

## 2007 NEWS ARCHIVE – Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre

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**Recognition for Jennie.** On November 21 in the town hall chambers, Aylesbury Church member Jennie Torpey was awarded a prize by the mayor, Cllr. Jenny Puddefoot for her individual service to the community. She was nominated by her minister Rev. David Jenkins for her sustained work over many years in promoting **Fairtrade**. Jennie played a key role in helping Aylesbury achieve Fairtrade town status and has run a Fairtrade shop at the front of our Buckingham Street church for over ten years. Amongst Jennie's many other interests, she runs belly-dancing classes, though alas, this was not in evidence at the ceremony!

**Charity card shop homeless in 2008!** Can you help? The Cards For Good Causes charity card shop has been established for 20 years in our Buckingham Street Aylesbury church. But when it closes the doors at 4pm on 18th December this year, it faces an uncertain 2008 as the church and centre undergo a £1

million redevelopment. If you know of any alternative preferably town centre venue if could use during November and December 2008 we would love to hear from you. Meanwhile, the shop is open 10am to 4pm Mondays to Saturdays.

**Celebrating Diversity.** Aylesbury church members from 19 countries took part in a service to celebrate One World Week on 21 October. Minister Rev. David Jenkins said, 'We are all unique but united in our love of Jesus Christ.' ([more...](#))





**Sue retires as Girls' Brigade Captain** after 60 years in the GB. At a church service, Linda Gill was welcomed as the new Captain of the 1st Aylesbury Girls' Brigade Company, succeeding her mentor and Captain since 1988, Sue Ingram. Sue joined the GB in 1947 ([more...](#))

*Photo: Courtesy Bucks Herald*



**Musical Methodist Minister** Composer, pianist and singer Rev. David Jenkins' one man show had music for all tastes at Aylesbury's Buckingham Street Church and raised £1,522 for our community centre project. ([more...](#)) **Community involvement** at Cheddington, Stoke Mandeville and Whitchurch ([...more](#)).

**The 2007 Business Plan** for the £1 million development of our community centre at our Aylesbury church is now available. [Click here](#) for a **One Page Summary** or for the full 71 page report [click here](#).



The talented members of the **National Methodist Youth Brass Band** played in Aylesbury Market Square, performed a concert in the church and played for our morning worship in August, as part of their 20th Anniversary tour. In the process they raised over £800 for our community centre project. A big thanks to them.

Also in August, **the Bucks Herald and Mix 96** helped to publicise the community centre's progress and the even bigger contribution it wants to make to our rapidly growing

population.



**Treasurer pedals for funds.** Church treasurer Roger Kirk cycled 1,000 miles in June to raise funds for our community centre project and the Karibuni Trust. Karibuni is an Aylesbury-based charity caring for street children in Kenya. ([... more](#)). Roger cycled 'uphill' from Land's End to John O'Groats and pop over to the Orkneys as well. A retired accountant and London marathon veteran, Roger can be sponsored for either the charity or our project ([...more](#)).



**From tragedy to triumph** The Easter Cross at Aylesbury offers new life for us all ([...Easter sermon](#))

**Double trouble!** Not content with preaching his Palm Sunday sermon in Aylesbury, Rev. David Jenkins also preached it in South Africa. To be precise, Rev. James Adams (pictured below), a Cape Town Superintendent minister over there preached it for him. 'I saw your website and your themes for Holy Week and wondered if your church would share some resources with us?' asked James.



David was happy to help and it seems his sermon on 'Potential' went down well. We send James Adams, and his congregation our Christian family greetings.

**Our latest Community Centre fund-raising programme is now available. ([...more](#))**

**Stepping Stones at Whitchurch ([...more](#))**

**2007 Community centre fund raising events ([...more](#))**

**£28,500 raised for charities by Christmas cards ([...more](#))**

**Have your say on contemporary issues at the Methodist Interface site ([...more](#)).**

**Signs of hope and growth in the Circuit ([...more](#)).**

**Aylesbury's organ refurbishment ([...more](#)).**