

VALE OF AYLESBURY

METHODIST CIRCUIT

MAGAZINE



Stewkley Methodist Church—See pages 18 and 19 for story.

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PASTORIAL LETTER



Rev Helen Kirk

As many of you will know I have been nominated to be the Chair of Chester and Stoke Methodist District from 1st September 2019. It is a huge privilege but also tinged with sadness at having to leave a place that has felt like home from the very beginning. Amongst the messages of congratulations there were messages from people who knew me as a teenager in Hull – often accompanied by embarrassing photos of me doing things I shouldn't! It has been a timely reminder of where I have come from and who God calls me to be (not that I ever achieve it!)

From time to time we all need to be reminded of who we are; to step back and reflect upon the things that we are called to be and to do. We do this as individuals but we also need to do this as a church. Amidst the business of property schedules, safeguarding policies, data protection laws, financial budgets and statistical returns it is important to remember what we are about as the Methodist church.

This can be summed up in the Our Calling statements of the church:

- The church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love
- The church exists to help people grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care
- The church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice
- The church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Above all the things that have to be done these are the reasons we exist. Do they reflect the life of our churches? In the coming months as we are encouraged to pray through 'Thy Kingdom Come' and to think strategically at the circuit consultation (see later articles) I hope that we will be inspired once more to remember who we are, why we are here and to fulfil God's calling for us as a church.

Show and Tell by Thom Shuman

*If we showed you
our hands,
Would you find them nicked
From building houses
for the homeless
Or calloused from using the TV remote
too much?*

*If we showed you
our feet,
Would you find them toughened
By walking the corridors
of a hospice
With the terminally ill,
Or wrinkled
by too many hours
in the hot tub?*

*If we showed you
our hearts,
Would you find them broken
Over the struggles of
the lost, the little, the least;
Or would they be clogged
with the plague
of our consumerised lives?*

*God of the empty grave,
Show us how
To be your witnesses*

From 'Fire & Bread' - Wild Goose Publications

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Ministers' Rest Days:

Rev Helen Kirk Friday
Rev Donna-Marie Broadbent-Kelly Friday
Rev Keith Edwards Wednesday
Rev Anthony Howells Friday
Rev Romilly Micklem Monday

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

Dates For this Quarter:

Monday 7th May to Friday 11th May: Circuit Holiday
Bournemouth

Wednesday May 16th 7.30 pm Organ Concert at Aylesbury
Dr Joseph Nolan (see poster Page 11)

Sunday May 20th 6.00 pm Circuit Service at Aylesbury

Wednesday June 20th 7.30 pm Circuit Consultation at
Stoke Mandeville (see Pages 24 & 25)

Sunday June 24th 5.00 pm Open Air Service at Swanbourne

Friday June 29th to Sunday July 1st Circuit Camping Weekend
See page 26

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

Thy Kingdom Come

The Circuit will be engaged in this exciting initiative from Ascension Day to Pentecost. 10th May-20th May.

This is a ten day prayer initiative and it is hoped that each Church in the Circuit will take part in some way. This may be a whole Church activity or people praying at home or in small groups. It is a chance for each Church to have the opportunity to be creative in their approach to prayer.

A pack of resources has been put together for each Church and there are further exciting resources on the website www.thykingdomcome.global

We encourage each and every one of you to be involved in some way and, if possible, to invite other Churches to take part jointly in prayer.

Two services have already been planned.

All are invited to share in a Thy Kingdom Come service at Swanbourne on 13th May at 5pm and a Pentecost Service at Aylesbury on 20th May at 6pm to celebrate all that has been achieved during the ten days.

For further information please contact either Helen or Jennie Marriner-Kyle (j.marrinerkyle@btinternet.com) We will support you and advertise your events around the Circuit.

What does prayer mean to you?

What can you do to take part?

Please get involved in whatever way you can.



FAIRTRADE - Making the unexpected entrepreneur.

There used to be a TV programme where one of the catch phrases was **'Power to the people'**

Power can also be a word that begs questions about who has it, and whether it is something that will be shared.

Fairtrade producers get their power from the purchases made by others. Their power comes in the confidence from not only knowing what price they will get paid but that their labours and skills will benefit their family and community as a result of their sales.

Whether we recognise it or not, every purchase provides a level of power. Through purchasing Fairtrade goods, particularly where value is added to goods in the originating area, the producer has an enhanced chance of becoming more self-sufficient and able to improve circumstances, be it education, sanitation, hygiene, wellbeing or life expectancy.

Buying Fairtrade brands, which are traded to set standards with certified products or ingredients, shares power in a variety of forms, financial, emotional and planning and also provides opportunities for development.

Fairtrade Brands include, Divine (chocolates), Karma Cola UK (drinks), Zaytoun (Oils, dates, herbs), Cafe Direct (Drinks), Liberation (nuts) and People Tree (clothing). A search of the internet will show many other Fairtrade and ethical brands.

There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products. Apart from foods and drinks you can also purchase Fairtrade flowers, gold, cotton, beauty products, as well as household furniture and kitchen ware.

If you are thinking you would like to do more to give power to producers why not buy some Fairtrade promotional tea towels, mugs or aprons for your church or yourself and spread the Fairtrade philosophy to those visiting your home or using your church.

For more information please contact Rod Thorpe or visit the various Fairtrade focussed websites.

CHINNOR GOES WILD!

The phrase 'Chinnor Churches Go Wild' has been adopted by the village and associated Parish Churches as the title for working together to make our churches and their grounds more Eco friendly and green.

The Chinnor Churches project shares with ARocha UK, a common belief in the Christian mandate to care for the natural environment.

This involves:

- managing the sites in a way that increases the number of species in the grounds.
- educating more people to engage with nature, through walks, conversations and materials used for meetings.
- sourcing fairly traded foods and drinks and other ethically sourced products where possible.
- agreeing to reduce, reuse and recycle where possible.
- working to lower our carbon footprint where possible through managing use of lighting and heating.

To date discoveries within the churches include populations of slow worms and toads. One church has also initiated sales of honey from hives located in its grounds.

With the guidance of specialists, thought is now being given to how to enhance habitats for species of animals, birds and flowers that need more support to maintain their populations.

If you would like to consider the Eco credentials for your own church why not consider looking at or completing the Eco church survey which can be found on the internet.

Alternatively, you may choose to use a guide for measuring your church's carbon footprint: something that is supported by The Methodist Church and has the potential for saving your church money. One such guide is available at www.shrinkingthefootprint.anglican.org but you may be able to find others.

If you would like more info about what Chinnor is doing please contact Rod Thorpe or more general info is available through www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk

Cheddington News

Messy Church - Over 50 children and adults attended the service before Christmas, so that several dads were able to make their craft contribution by re-assembling the Nativity stable on our forecourt.

Projection Equipment - A new projector, screen etc are now available to community users of our premises thanks to an AVDC New Homes Bonus Microgrant of £900 successfully applied for by the Flicks-in-the-Sticks film group.

WiFi - We're actively considering installing Wi Fi, guided by IT consultant Mark Hart whose children came to our 'Toast' toddler group. We know that several Circuit churches are ahead of us in this and would be grateful for all advice.

'Wet Corner'- After partial re-roofing the previous year (thanks to an interest-free loan from the Circuit), the church side was successfully re-plastered and re-painted this last autumn. Similar work on the hall-side is planned for this coming summer.

Rev Gill Rowell - our much loved non-stipendiary Anglican Vicar, Gill, is moving to a full-time post as Priest in Charge (Vicar Designate) of Tilehurst, Reading, in April. We are all stunned and saddened by this news, but of course we wish Gill all the very best in her new post. Churches Together in Cheddington is such an important part of our community outreach, and of course will continue, but Gill's initiatives, and her cheerful and wholehearted support of all our activities will be sorely missed.



**Aylesbury Methodist
Church & Centre
Buckingham Street, Aylesbury**

**33^d ANNUAL
ORGAN CONCERT**

Presenting Concert Organist

Joseph Nolan

Organist of Perth Cathedral, Australia

WEDNESDAY 16th MAY 2018 @ 7.30 pm
(Doors open at 7.00 pm)

Entrance: £12.00

Or £10.00 If booked in advance.

(Students entrance free)

**Tickets available from the Church Office
on weekday mornings or direct from
Derrick Matthews (01296 488076)**



WHERE and WHEN TO MEET AROUND THE CIRCUIT


For a chat over a Cuppa or even a Meal



Aylesbury	Mon. To Sat. 10.00 am - 12 noon	Tea and Coffee
Cheddington	Open Doors— Fridays 10.00 am	Tea, Coffee , Light Refreshments & Fellowship
Fairford Leys	Saturdays 10.30 am - 12.00 noon	Coffee Morning coffee/tea and biscuits
Haddenham	Tuesdays 10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Maisie's Coffee Morning Fairtrade goods, bring and buy items usually on sale
Stewkley	3rd Saturday each month 12 noon - 1.30 pm	Treat yourself to a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee for £7.50
Stoke Hammond	Wednesday 10.30 - 11.45 am	Coffee Morning
Stoke Mandeville	Most Fridays 2.00 - 4.00 pm Monthly: First Fridays 12.00 - 2.00 pm	'POP-IN' for a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat. Light lunches £3.00
Thame Christchurch	Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 am - 12 noon	Coffee Mornings
Waddesdon	Thursdays 10.00 am - 11.30 am Alternate Tuesdays. 11.00 am - 2.00 pm	Coffee Morning Light lunches

Wingrave	Alternate Tuesdays 12 noon - 1.30 pm 3rd April; 17th April; 1st May; 15th May; 29th May; 12th June; 26th June;	Nup End Cafe Lunches
Wesley Centre North Marston	Friday 10.00am to 1200 noon	Coffee Mornings - Come and help estab- lish a meeting point for coffee and a chat with friends

Other Special Gatherings

Cheddington	Mondays 9.30 -11.00 am (except holidays)	The Toast Baby & Toddler Group
Stewkley	Wednesday 10.30 – 11.30 am	Daisy Club for children from birth to school age— term time only.
Swanbourne 	Fridays 10-30am in the Chapel: stories, songs, prayers, nibbles, ba- bies, toddlers, mums & carers all very welcome	Pram Service will con- tinue—for next Services Contact : Frankie Fisher on 720454
Whitchurch	Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon 'Little Steps' fun for babies, toddlers and parents.	A mums & toddler group meeting. With toys, crafts music and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Aylesbury

J Team (Sunday School) Sundays 10.30 am

Contact: Mrs. Vivienne Kemp 01296 399315

Girls Brigade Mondays 6.15 - 7.30 pm

Contact: Sarah Davidge 01296 437852

Banner Group Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Contact: Mrs. Brenda Horne 01296 428580

Tuesday Fellowship 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30 - 3.45 pm

Contact: Mrs. Pearl Riley 01296 483547

Boys Brigade Tuesdays 6.00 - 9.00 pm

Contact: Mrs. Margaret Miskin 01296 422919

Monthly Bible Study:

Dates to be advised on website

Chinnor: Regular Activities

Weekly:

Activity Club (Youth club for 7-11yr olds)

Thurs 6.30 - 8.00 pm (term time)

Traidcraft (Fairtrade) sales

Bring and Buy table for nominated charities (Sunday)

Fortnightly:

Friday 7.00 - 9.00 pm (fortnightly) Friday Night Club (all ages)

Table Tennis, Scrabble, Pizza etc.

Monthly:

Exploring Faith. Monday 8.00 - 9.30 pm

Ecumenical Groups/ Activities:

Fortnightly:

Mothers Bible Study 10.00 am -12.00 noon

on Tues. or Weds. morning for mums

Mums prayer group: Friday 9 - 9.30 am - for those attending

St Andrew's School

Ignite - Sunday 7.30 - 9.00 pm 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 at the Church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Church at 2.00 pm for a time of Fellowship together with a varied programme, followed by a cup of tea and chat, everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Pam Scott 01844 346857

.—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 2.30 pm
Contact Mrs. Sue Spinks 01296 748369

Waddesdon

Monthly:

1st. Monday Friendship Club especially for the Over 50s meeting at 2.30 - 4.30 pm. This is very much a social get together and anyone is welcome.

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LEARNING AND GROWING

Waddesdon (cont.)

Fortnightly

The Women's Hour meets on Wednesdays in the School Room at 2.30pm. It's an opportunity to meet friends and catch up on their recent activities while enjoying an informal afternoon of favourite poems, readings, and hymns. Newcomers are most welcome.

Weekly

Wednesdays in Term Time - a Children's Club for 6 - 8 year olds meeting at 6.30 - 8.30pm

[Waddesdon Shell Group] Wednesday Evenings

Contact Barbara Warne 01296 651417.

Weedon

Monthly: Monday Bible Study Group

Thame Christchurch.

Weekly

Bible Study on Thursday at 7.30 pm

Fortnightly

Church Singers on 2nd and 4th Monday at 7.45 pm

Monthly

WIT (Women in Thame) on Monday at 7.30 pm Varied programme of talks, activities, and a visit to the theatre.

Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Family & Youth Work at AMC

Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre

Buckingham Street

Aylesbury

HP20 2NQ

Let's Cook!

Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys, but it is also one of its biggest challenges. Parentalk is for parents of children aged up to the early teenage years, giving you the opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges you face, as well as sharing the things that are going well.



What can you expect from Parentalk?

Parents can have the opportunity to share experiences

Explore parenting principles

DVDs – Watch real life stories and animations

Humorous dramas

Opportunities to befriend other parents and more.

Let's Cook will provide the opportunity to cook, bake and eat together. **Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.**

Please email Mel for a registration form:

Mel Brown

Family and Youth Worker

Email: familyworker.amc@mail.com

Mobile:077-171-21887

For further information contact Mel via the methods above

Cover Story

Stewkley Methodist Church

Together Everyone Achieves More

Just over twelve months ago a new group, called Reflections was formed. The group was aimed at the 30+ age group. The idea came from Cathy Hart and she has continued to drive the group forwards. They meet once a month and engage in a variety of activities: walking, theatre visit, quiz, bake off and games night.

Recently the group has become more involved in the life of the Church. This has coincided with the arrival of our new minister, Donna. The first event was helping and leading the decoration of the Church for the Harvest Festival. The theme taken was 'We all stand together'. Groups looked at the various counties of England and displays reflected the produce found in those areas. The end result

was magnificent.
Congratulations to all concerned.



This display represents Buckinghamshire.

Stewkley Bucks and no ducks!

The next event was the Christingle service. Donna

decided she would like a star in the church so another member of the group, Peter, made and erected a large star which hung over the pulpit. Many of the group entered into the spirit of the Christingle and came dressed up, along with their children, to an impromptu version of 'We are going on a journey'. This was enjoyed by everyone! We had several Mary's, lots of angels, innkeepers, shepherds and kings. There was even a starring role for baby Edwin as baby Jesus. Donna had envisaged a live Nativity but we didn't manage that! Perhaps next year!



Other activities continue to move forward.

Café Church is often a lively event with children and adults actively participating. Here the children are looking for the lost sheep!

The children are encouraged to take part and are here taking the collection.

Daisy Club is thriving! Mums and toddlers meet once a week to enjoy a coffee and playtime together. We regularly welcome over 20 children every week in term time.



Together we are moving forward, developing and promoting the Church in the local community.

CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2018: BOURNEMOUTH

We have a party of 29 people booked on our five day Circuit Holiday from 7 – 11 May, but we still have room for a few more, and we'd be delighted if YOU could join us. Twin and double rooms are still available and in addition the hotel has offered us an extra number of single rooms. Of these **we have one single room left. This will be with a single supplement of £50.** Breakfasts, evening meals and day trips are all included in the cost of £355. Please get in touch NOW if you are interested.

Jane & Pete Honeyball 01844 351096 or 07703 174 656 (Jane)
peter.honeyball@btinternet.com

SOUTHCOURT

BAPTIST CHURCH

Food Safety Training

Course Details:

Date: Saturday 30th June 2018

Time: Day starts at 9.00am with registration, training for both Courses commences at 9.30am.

Short Food Safety Retraining Course will finish at approximately 11.30am

Foundation Food Safety Course will finish at approximately 3.30pm

Cost: is:-

Foundation Food Safety Course - £24 per person.

This includes course materials, examination paper, certificate and a contribution towards the tutor's travelling expenses.

Short Retraining Course - £19 per person.

This includes examination paper and contribution towards the tutor's travelling expenses.

Course Tutor: Kay Macpherson from Soapbox Training Trust.

Venue: Southcourt Baptist Church, 40 Penn Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8HW

To apply for an application form for either course or for further details please contact Jean Howlett, Course Administrator on foodsafety@southcourt.org or telephone 01296 480080 (Southcourt Baptist Church Office) to leave a message for Jean Howlett, Course Administrator.

Closing Date for course: Friday 1st June 2018.

Please Note

In view of the new regulations under data protection all details received will be held securely for Food Safety Course use only and will not be shared with anyone else.

*SWANBOURNE
METHODIST
CHURCH*

Open Air Service

24TH JUNE 2018 AT 5.00 PM.

in Brises Farm field, Nearton End

**(The service will be in a barn if the weather is
bad)**

PREACHER: Rev Helen Kirk

Music: Secklow Brass

Leader: Michael Crofts

and

The Aylesbury Youth Choir

**Young People's Activity from
3-30pm and teas in the Chapel.**



ACTS 29 – Northampton District Youth Event

In February approximately 100 young people from around the Northampton District met for an exciting afternoon in Northampton for 'Acts 29.' Using various methods and activities, we explored and developed our understanding of who we are as 'God's People.' The young people were encouraged to reflect on who God is to them; who they really are; and what they could do in the world.

It was an energetic event, with vibrant worship, thoughtful reflections, drama, group work, crafts, games and a lot more. Prayer stations were placed around the church, so that the groups could express their requests and pray for others at different points of the day.

Creating a space where young people can meet other Christians, express their faith and enjoy themselves is essential. It encourages their faith, gives them a sense of belonging and reaffirms that there are other young people in other places who share the same beliefs as they do.

Over the coming months I am hoping that we can create spaces across the Vale of Aylesbury, where young people around the Circuit can meet, have fun, share faith and build relationships. It will go a long way in encouraging and showing them that they are not alone.

Many of us 'older folks' can probably attest to the value of having friends with the same beliefs when we were younger. I journeyed with friends near and far, drawing strength and encouragement from knowing that there were more young people out there like me. Those friendships were invaluable and they still remain.



SO.....

Let's do our best to create spaces around the Circuit, where young people can meet and build friendships; and let's encourage them to go to District and National events.



23rd to 25th November at Pontins, Southport.

Booking opens on 24th April The Methodist Church website.

Aylesbury Circuit Youth Events Coming soon!

Melina Brown

VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT

A PLAN FOR GROWTH

CIRCUIT CONSULTATION: WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE,

7.30 pm at STOKE MANDEVILLE

How many Methodists does it take to change a light bulb?

Let me look at the October Count and I'll tell you!

Every October the Methodist people count the number of our members; the 'bums on seats' at Sunday worship; the number of people involved in midweek activities.

It has become a bit of a joke, yet the joke is not really that funny, for all of this counting has actually presented some worrying figures.

The statistics show, among other things, that our church membership is declining at the rate of 3.5% year on year. It does not take a genius to work out that at that rate the end is in sight for many of our fellowships within a very short space of time. All of a sudden, the joke is no longer funny – it has taken on a serious side.

The Methodist Conference held in June 2017 had an honest and open debate about these statistics and urged Methodist members to renew our enthusiasm for prayer and our heritage for evangelism.

The conference directed churches, circuits and districts to make the focus of their work the making of new disciples of Jesus Christ and to prioritise resources for this.

This was embedded in a Notice of Motion that was adopted by the conference which stated that each year, every Church Council is encouraged (strongly) to address and answer the question 'Do you have a growth plan or an end-of-life plan?', with the answer to be presented to the Circuit Meeting in order to aid its wider, strategic, oversight of mission and ministry. This Plan will be presented to Synod and then to Conference for approval – and it will be read by everyone at each stage!

The upshot of all this is that every church in our Circuit is required to come up with a plan for growth that they have thought through and committed themselves to carrying out. This sounds a daunting task.

This initiative, however, is based on renewal, it is based on fanning the flames of the gospel into life, it is based on the fact that the Methodist people have historically always risen to the challenge. This initiative is based on the fact that we will again rise to the challenge and go out and make disciples of all nations.

That's why this year's Circuit Consultation is focused on providing support for churches to develop their own Growth Plan. We hope to see you there.

For us here in the Vale of Aylesbury there are two options:

Option one is that we take this opportunity seriously, plan for growth and get excited about the future again; a future that sees our tradition engaging wholeheartedly in the work of Christ in our communities, growing disciples and adapting to the changes necessary to carry out God's will in a way that is relevant and meaningful.

Option two is that on the evening of the Circuit Consultation on June 20th, we stay at home and watch the football, ensuring that next October our membership could be down another 3.5% and we will be struggling with the end-of-life plans of a few more churches!

Pete, Donna and Keith

The Vale of Aylesbury Circuit Caravan and Camping Weekend 2017 June 29th to 1st July



Last year we went to a site near Banbury, had great weather, interesting activities and a very good time. The picture shows one of the evening meals

Would you like to join us this year at a campsite near Wallingford with good bus links, interesting local features and you can be assured of great fellowship and fun.

The river Thames is about 200m away from the site so walks and boat hire will be available. The camp website is www.bridgevilla.co.uk .

If other people wish to join it might be possible in one of two ways. It might be that we have a cancellation or alternatively people could book directly with the site. Day visitors are allowed and are charged at £1 per person £2 for car, you would be most welcome especially on the Sunday.

If you have any questions ,please contact Chris Sara on 01296484310
Email chrisara096@gmail.com.

ITEMS FOR THE MAGAZINE:

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Items for the Magazine should be copied to Roy Collis see below.

Please submit Magazine Items by the 15th May 2018

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*Vale of Aylesbury
Methodist Circuit*

Songs of Praise 2018

GREAT HYMNS of CHARLES WESLEY

*Congregational hymn singing
presented by the Circuit Choir together
with friends from other local choirs.*

Great Hymns

With Great Tunes

Come along for a Great Sing

Led by Rev Helen Kirk

***Aylesbury Methodist Church
Sunday 22nd July @ 6.00 pm***

EVERYONE WELCOME