stag and hen parties, students in fancy dress and clusters of friends who are heading home from pubs and clubs. The invitation is simple, to pray for peace.

Nigel Campion-Smith is a member at St Mary's, a joint Anglican and Methodist church. Nigel was one of those behind Common Ground's initiative which began monthly 'Night Vision' sessions inviting people in at the gate some years back. "We were planning a February 2022 session with a theme of love," he says. "But, the night before the session, Russia invaded Ukraine. We changed the plan and invited people to come in, to light a candle and to pray or just reflect. A lot of people came in that night."

The response reshaped the ministry entirely and peace became the central theme. "It inspired so many," Nigel explains. "While it is hard to turn down an opportunity for a more peaceful world, people also asked if they could light a candle for friends, for family, for situations they'd heard about on the news. It became a shared act of hope."

Each Friday from 9.00pm—11.00pm, two volunteers stand at the church gates, where they extend a simple invitation, to light a candle for peace. One of them, Michael Lee, describes how unexpectedly positive the reaction has been. "It's quite a step to stand out on the street and invite pub and club goers to pop in," he says. "But people are remarkably positive. Nobody has ever been rude about it. They'll say, "I'm not dressed for church", or "I've had a drink". But we tell them that's not part of the deal, everyone's welcome.

## **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

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 fover! 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.

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Thursdays—fully booked at present
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Please make contact via halls@sandhurstyateleymethodist.org.uk



## **Minister**

#### **Rev Sharon Gardner**

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| Matt Rowell     | 07890 424767 |                |

## **Sandhurst Churches Together**



**Wednesday 17**<sup>th</sup> **December**—the Meadows carol singing/telling the Christmas story, 4pm Volunteers for singing and reading would be welcome.

**18**<sup>th</sup> **January 2026** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St Michael's church, Sandhurst, 6:30pm. This comes at the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and folk from both Churches Together in Crowthorne and Sandhurst Churches Together will be coming together to worship.

#### **Newsletter and website**

Contributions for the **February 2026** Newsletter (in church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 or website) should be with Sue Truby by **Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026** 

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.

During Advent our Bible study will be following the Methodist Advent theme of 'qifted'.

Even if you don't regularly join the Zoom Bible study, please consider joining us for this period of Advent as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

We come as we are. It doesn't matter if you know your Bible well or not; we explore together. During Advent it is more about the theme than a particular book of the Bible.



Each session is stand-alone so please feel free to come to what you can.

We start at 7:45pm and finish by 9pm.

Tuesday Dec 2nd - 'The orange in the stocking'

Tuesday Dec 9th - 'Give hope'

Tuesday Dec 16th - 'With love from God'

**Tuesday Dec 23rd** - 'Created with infinite care' NB This last session may be held over to the New Year depending on people's availability

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

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

Meeting ID: 279 954 9300

Passcode: 3v25BE

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> December and then 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## **Rotas - December/January**

| Flowers | Coffee |
|---------|--------|
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| December |          |   |
|----------|----------|---|
| 7th      | Sandra F | Sandra F and Cynthia R  |
| 14th     | -        | Sandra W and Cynthia R  |
| 21st     | -        | Margaret H and Cynthia R  |
| 28th     | Sue B    | Marian L and Wendy H  |
| January  |          | Note Alison is not yet able to produce a new rota, so this is a roll-over from 25.  Alison B and Joan T |
| 4th      | Ann H    |   |
| 11th     | Mary G   | Sandra F and Margaret H TBC   |
| 18th     | Joyce C  | Alison B and Wendy H TBC  |
| 25th     | -        | Joan T and Sandra W TBC   |

## 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 |
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| Tricia Needes | 01252 658350 |

## **Sandhurst**

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

Services - December 2025 and January 2026

| December |          |  |
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| 7th      | 10:30 am | Stephen Clay   |
| 14th     | 10:30 am | Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion)  |
| 17th     | 4:00 pm  | Carols at The Meadows  |
| 21st     | 10:30 am | LA - Carol Service   |
| 25th     |          | No service at Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist church. But there is a 10:30 service at Crowthorne Methodist Church led by Maggie Garton |
| 28th     | 10:30 am | by Maggie Garton<br>Zoom   |
| January  |          |  |
| 4th      | 10:30 am | LA   |
| 11th     | 10:30 am | Rev Sharon Gardner (Holy Communion and Covenant Service)   |
| 18th     | 10:30 am | Sue Smith  |
|          | 6:30 pm  | Christian Unity Service at St Michael's  |
| 25th     | 10:30 am | Doreen Murgatroyd  |

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