

VALE OF AYLESBURY

METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Family Service at Weedon (cover story page 13)

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**For a full list of ministers and contact details please
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LETTER TO THE CIRCUIT

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Rev Helen Kirk

As I write this I am only hours away from my summer holiday; I have anticipated this for weeks and I have many hopes and expectations of my time away: the sun will shine; the people will be welcoming; the food delicious and I will completely 'switch off' and return refreshed. I have no guarantees that any of my expectations will be fulfilled but I go in anticipation of enjoying myself and even if none of the above comes to pass I aim to have a good holiday!

September is the time of year for expectations; it is when many new beginnings occur: our young people start or change schools, some go off to college or university and live away from home for the first time; for others it is a time to begin a new job; to stand on the precipice of a fresh start and to step forward in faith. These can be exciting times but also scary for as we anticipate what is to come we also know that not all of our hopes will be fulfilled. However, for all things may not work out as we planned that should not stop us going ahead.

So what about our churches? September is the start of the Methodist year. Do we have expectations for this New Year? Do we anticipate that God will be at work in our activities; that our worship will be inspired by the presence of God; that Jesus will still call people from their daily lives to follow him? Or will we continue as we have always done without really expecting God's presence to inspire or challenge?

My grandad used to tell the story of a railway signalman who manned the gates of a level crossing. Sometimes he would leave one gate open and the other closed and when asked why would reply 'well, I was only half expecting a train!' Are we the same in our faith: we profess that we are the Body of Christ but do we only half expect to realise the presence of Christ in our communities? What are our expectations for the coming year?

At the Methodist Conference this year the new president Rev Steve Wild set the Methodist church a challenge: He expects every church in the course of the next year to make one new member. He said this: "We have a massive Kingdom of God task. I'm wanting this year to challenge each church to bring one person to faith - to make one new member this next year, let's make bringing people to faith the main point, we don't do it alone. The unconditional love of Jesus is our motivation."

Is this a totally unrealistic expectation or a priority to work towards and to pray for? Do we begin with all that we cannot do, or anticipate the possibilities of how we might share our faith in the communities that we serve? Things may not work out as we hope; but let us be a people who always expects to see God's presence in the world and anticipates that He still has a purpose for his church in the Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit.

Helen

Prayer for the Quarter

God of adventurous living, you are always calling us to push back frontiers, to re-evaluate rules and restrictions and above all else, to reach out in loving concern far beyond our immediate circle. You have given us life and you call us to live it in such a way that we may discover our full potential as your people.

Lead us into generous, loving ways that we may share your grace through all that we are and all that we do.

Amen

AYLESBURY BIBLE STUDY:

Aylesbury has recently undertaken a church wide survey to ascertain the 'health' of the church and to see how we might become 'healthier'.

One of the things which came out of this process was a request for 'Biblical teaching that relates to everyday lives'.

With this in mind Helen Kirk is going to start a monthly Bible Study on a Wednesday afternoon/ Thursday evening in the coffee bar area at AMC.

It will begin with refreshments followed by some input from Helen and then a chance to discuss the issues raised. It will take place on the following dates:

Session 1: Wed 9th September 2-3.30pm/ Thurs 17th September 7.30-9pm

Session 2: Wed 14th October 2-3.30pm/ Thurs 22nd October 7.30-9pm

Session 3: Wed 18th November 2-3.30pm/ Thurs 26th November 7.30-9pm

Session 4: Wed 9th December 2-3.30pm/Thurs 17th December 7.30-9pm

So if you are looking for some challenging discussion, help to understand the nitty gritty of the Bible or you just want the opportunity to ask all the questions you've never dared ask please come along. You don't have to commit to all the sessions just come to what you can. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES ROUND THE CIRCUIT

Church		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Aylesbury			
Cheddington	Thurs 17th Crib Service at St Giles. 4pm.	7pm. Carols on the Green	10.30am. St Giles. Joint All Age Communion Service
Chinnor			10.00 am. Service Preacher TBA
Cuddington			
Fairford Leys			
Haddenham			
North Marston		Carols at 6.00pm Midnight Communion 11.30pm.	Granborough Church at 11.00am
Princes Risborough		8.00pm. Communion Service	9.30 am Service
Stewkley	Sunday 20 th December 4.30pm Christingle		Christmas Day 9.30am Rev Irena Byron

Church		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Stoke Hammond			
Stoke Mandeville			10.30 am. Arthur Sara
Stone	Wednesday 16th Coffee and Mince Pies from 10.30 followed by Carol Singing		
Swanbourne			
Thame (Christchurch)		9.30am Holy Communion Rev Steve Watts	10.30am Rev Steve Watts
Waddesdon			
Weedon	Thurs. 17 Dec.at 6.30 p.m. Christmas Read- ings and Carols followed by re- freshments.		
Whitchurch			
Wingrave			

CHINNOR METHODIST CHURCH NEEDS YOU

ADOPT-A-BRICK

Chinnor Methodist Church has made good progress with fund-raising for the refurbishment of the chapel. We have so far reached a total of £132,000 towards our target of £215,000. Now we need your help to push this on to the next stage.

We estimate that we will need 1760 bricks to build the re-designed entrance hall and we are proposing an “adopt-a-brick” scheme. We suggest that each brick should cost £10. There is no upper limit on the number of bricks any individual may wish to adopt.

We can accept cash or cheques, made payable to Chinnor Methodist Church. Cheques and cash can be left with our Treasurer, Cathy Whiteway, (4 Oakley Road, Chinnor, OX39 4HZ) or with either of the Stewards (Anne Marie Lord or Rod Thorpe). If anyone would like to pay by bank transfer, then the account details are as follows:

Account name: Chinnor Methodist Church

Sort Code: 72-00-01

Account number: 57448304

Please use a reference made up of the donor’s name and the letters AAB.

If the donor is a UK taxpayer, please provide their name and address so we can claim Gift Aid.

It is our intention to create a board to be hung in the chapel listing every contributor.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We look forward to your support.

Pete Honeyball



We are still piecing
together plans for a

Jigsaw
Festival

at Chinnor
Methodist Church

on:

Friday 23rd October 2 – 5pm. with tea and cakes

Saturday 24th October 11.00am. – 5.00pm.

Light Lunches, and teas after 2.00 pm.

Sunday 25th October 2.00pm. – 5.00 pm.

Tea and cakes

**Watch this space for more
details and note the dates in
your diary!**

We would be very grateful for donations of jigsaw puzzles and clip frames or picture frames in which to display them. We are also interested in other puzzles such as sliding puzzles or tangram.

Ideally the frames would be between 80 x 50cm and 50 x 35cm in size and the jigsaws would have no missing pieces! Or may be you enjoy doing puzzles and would like to make one up and frame

it for us to use?

Please contact Liz Thorpe at 9 Van Diemens Close

Chinnor OX39 4QE

Tel 01844 351565.

BARN DANCE



**Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper
with Bodger's Wood Band
Caller: Terry Phipps**

**Bar available; soft drinks, including fairly-traded
Please bring your own wine and beer (glasses will be available)**

Friday 27 November 2015 from 7.30 till 10.30 pm

Chinnor Village Hall

Church Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PQ

Tickets: £7.50 (£2.50 under 18s) available from:

Jane Honeyball (01844 351096) or Liz Thorpe (01844 351565)

All proceeds to Chinnor Methodist Church Building Fund



Calling all Photographers

The Ecumenical Focus group in Chinnor has encouraged the Flower and Produce Show to provide a photography class called 'Reflections'.

The request was made to demonstrate that the church is interested in community events and is interested in community life. Indeed the local Flower Show was primarily a Church-based event when set up 105 years ago.

Entries into the photography class are open to all so if you would like to show off your craft on the theme of 'Reflections' please contact Rod Thorpe for details and the regulations that need to be met.

If interested there are also many other classes for other domestic and artistic crafts. Again details from Rod Thorpe.

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH and COMMUNITY CENTRE

Do you need a venue for your Child's Party?

We offer a significant discount to members for the hire of the halls for these and other Social Events.

For all bookings please contact Carla Barnes or one of the volunteers in the Church Office for more details at:

**Buckingham Street
Aylesbury HP20 2NQ**

Tel: 01296 426526

E-mail: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk

The office hours are 9:30 to 13:30 during weekdays.

Room bookings can be made through the office (email or phone)

VOICE VERSA



A Seasonal Songbook

**A vocal quartet of classically trained singers
accompanied by Marjorie Holliday on the piano
Entertainment for Harvest Festival**

Saturday 3rd October 2015 at 7.00 pm

Chinnor Methodist Church
62 Station Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PZ

Tickets: £5 (£3 children) available from:
Jane Honeyball (01844 351096) or Anne Marie Lord (01844 352120)

All proceeds to Chinnor Methodist Church Building Fund

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COVER STORY

WEEDON and HARDWICK LEP



The Church in Hardwick was built in the 12th century and sited on the edge of the village nearest to Weedon.



Methodism came to Weedon in the 1770s and two Methodist Chapels were built in the 19th century.



Additionally a part of the Weedon village school was consecrated and services regularly held there thus easing the burden of travelling to Hardwick twice a day for services.

When Ann Varker was Minister, covering Weedon, discussions were held with the Anglicans which led to the formation of the Local Ecumenical Partnership that has been running now for over 5 years. We are now moving towards a sharing agreement.

The services are planned such that on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month, there is a service in Hardwick at 9.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. in Weedon.

On the 2nd Sunday, a Family Service is held at 9.30 a.m. in Weedon Chapel which regularly attracts about 65 villagers including about 15 children who get involved in the service.. On the 4th Sunday there is Family Communion Service in Hardwick and a Sunday school for the youngsters. The 5th Sunday we join in rotation the Chapels in Whitchurch and Wingrave. Every Thursday morning at 10.00 a.m. a Communion Service is held in the Old Schoolroom in Weedon.

CIRCUIT PRAYER DIARY

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY EACH MONTH PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

- 1 Aylesbury Church and the community it serves
- 2 Cheddington Church and the community it serves
- 3 Chinnor Church and the community it serves
- 4 Cuddington Church and the community it serves
- 5 Fairford Leys Church and the community it serves
- 6 Haddenham Church and the community it serves
- 7 North Marston Church and the community it serves
- 8 Princes Risborough Church and the community it serves
- 9 Stewkley Church and the community it serves
- 10 Stoke Hammond Church and the community it serves
- 11 Stoke Mandeville Church and the community it serves
- 12 Stone Church and the community it serves
- 13 Swanbourne Church and the community it serves
- 14 Christchurch, Thame and the community it serves
- 15 Waddesdon Church and the community it serves
- 16 Weedon & Hardwick Churches and the communities they serve
- 17 Whitchurch Church and the community it serves
- 18 Wingrave Church and the community it serves
- 19 Our Circuit Leadership Team
- 20 Our Ministerial Team and their families
- 21 Those involved in Hospital, Prison Ministry and Town Centre Chaplaincy
- 22 Our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- 23 Youth work around the Circuit
- 24 Relations with local Christians
- 25 Those who have been bereaved
- 26 People who are ill
- 27 People caught up in natural disasters
- 28 People living in conflict situations
- 29 The life of our nation and those who lead
- 30 Action to protect the global environment

Normal Sunday Service Times

CHURCH	Times	Comments
Aylesbury	8.45 am.	3rd. Sunday—Communion
Cheddington	10.30 am.	Occasional Service PM.
Chinnor	10.30 am.	4th Sunday at Village Centre
Cuddington	5.30 pm.	
Fairford Leys	9.15 am. 10.30 am.	Fortnightly Communion
Haddenham	10.15 am.	
North Marston	9.30 am.	
Princes Risborough	10.00 am.	Occasional services PM.
Stewkley	10.00 am.	Monthly Café Church
Stoke Hammond	11.00 am.	
Stoke Mandeville	11.00 am.	
Stone	11.00 am.	
Swanbourne	5.00 pm.	
Thame –Christchurch	10.30 am.	
Waddesdon	11.00 am.	
Weedon	9.30 am. 6.00 pm.	
Whitchurch	10.45 am. 4.00 pm.	Stepping Stones (last Sunday in the month)
Wingrave	10.00 am.	

FAIRTRADE MATTERS

As you may have noticed, in keeping with the Circuit's Fair trade policy, I have been taking along Fairtrade goods to a number of events such as the Open Air Service, the cluster service in Princes Risborough and Circuit services. This is only possible with the co-operation of the local organisers and stewards alongside a bit of packing and unpacking. If you would like to have specific items provided please let me know and I will endeavour to get them to you / bring them along.

If you have queries or doubts about the value and purpose of Fairtrade please ask. Fairtrade is not a panacea to issues of poverty but it can provide a relief and a basis for individuals to work their way into improved circumstances. Small and modest purchases made by you all add up to give significant benefits.

Fairtrade is not a charity but the nature of its practices and philosophy could be seen as charitable in that it guarantees a price for goods for the producer alongside adding a premium payment. In doing so it allows for the producer not only to plan ahead but allows communities to develop resources such as education and improvements in health. There is a recognised link between good nutrition, educational improvement and life expectancy, so it is not just about trade.

It cannot have gone unnoticed there are currently comments that the desire to move to Europe is stimulated by individuals wanting to better their lives. As such the ideals behind Fairtrade are about allowing individuals to improve their lives in their communities.

FAIRTRADE Products -

Statistics indicate the majority of the population recognise the Fairtrade symbol. This is really good news.

However there still seem to be misunderstandings about Fairtrade.

Please remember Fairtrade

-is not a product line in its own right:

-is a philosophy for sourcing and trading a product.

-goods are sourced from a wide range of producers.

-products come with many different tastes.

-pays a fair price for the production costs

-means the producer is not subsidising the product for others to use.

There will be a taste you like out there for you somewhere: if you have found one you like why not shout about it?

For more info contact Rod Thorpe or visit www.fairtrade.org.uk/

Ministers' Rest Days:

Rev Helen Kirk - Friday

Rev Irena Byron - Monday

Rev Keith Edwards - Wednesday

Rev Anthony Howells - Friday

Please respect their days off and avoid contacting them except in an emergency.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Aylesbury

- J Team (Sunday School) Sundays 10.30am
Contact Mrs. Vivienne Kemp 01296 399315
- Girls Brigade Mondays 5.30-7.30pm
Contact Mrs. Linda Gill 01296 429218
- Banner Group Tuesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm
Contact Mrs. Brenda Horne 01296 428580
- Tuesday Fellowship 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30-3.45pm
Contact Mrs. Pearl Riley 01296 483547
- Boys Brigade Tuesdays 6-9pm
Contact Mrs. Margaret Miskin 01296 422919

Chinnor: Regular Activities

Weekly:

- Activity Club (Youth club for 7-11yr olds)
Thurs 6.30 - 8.00pm (term time)
- Traidcraft (Fairtrade) sales
- Bring and Buy table for nominated charities (Sunday)

Fortnightly:

- On Sundays 6.15—7.15 pm when there is no Evening Service
- House Group: at 16 Old Sawmill Place .
Contact Elizabeth Wilson 01844 354487
- Fellowship Group: Tuesday from 10.30 am
- Friday 7-9pm (fortnightly) Friday Night Club (all ages) -
Table Tennis, Scrabble, Pizza etc.

Monthly:

- Exploring Faith. Monday 8.00- 9.30pm

Ecumenical Groups/ Activities:

Fortnightly:

- Mothers Bible Study- 10-12am Tues or Weds. morning
for mums
- Mums prayer group: Friday 9-9.30am - for those attending
St Andrew's School
- Ignite - Sunday 7.30-9.00pm - for 14yr olds to explore faith
and life issues

Haddenham

Monthly:

Haddenham Fellowship Group— evening meetings, Contact Mrs Mary White 01844 291677

Princes Risborough

Fortnightly:

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) Meets in homes on Thursdays

Monthly:

"TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP - We meet in homes on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Church at 2.00pm for a time of Fellowship together with a varied programme, followed by a cup of tea and chat, everyone is welcome to join us at these meetings."

.—see the **Circuit Website** for details of these meetings

Stoke Mandeville

Fortnightly:

The Open Fellowship meets at 2.30 pm. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month

Everyone is welcome to these meetings for an hour of fellowship, followed naturally by a cup of tea.

Table-tennis may normally be played from 7.00 to 9.00 pm in the main hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in most months.

Stone

Monthly:

The Fourth Tuesday Fellowship meets at 2.30pm
Contact Mrs. Sue Spinks 01296 748369



VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2016

Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th May 2016

You are invited to join Rev Helen Kirk for our 2016 holiday to Devon and the English Riviera. We will be staying at the delightful **De La Mer Hotel in Babbacombe**. It is a privately-run hotel and we will be the only guests there so we will have the run of the place!

It is just a very short flat walk to see the amazing views from the Babbacombe Downs overlooking Torbay. The village of St Marychurch, the famous Babbacombe Model Village, the Cliff Railway or Bygones Victorian Museum are an easy 10 minute stroll away. You will be able to visit these during your leisure time on the holiday (entry at your own expense).

Cost of the holiday is **£309.00 per person**. A deposit of £50.00 per person will be required to secure your room, optional insurance is also available at £15.00 pp.

There is a **limited supply of single rooms** available without supplement. They will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we receive your deposit and booking form (attached with this Itinerary).

All cheque payments are to be written out to: **Traveltime World**.

Also included in the price is Luxury Coach Travel supplied by Plastows Travel of Wheatley. They will supply a modern coach which will be driven by Gordon McCallum. The coach will be equipped with toilet and coffee machine.

Four nights in the hotel

Breakfasts and three-course evening meals

En-suite rooms with TV and tea and coffee-making facilities

No lift in hotel but ground floor rooms available

Bar and Lounge (exclusively for us)

Porterage included

Three included excursions (see Itinerary)

Evenings of fellowship

PROPOSED ITINERARY: (subject to change due to weather and operational circumstances)

Day 1: Friday 6th May – Board our tour coach at your chosen departure point and we will make our way west to Babbacombe. We will make a lunch stop on the way and will arrive at the hotel in plenty of time to freshen-up before dinner.

Day 2: Saturday – **Dartmoor** is on the menu today. We will make our first stop at **The House of Marbles** which is always an interesting stop. Continuing on we will travel onto **Dartmoor** and will make our lunch stop atop the Moor in the village of **Princetown**. We will finish our day with a visit to one of the most peaceful places in England, **Buckfast Abbey**.

Day 3: Sunday – A relaxing day for you today. If you like you could walk (5 minutes' flat walk) to St Marychurch United Reformed Church for their morning service. Later we will travel to **Brixham**, an atmospheric fishing town where trawling was first practised and established. We return to **Torquay** and you will be able to wander around the marina area or visit the local shops before returning to the hotel.

Day 4: Monday – Everybody loves **Sidmouth** so that is our destination today. Beforehand we will pop into the **Donkey Sanctuary** for a short visit. You will have ample time in Sidmouth for lunch and a walk along the Promenade before we return to Babbacombe, travelling the scenic route via Dawlish and Teignmouth.

Day 5: Tuesday – I am afraid we are going home today and we certainly will not be hungry, having enjoyed the sumptuous and plentiful hospitality of the De La Mer. We will be making a lunch stop on the way home and will arrive in the local area in the late afternoon.

If you prefer to stay around the hotel instead of joining the coach on the outings that is fine. It is a lovely area to explore and relax, or you could walk part of the South West Coast Path (5 minutes' walk away).

As well as being a relaxing time away, our Circuit Holidays give an opportunity to meet new friends in our extended Circuit. On this holiday we praise God each morning with a short devotional time. For those who choose, we also enjoy fellowship together in the evenings.

If you would like more details please ring:

PETE & JANE HONEYBALL on 01844 351096 ([email:](#))

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OR RING KEN & SYLVIA AUSTIN on 01844 213285.




WHERE and WHEN TO MEET AROUND THE CIRCUIT



Aylesbury	Mon. To Sat. 10.00 am. to 12 noon	Tea and Coffee
Cheddington	Open Doors—Fridays 10.00 am	Tea, Coffee , Light Refreshments & Fellowship
Fairford Leys	Saturdays 10.30 am.	Coffee Morning
Haddenham	Tuesdays 10.00 am. to 12.00 noon 10.00 am to 12 Noon	Maisie's Coffee Morning Fairtrade goods, Home made jams & garden produce usually on sale. Museum open in Old School
Stewkley	3rd. Saturday each month 12 noon to 1.30 pm.	Treat yourself to a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee for £7
Stoke Hammond	Wednesday 10.30 to 11.45 am	Coffee Morning
Stoke Mandeville	Most Fridays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. First Fridays 12-2pm	'POP-IN' for a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat. Light lunches £2.50
Thame Christchurch	Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 am. to 12 noon	Coffee Mornings
Thame Christchurch	Tuesday Safari Cafe 2.00pm - 4.00pm	
Waddesdon	Thursdays 10.00 am -11.30 am Alternate Tuesdays. 11.00am.to 2.00pm.	Coffee Morning Light lunches

Wingrave	Tuesdays 12 noon to 1.30 pm.	Nup End Cafe Lunches
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Other Special Gatherings

Cheddington	Mondays 9.30— 11.00 am (except holidays)	The Toast Baby & Toddler Group
Swanbourne 	Tuesdays 2.00 pm in the Chap- el: stories, songs, prayers & nibbles & play	Pram Service will continue—Next Services; TBA Contact Frankie Fisher on 720454

WADDESDON METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday Table Top Sales - £5 per table with a Tombola Stall - Light Lunches , Tea & Coffee are served from 11.00 am.

Dates: October 24th. November 14th with a special Christmas Lunch on 5th. December.

All proceeds will go towards refurbishing the Chapel and School room.

The late Gerry Warne who was our Property Secretary worked hard to fulfil a dream of seeing the premises bright and inviting as a Place of Worship, and equipped to make them fit for purpose as a place that could be enjoyed by the Village Community, Gerry passed away on July 11th.

The refurbished premises will be a testimony to his hard work and dedication



STEWKLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us for

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Saturday 12th December 2015

By ticket only

For further details please contact a Steward or
see the website



STONE METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday Soup Lunches in December

On the 5th and 12th.

We will be Open from 12 - 2.00 pm

To serve soup lunches.

All proceeds will go to

Action 4 Children to aid very local work in

Aylesbury.

ITEMS FOR THE MAGAZINE -- Jan.– March 2016 issue

should be forwarded to the following Email addresses

Solomon Awadzi. 4 Plover Walk Aylesbury HP19 0FQ 01296
489384 Email: solokawadzi@hotmail.com Items for the Magazine
should be copied to Roy Collis see below

Magazine items not later than 15th November 2015

**DATES OR REQUESTS FOR THE PREACHING PLAN should
be sent via Chrestos if possible** or to the Plan Making Team:
voaplanmaking@gmail.com

Please see the dates at the foot of the Plan for deadlines.

Details of changes to existing information in the **Circuit Directory**
should be sent immediately they occur to: Rev Helen Kirk:
revhelenkirk@sky.com and to: r.collis245@btinternet.com

ITEMS FOR PUBLISHING ON THE WEBSITES

The AMC & Circuit Websites have or are about to change but the
addresses will remain the same

WEBSITE ADDRESSES Circuit: www.aylesburyvale.org.uk
Aylesbury: www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk Fairford Leys:
www.fairfordleyschurch.org.uk

All enquiries or suggestions should be addressed to::

Peter Green for the AMC Website :
peterb.green@ntlworld.com 01296 424653

Roy Collis for the Circuit Website:
r.collis245@btinternet.com 01296 630989

Plan making in the Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit.

The basis of plan making is the gathering in of information from two sources;

1. From our preachers as to when they are available.
2. From our Churches about special services they wish to have and preachers they have invited.

To try and make the data gathering more reliable it has been decided that we will use a system devised by the ThenMedia Company, this will be an integral part of a new Circuit Website about to be built using their Chrestos system.

Preachers who normally provide availability information will be asked to complete an 'Availability Form' by a **due date** each quarter. The form is available as a page on the internet which is easy to log in to and easy to complete. Saving the form automatically puts the information into the Chrestos system – **No special software or computer skill is required.**

Nominated church officers will also be asked to log in, find their church on a list and type in the details of their service plans for the quarter – exactly as they would do when sending an Email. Saving the notes in Chrestos makes them automatically available to the Plan Makers.

More details are available to those who will be involved in either of the above activities. It is intended to use this system to assist the generation of all Preaching Plans for 2016 and future years.

Sending data in by Email will still be possible but that will be less secure, will not put the data where it is needed and will need to be done well before the due date to allow time to transfer it.

Special Measures will be taken for churches that have no person with internet access

Dates to remember

Aylesbury Bible Study

Session 1: 9th September 2-3.30 pm

or 17th September 7.30-9 pm

Session 2: 14th October 2-3.30 pm

or 22nd October 7.30-9 pm

Session 3: 18th November 2-3.30 pm

or 26th November 7.30-9 pm

Session 4: 9th December 2-3.30 pm

or 17th December 7.30-9 pm

Chinnor Events

October 3rd Concert by Voice-Versa 7.30 pm.

October 24th to 26th Jig Saw Festival

November 27th 7.30 pm Barn Dance at Village Hall

Stewkley

December 12th Christmas Lunch

Waddesdon

Table top sales

October 24th, ; November 14th ; December 5th

Chrestos Planning Tools

October 1st. The site will be open for **Preachers** to use their availability page to indicate the Sundays when they are available to preach and for **Nominated Church Officers** to update their church's planning notes to show dates when they have special services or invited preachers. **Please try to do this in October and not later than the dates at the foot of the Plan..**

MAP of THE VALE OF AYLESBURY METHODIST CIRCUIT

