

**Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church**  
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| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |                        |                   |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>10.30 am</b>                      | <b>Morning Service</b> | <b>Preacher</b>   | Sue Smith                    |
|                                      |                        | <b>Music</b>      | Alison Bone & Mary Grossmann |
|                                      |                        | <b>Multimedia</b> | Douglas Brown/Robert Godden  |
|                                      |                        | <b>Flowers</b>    | Heather Brown                |
|                                      |                        | <b>Steward</b>    | Sandra Wooledge              |
|                                      |                        | <b>Assistant</b>  | Mike Bader                   |

| Church Diary Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                             | <b>Rejoice 10.30 am</b>                                                          |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                           | <b>Babes and Tots 10.30 am – 12 pm</b>                                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                           | <b>Celebrity Organ Recitals – High Cross Church – Dr Barry ROSE OBE 12.30p.m</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                            | <b>High Cross Book Sale 10.00 am – 1.00 pm</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                              | <b>Sandhurst Churches Together 6.30 pm</b>                                       |

| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |                        |                   |                              |
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| <b>10.30 am</b>                      | <b>Morning Service</b> | <b>Preacher</b>   | Reverend David Ashby         |
|                                      |                        | <b>Music</b>      | Alison Bone & Mary Grossmann |
|                                      |                        | <b>Multimedia</b> |                              |
|                                      |                        | <b>Flowers</b>    |                              |
|                                      |                        | <b>Steward</b>    | Matthew Rowell               |
|                                      |                        | <b>Assistant</b>  | -                            |

**Alison Fradgley:** It is with a very heavy heart that I have to share the sad news that our good friend Alison passed away peacefully on the evening of 7th October. Graham, Neil and Hannah were by her side. Our thoughts, prayers, love and sympathy are with them at this difficult time.

**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.

**SANDHURST CHURCHES TOGETHER - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026 @ 6.30 pm**

Sandhurst Baptist Church are hosting the evening Ecumenical Service at 6.30 pm. The theme is "Making a difference where we are". There will be prayer time for each church, also an opportunity in the service for each church to share how they are connecting and serving the community in their corner of Sandhurst and beyond. Please do come and support this service, you will be given a warm welcome. Time for refreshments and fellowship after the service. Please come along!

**REJOICE! 10.30 AM ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER**

Come along and make a joyful noise to the Lord! Sing some of your old favourite hymns and learn some new as well. ALL WELCOME - with refreshments and fellowship afterwards

**NO BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2026**

There will be a Church Council Meeting on Zoom 7.45 pm

**LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER FOR AUGUST 2026**

OCTOBER - Week 2

*Getting leprosy care is virtually impossible in Myanmar. Even if clinics are open, checkpoints and violence make travel risky. Praise Jesus that your support is training brave volunteers to find and cure people with the disease. Pray that together we can continue to bring vital care to communities that would otherwise be forgotten. AMEN!*

**Harvest Sunday**

Both Crowthorne and Sandhurst Food Bank and The Yateley Pantry were very grateful for the variety and number of items that were so kindly donated for our harvest gifts. They asked us to convey their grateful thanks for all your wonderful donations.

Many thanks  
Heather

**Whitechapel Mission - Hotel Toiletries**

I am pleased to announce that Sandhurst Baptist Church are joining us in collecting hotel toiletries for the Whitechapel Mission. As it's coming up to the holiday season I thought a reminder would also be good. The Whitechapel mission have up to 350 people a day coming to them for showers. Each person is presented with a pack of toiletries, fresh towels and fresh clothes - what an outreach, love in action.

Each November Maggy and Colin Garton from Crowthorne Methodist go up to a service at Whitechapel and take the toiletries. So please give your donations to a Steward. The Whitechapel Mission do so much more, if you would like to find out more please click on the link here — Karen Glossop

**Prayer Event for Blackwater Valley Circuit Stationing Process - Fleet Methodist Church, Friday 16th October, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

Dear Congregation,  
I hope you are all well.

On behalf of Charlotte, please find attached an invitation from Fleet Methodist Church to a prayer event for the Blackwater Valley Methodist Circuit Stationing Process.

On Friday 16th October between 4pm and 6pm, Fleet Methodist Church will be holding a prayer time for anyone who would like to come to pray for the stationing process which will be happening throughout the next few months. Friday 16th is when Presbyters and churches start the 'matching process'. As a circuit we will be saying 'good-bye' to another three of our Presbyters and seeking to invite three new Presbyters/Probationers to start in September 2027.

The prayer event will take place on Friday 16th October, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at Fleet Methodist Church, offering an opportunity to pray for God's guidance and blessing throughout the forthcoming stationing process.

This feels a good time to ask for God's blessing and guidance. Please join us if you can, but if not, please pray for all those involved in this process. Thank you very much for your help and support.

With every blessing  
Leadership Team (Fleet Methodist Church)

**Blackwater Valley Methodist Circuit Newsletter - September 2026 (Edition 4)**

Dear All,  
I hope you are all well.

On behalf of Revd Anne Day, please find attached the latest edition (Edition 4 – September 2026) of the Blackwater Valley Methodist Circuit Newsletter.

The newsletter includes news and updates from across the Circuit, forthcoming events and important dates.

We would be grateful if you could share the newsletter with members of your churches and anyone else who may be interested.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

Joyce Kwok  
Circuit Administrator & Circuit Meeting Coordinator, Blackwater Valley Methodist Circuit

**HIGH CROSS AUTUMN BOOK SALE Saturday 17th October 2026 10.00 am to 1 pm**

High Cross will be having a massive Book Sale (all at 50p) from 10 am to 1 pm to fund raise for their roof. Bargain at 50 p each!! ALL WELCOME

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

**Monthly Newsletter** items for the November 2026 edition should be with Sue Truby by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

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

<https://zoom.us/j/2799549300?pwd=YjVCazFHR0NwZE50OEhaRzhMdm13UT09> Meeting

**ID:** 279 954 9300 **Passcode:** 3v25BE

| Hymns and Readings Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |     |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| <b>STF</b>                                              | 489 | All I once held dear              |
| <b>STF</b>                                              | 430 | My lips shall praise you          |
| <b>STF</b>                                              | 161 | Speak O Lord as we come to you    |
| <b>STF</b>                                              | 504 | May the mind of Christ my Saviour |
| <b>STF</b>                                              | 255 | The Kingdom of God                |
| <b>Philippians 4: 1 – 9</b>                             |     |                                   |
| <b>Matthew 22: 1 – 14</b>                               |     |                                   |

# Quiz Night

**Door opens at 6:30pm for 7pm start  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Gather your friends and family or even come on your own and join a team for an exciting evening of trivia. Join us for a night filled with fun, laughter, and some nibbles.

All proceeds will go to the High Cross Roof Fund.

**£10 per person**

**Bring your own Drink (nibbles and snacks provided)**

**REGISTER TODAY**

Please contact High Cross to book your place  
[manager@highcross.org.uk](mailto:manager@highcross.org.uk)



**HIGH CROSS CHURCH**

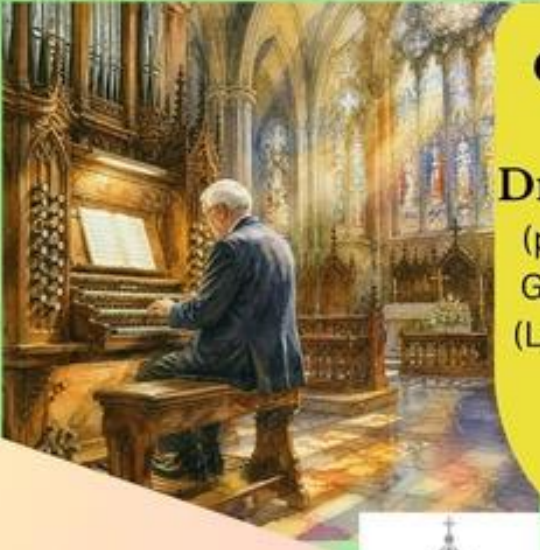
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**Celebrity Organ Recitals – High Cross Church – Dr Barry ROSE OBE, Wednesday 14 October 2026 @ 12.30p.m. & Lunchtime Concert – Chloe Riordan, Soprano with Stuart McSweeney, Organ/Piano – Monday 26th October 2026 @ 1 p.m.**

We are pleased to invite you to another organ recital being given by Barry Rose.  
Please see attached for this and another concert at High Cross Church during October  
I hope you are able to join us  
Kind regards  
David Markby

## UPCOMING CONCERTS IN HIGH CROSS CHURCH CAMBERLEY



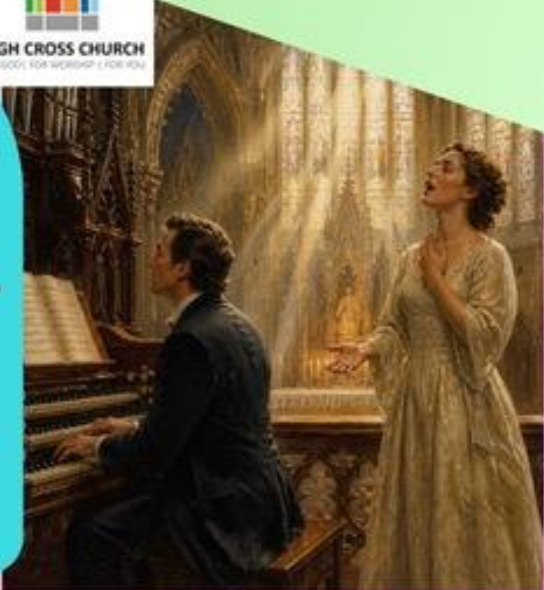
**Celebrity Organ  
Recital -  
Dr Barry Rose OBE**  
(previously Organist at  
Guildford and St Pauls  
(London) and St Albans  
Cathedrals)  
**Wednesday  
14th October  
12.30 PM**



HIGH CROSS CHURCH  
FOR GOD, FOR WORSHIP, FOR YOU

**Lunchtime  
Concert -  
Chloe Riordan,  
Soprano with  
Stuart McSweeney,  
Organ/Piano**

**Monday 26th  
October  
1PM**



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baptist church**

Bringing Christ and His love to our communities

# **Coffee Morning in support of**



**Thursday 29th October  
10am-12 noon**

**Drinks, homemade cakes and more  
in the**

**Hall behind the chapel  
on Yorktown Road**

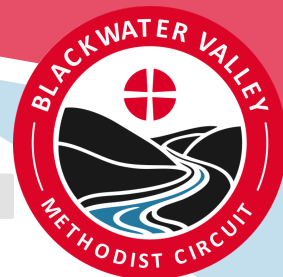
**(limited parking on site)**



# BLACKWATER VALLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

Newsletter  
**EDITION 4**

September 2026



## Greetings!

Welcome to the newsletter for the Blackwater Valley Circuit. This is the fourth edition of the newsletter. As we head into autumn, with the start of the new connexional year well underway, here's a round up of some of the news from our circuit, which is now 1 year old! Happy Birthday!



Artwork from this year's theme by Mary Fleeson

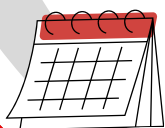


Mrs Caroline Stead Vice President and Revd Mark Slaney President of Conference

Greetings from the circuit. I hope that you are well and that you have had a good start to the new connexional year. This year's theme is Sorrow Joy, and we were pleased to have the company of the new vice president of Conference Mrs Caroline Stead at the representative session of the South East District Synod on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, where Caroline challenged the churches and circuits in the district to increase their inclusivity, so that more people can find the joy of being a Christian and growing in their faith. If you would like to know more about the training and support available to churches, please speak to a member of the circuit staff or one of our synod representatives.

This quarter, we experienced the sorrow of Philip and Angela Simpkins leaving the circuit, but we are hopeful and joyful that they have found a new calling on the Isle of Wight. Meanwhile this quarter is a significant step in our journey as a circuit, because we will shortly be entering stationing for a new Superintendent. Later on in the year, our profile for a probationer will also be considered, whilst the circuit discerns the direction of travel when Revd Kuyng Mi leaves the circuit at the end of this connexional year. Please hold the circuit officers and reps in prayer, especially the circuit invitation committee and circuit stewards, as they make preparations towards this important process. While nothing is guaranteed, we pray for the national stationing committee who have the task of matching ministers and circuits across the connexion. We pray for this process of discernment, always with hope as God reveals to us the way in which the circuit should be shaped in the future.

*Revd Anne Day*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Circuit meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2026

District Synod:

Representative Session - Emmanuel Church,  
Eastbourne, on 17th April 2027.

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders  
meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2027

## SAYING A FOND FAIRWELL

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September we said a fond farewell to Revd Philip Simpkins and Angela Simpkins as they officially move from our circuit to the Isle of Wight as Philip begins his new post as hospital chaplain at St Mary's Hospital in Newport. Philip began work there at the start of September, whilst Angela is finding her feet, making new connections and adjusting to island life. With their own house outside of Carysbrook (think castle and donkey), we hope and pray that they will settle in quickly and enjoy living on the island.

We were privileged to hear from many people who have benefitted from Philip and Angela's ministry over the last nine years, including Liz George sharing the message with us, and the Anna Chaplain Emily Spencer who forms such an important part of the work in Alton.

We would like to thank Philip and Angela for their many years of faithful service to the Methodist congregations of Alton, Rowledge and Hale and the LEP of the Spire at Farnham. We pray that this new direction will be a great blessing to Philip and Angela. May God bless you richly, love you deeply and help you in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.



## YOUR CIRCUIT NEEDS YOU!

### Wanted: More Circuit Stewards

Caring and compassionate people who enjoy working with people to get things done. Must enjoy cups of tea and being with a lovely bunch of people on a variety of projects, which may include property management, health and safety, discussing finance and keeping people safe whilst supporting staff through the highs and lows of ministry.

### Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Following the stepping down of Liz George, the circuit is looking for another circuit safeguarding officer to share the role with Kim Tame. If you are interested in this voluntary post, please get in touch as soon as possible. All training is given.

**WANTED**

**YOU!**

**REWARD: fun,  
fellowship and knowing  
you made a difference!**

# MEET YOUR NEW STEWARD

Sally Press is a member of North Camp Methodist church and the newest member of the circuit team. Sally is no stranger to working for the circuit, as this is the second time in ten years that she has served on the circuit leadership team, although there have been many changes, since she was last a steward. Want to know more? Then read on. Sally says "My career has been in scientific research, mainly aviation medicine and safety, including the benefits of regular sleep, the risks of hypoxia and decompression sickness. I have two lovely god daughters, who keep me up to date with things. In my spare time I love to go walking and sightseeing. Other interests are reading, cross words and various handicrafts." If you see Sally at our circuit meeting, do say hello!



## MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE CIRCUIT



Interested in theology (talking about God), but don't know where to start? Curious about something to do with faith, but have never had the chance to explore? Surely theology is for theologians? Well,

at Diving Deeper, everyone is a theologian and everyone can learn more about God. It's a chance to explore subjects in more depth, and maybe broaden your horizons beyond just looking at scripture. Curious? Well why don't you come along and have a go? Previous sessions have included looking at the Holy Spirit, divine providence (whatever that is!), the Trinity, popular culture, the creeds and in October we'll be focusing on how our buildings influence the way we worship. So come along, no experience necessary. The dates and venues of the next sessions are below. You can also find them on the circuit website. Revd Anne

| Date                                | Venue                | Topic                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| October 21 <sup>st</sup><br>7.30pm  | North Camp Methodist | Church buildings and worship |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup><br>7.30pm | Fleet Methodist      | Queer Theology               |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup><br>7.30pm  | tbc                  | Interfaith dialogue          |



Over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> October over 2000 young people aged 8-18 gathered at the NEC for this year's national youth assembly, 3Generate. The theme this year was "On The Way". Young people were encouraged to think about how they were on the way with God. To help them, each young person was invited to collect their very own Adventure Book and 3Gen Bible. Our group of from the circuit enjoyed hanging out together, worshipping, crafting, writing prayers, playing games, asking a theologian tricky questions, climbing walls (literally), and taking the time to soak up everything that 3Gen has to offer. In addition, they voted for next year's youth president, for whom Alex Day from North Camp Methodist was a candidate. Fancy helping out next year? You can volunteer or be a leader for our circuit. Know any young people who you think would like to go? Let Revd Anne know. If you know any of the young people who attended from North Camp or Church@The Pines, why not ask them how it was, they will be only to glad to tell you!



*Writing prayers against injustice*



*Theo asking a theologian!*

## NEWS FROM THE WEBSITE

Is live! And we'd like you to be part of it.

If you have any photos or news of any events happening at your church, why not let Anne Day or Rowan Handford know by emailing Rowan - [digital.bvmcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:digital.bvmcircuit@gmail.com)



### GOT SOME GOOD NEWS?

Contact Revd Anne or the administrators to have it included in the next Circuit newsletter. Deadline - 5<sup>th</sup> November



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