

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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This Church is God's house.
God loves and welcomes you
whoever you are, whatever
your age, gender, mental
health, physical ability, race,
sexuality or financial situation.
You are welcome here,
whatever your circumstances;
however much or little you
wish to engage; whatever you
feel about faith.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Sue Kirk.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for
coffee or tea and a biscuit.

The words of the hymns are projected at the front of the Church.
If you would like to have a hymnbook for the service, please ask.

Hymns	StF 353 548 594 696 443
Readings	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35
Organist	Derrick Matthews
Streaming	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.



If your little ones (up to age 3) become restless during services, you are welcome to take them into the creche room in the Welcome Area to play. The service can be heard from there.

All children MUST be accompanied.



NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3rd - our annual **TOY AND GIFT SERVICE** will take place during the morning service at 10.30am. The need, again, is urgent, with the continued cost-of-living crises, so if you are able, please bring a new toy or gift for a child of any age. Della Holmes of Bucks CC will be with us to help receive the presents during the early part of the service. These

will then be delivered to Elmhurst Family Centre to be sorted by Family Support staff working within the Aylesbury Vale area, and go directly to children and young people in this area who would otherwise have very little to open on Christmas Day. If you would like to help but are unable to make a purchase, then a small donation in a sealed envelope, will also be extremely welcome. This money will be used to purchase vouchers for teenagers.

Please do not wrap your presents, as all items will be matched to the child by the Family Support staff.

Do you have any cardboard boxes suitable for packing and delivering the toys and gifts? If so, please ring Pauline 01296 484940.

**Christmas/NewYear walk.
Wednesday 27th December.
More details to come in December.**

*Save
the Date*



The Karibuni Christmas Fair held on Saturday 11th November at Weston Turville, took a staggering profit of **£3080.10 for Karibuni Children!** Thanks to all who supported the event in any way!



Come and join us on Saturday 2nd December for **MESSY CHURCH** in the hall from 3.45pm – 6pm.

Lots of craft, games, table tennis, air hockey and bible story. **Our theme is Christmas.** Tea will be served at the end of the session, so to make sure we have enough food, I'd love for

you to email amc22messychurch@gmail.com by Thursday 30th November giving us numbers of children.

Please do come along for a fun afternoon! Margaret Miskin.

Has anyone borrowed a hot water flask from the main kitchen? If so, would you please would you return it as soon as possible. Please remember to book loans through the office, so that if you forget to return items, we know who to contact when they are needed.

Thank you everyone for supporting **Link to Hope** this year. **136 shoeboxes** were picked up from my home, of which 41 were donated from you at A.M.C., plus £50 in monetary donations and 15 from Boys' Brigade. It was another successful year for this appeal. If you are not sure about donating to this wonderful charity, then I will be only too happy to have a chat with you. As one person said, "I had so much fun filling my shoebox that I wish I'd done it before". Maybe that could be you next year. Many thanks. Margaret Miskin

The Christmas card post box will be up in the Welcome Space next Sunday.



The cards are **NOT DELIVERED**, so *please do not put cards in unless you are sure the recipients regularly attend church.*

Please also put surnames on the envelopes as folk might not think to look in the other pouches.

If you wish to send a card to **everyone at Church**, the board will be on the radiator by the display cabinet for you to pin your card.

Aylesbury Foodbank. Don't forget your donation for the Foodbank, including toiletries. **Most needed currently are:**

Tea, coffee, long life milk, soup, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, instant mashed potato and jam.



Prayer Requests. If you have requests for people or situations to be included in the prayers, there is a Prayer Request folder in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space for you to write in, or you could let Richard know in advance.

Our Prayer Group also meets on alternate Tuesdays, 10.45-12noon, and are very happy to receive prayer requests. They would also welcome anyone who would like to join them.

Please email Ruby: rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk



This is a warm invitation to everyone to join us at Stone Chapel in supporting Action for Children through our annual Soup Lunches.

We hope that the two Saturdays will be safe from HS2 closure notices on the A418 as they are near to Christmas, but please would all intending to come check the route they want to use – when the main road is closed, they may have to find an alternative 'pretty way', but the soup will taste even better after the safari! Thank you ever so much, Blessings, Sue Spinks.

[See poster on back page.]

Information from Thames Valley Police to warn WhatsApp users:

There seems to be a scam on the rise involving local community religious groups. The details we have are as follows:

The suspect is claiming to be from a church / religious group, encouraging the victim to join their (the suspect's) WhatsApp group - they then ask for the code that pops up and they take over their WhatsApp account and commit fraud. The main faith being exploited seems to be Christianity.

See: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/whatsappscam>

If you have any questions or concerns, contact: Rachel Ward, C1177, Communications Team, Corporate Communications

Tel: 01865 542052 | Internal: 300 6345 | Mobile: 07469 562094

Thames Valley Police HQ, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2NX

Next Week

Mon	27 Nov	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	28 Nov	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	30 Nov	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	1 Dec	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
Sat	2 Dec	3.45pm	Messy Church

Sunday 3rd December 2023



10.30am: Toy & Gift Service led by Mr Arthur Sara.

The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards

First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens

**Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard
(Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through)**

Duty Manager (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312. Mobile: 07484 392734)



GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Dear All.

This week we are sharing in the thoughts of **Rev Heegon Moon** about the journey of life that we are on together. Heegon moved into the manse in Thame three months ago and has very quickly endeared himself to the members of his churches. He speaks openly about his journey of faith and reminds us that our footsteps are as important as the destination. We pray this week for all our ministerial team, that they may find joy, peace and love in their ministries to and with us.

Pete.

During the last two years, I often pondered that my journey was not meant to conclude in this way. Before my heart attack and COVID, I was happy with my ministry, surrounded by old and new friends. I believed I could complete my ministry and retire with satisfaction.

However, it seemed as though I was wandering. It was not meant to be this way. Now, I understand the experience of Moses, who had to grapple with the incompleteness of life. We can learn a lesson from Moses that life is about the journey, not the destination. His mission was in the quest, not the conquest.

I have come to realise that the meaning of life lies in the journey, rather than reaching of the destination, which can resonate with us all. I wonder how Moses found the strength to climb the mountain at the age of 120. I believe that the reason for his vitality may be attributed to his lifelong sense of purpose. He never retired; his life was always a journey, a quest with a clear mission and purpose.

The secret to a long and healthy life, both mentally and physically, lies in having a mission for oneself.

*Blessings,
Heegon.*

FIRST NIGHT ON THE JOB

The bundle of rags was just huddled in the corner.
Unless you looked hard - and I mean really hard -
They were barely noticeable. All the colours of last season -
Brown, dark dirty green and faded yellow.
In fact, they looked just like a pile of old leaves
That had been swept up into a corner,
Waiting to be shovelled into a rubbish bag.

It was only when you looked very closely
That you realised the bundle of rags had a familiar shape;
Somewhere in amongst abject poverty, life prevailed.
You moved closer, with trepidation, to see properly.
In the past you walked on by - eyes looking ahead -
Thinking aloud about 'laziness, scrounger, vermin',
And 'should get a job like everyone else'.

The wind had started to blow, sending a bone chill through you.
Even though you had a warm coat, gloves and scarf on,
The iciness had started to make your eyes water.
The closer you got, the more pungent the odour became, as
The rag pile shifted to huddle against winters bite.
Suddenly you are aware of an odd movement, seemingly
Not human, coming from the sad bundle in the corner.



Then you notice it: a thin mangy, sliver of fur,
Barely visible, poking out from underneath the
sorrow.

As you get closer, it starts to move;
And when you hand over the hot soup,
sandwiches and blankets,

A tail begins to wag, as if to say 'Thank You'

For this small gesture of humanity to his master.
And your life is changed forever in being a volunteer.

Babs Trend



**Celebrate Christmas
with the
Pavlova Wind Quintet**

Sunday 10th December, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, North Marston



Come and enjoy an evening of festive music and verse with this talented group of professional musicians, including our own Jenny Morgan

Tickets £10 each

Includes a glass of wine and mince pies

For tickets contact:-

Jennifer on 670273 or Val on 670479

Supporting St Mary's Church Restoration

HOORAY !!

SOUP SATURDAYS ARE HERE !!

**COME ALONG TO
STONE METHODIST CHAPEL**



**SATURDAYS
2nd and 9th DECEMBER**

12 noon – 2 p.m.

**Choose from a wide variety of soup
with cake, tea/coffee to follow**

**DONATIONS FOR
ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

