

**Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church**  
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<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	Local Arrangement
		<b>Music</b>	Mary Grossman
		<b>Multimedia</b>	Robert Godden
		<b>Flowers</b>	Ann Harper
		<b>Steward</b>	Heather Brown
		<b>Assistant</b>	Wendy Hart

<b>Church Diary Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Prayer and Bible Study 7.45 pm Zoom Link Below</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Babes and Tots 10.30 am – 12 pm</b>

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>			
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Service Holy Communion</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	Rev'd Sharon Gardner
		<b>Music</b>	Mary Grossman
		<b>Multimedia</b>	Douglas Brown
		<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Grossman
		<b>Steward</b>	Sandra Woonedge
		<b>Assistant</b>	Mike Bader

**Muriel Mason** We were so sorry to learn that our dear friend Muriel Mason passed away on Monday morning 29 December 2025. We give thanks to God for her life and faithful witness.

Muriel played the piano for many years during the services at our church, served on the committee for a couple of years, was one of the Team from our church who managed to set up Sandhurst Churches Together in 2003/4 and was part of the monthly Sandhurst Churches' Network meetings. Muriel and John were stalwarts of our church, taking an active part in the church leadership and behind the scenes. Muriel will be very much missed. At the moment no arrangements have been made for her funeral, but we will keep you informed of this as soon as arrangements are in place.

In this sadness, let us remember the hope of Christ that we have been celebrating this festive season, God's gift to us of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us that we may have everlasting life. Our love and sympathies are with Mike and the family at this sad time. Please hold Muriel's family in your prayers

**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.

**Weekly Notices** Items for the next week's notices should be sent to [notices@sandhurstyleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:notices@sandhurstyleymethodist.org.uk) by Friday 12 noon

**Monthly Newsletter** items for Feb edition should be with Sue Truby by 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Zoom Link for Prayer and Bible Study** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OHaRzhMdm13UT09> **Meeting ID:** 279 954 9300 **Passcode:** 3v25B

Hymns and Readings 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2025		
STF	<b>224</b>	As with gladness
STF	<b>230</b>	Riding out across the desert
STF	<b>227</b>	Brightest and best
STF	<b>228</b>	Hail to the Lord's anointed
-	-	We three kings
<b>Psalm 72: 1 – 7 &amp; Psalm 72: 10 – 14</b>		
<b>Matthew 2: 1 – 12</b>		

**Poem: The Seekers** © Godfrey Rust, [www.wordsout.co.uk](http://www.wordsout.co.uk)

You ask from whence we came— from many places.

Some are legends now, some unremembered.

You make us into kings.

We were not kings, not even of ourselves.

Were we from the east? That is a point of view.

We set out from where we were.

You give us names like Melchior and Balthazar,  
but those were not our names.

From time to time we have been called by many names—

Plato, Confucius, Archimedes,

Copernicus, Galileo, Newton,

Descartes, Darwin, Einstein, Heisenberg.

How long did the journey take? Months? Centuries?

When does a myth take hold, in a moment or a thousand years?

Though calendars and clocks may shepherd it with careful numbers,  
yet in the wilderness time howls like a pack of wolves.

We heard it all night long.

We were both men and women.

What we shared was an unquenchable desire  
to know something not known before.

Were we wise?

Wise to leave our homes, acquaintances  
and all the comfort of familiar irritations,  
shedding the fabric of our former lives like an old coat?

Wise to risk everything on our unlikely theories  
with no guarantee of safe return,  
and reckless that the truth that we discover may prove, for all we know,  
fatal to everything to which we have thus far clung?

If this is wisdom, yes, you may say that we were wise.