

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Richard Atkinson

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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.

Sunday 7th April 2024

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, today, are Gill Marks and Derek Adams.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, 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 298 276 272 287 418
Readings	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Organist	David Brooker
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 by an ADULT.

The flowers this week are given by Christiana and Phillip Kolade to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.

* A reminder that Richard Atkinson is currently on Sabbatical until July 8th 2024.

For pastoral concerns, please contact either:

Rev Heegon Moon: 01844 698237, heegon5@gmail.com or

Rev Noreen Daley-Lee: 01525 240083, noreendaley1@hotmail.com

Collection Envelopes for the new financial year starting on 7th April, are now available in the Welcome Space. Please take your set of envelopes and also those for someone not at church, if you are able deliver it to them. Many thanks, David Neville.

J TEAM. We have recently seen a large increase in our J Team numbers and now need extra help. We are looking for volunteers who would act as 'floaters' on a Sunday morning. You would have nothing to prepare but would just turn up by 10.30am and float between our 2 groups, offering assistance if needed, eg colouring, cutting and sticking in our younger group or helping with discussions in our older group. You would help on a rota basis, so the more floaters we have, the less frequently you will be on. If you are interested in helping in this valuable way or would like to know a bit more, please contact Vivienne Kemp on 01296 399315.

On the back page of this notice sheet is an invitation for folk to come along to Stoke Mandeville Methodist Church for a talk about Karibuni Children's work in transforming young Kenyan lives.



The talks will take place in Karibuni Children's Office at **11am on the second Wednesday every month, the first one being on Wednesday 10th April.**

As the Office is rather cosy, we ask anyone who would like to come to book in with Anne Mills via: annemills@karibuni.org.uk or 01296 614887.



THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our Challenge 100. Matthew and I have each walked over 150 miles and reached our goal of raising at least £100 each. We'll still be collecting for the next few days but the donations we've received

are already doing their bit to help people with epilepsy 😊👍 Caroline Stephen (Horne).

ELLESBOROUGH SILVER BAND SPRING CONCERT

An afternoon of live music from stage and screen

Interval refreshments available

NEXT Saturday 13th April

3:00 - 5:00 pm

At Aylesbury Methodist Church

No ticket required - donations at the door
Proceeds split between the band and the Church



Any donations of cakes (home-made or shop-bought) would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds to be split between church and band.

**Please let Shirley 426526 or Jennie 581414 know
if you can offer help or cakes.**

AMC ORGAN CONCERT

Wednesday 15th May @ 7.30 pm.

For this, the 36th occasion, we welcome the return visit of the outstanding concert organist, **DANIEL MOULT**, reviewed as 'one of the finest organists of our time'. Daniel will present and perform a typical 'Town Hall Concert' programme designed to appeal to all.

Entrance £15.00 or £12.00 if booked in advance. (Students free)

Available at the church office on weekday mornings from 10.30am.
Alternatively, direct from Derrick & Janice Matthews (01296 488076)

All profit from this occasion is donated to AMC funds.



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

CHURCH READINGS March – May 2024:

There are still 2 readers needed on the sheet on the noticeboard, (28 April and 26 May), so if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church, **please sign up,** with just your name (no contact details) and a steward will contact you during that week with the reading. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the stewards or Richard.

Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank

Currently, the need is for donations of: *UHT milk, tinned meat, fish & fruit. Sponge/rice puddings, small jars coffee, long life juices, pasta sauce, tinned meals (eg chilli, curries). Tinned soups, jam & spreads, as well as toiletries, together with washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods.*



Next Week

Mon	8 April	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	9 April	9.30am 10.45am	Chair Yoga Prayer Group
Frid	12 April	2.30pm	Friday Feathers - Badminton Club
Sat	13 April	3.00pm	Ellesborough Silver Band Concert

Sunday 14th April 2024

10.30am: Family Service led by Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah

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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)



An amazing promise

'I will... show you... things, which you do not know.'

Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV

Read this: 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know' (v. 3 NKJV).

Who said that? The God of the universe! What do you think your chances are of getting through on the phone to a president or prime minister? Zero! Yet regardless of your education, sophistication, ethnic background, or financial status, you can talk to God and He will talk back to you. And He doesn't just promise to answer your prayers but to 'show you great and mighty things, which you do not know'.

Sometimes we say, 'It's the not knowing that scares me.' Companies close and workers get laid off. Routine medical check-ups reveal life-threatening challenges. Terrorists threaten our safety, and politicians betray our trust.

The little boy prayed, 'Lord, bless Mummy, Daddy, baby, and me. And, Lord, take care of Yourself, because if anything happens to You, we're all sunk!'

You say, 'But I'm not sure God has ever spoken to me.' If you're a Christian, He has spoken to you at least once. And if He will speak to you once, He will speak to you twice. But you have to talk to Him and let Him talk to you through His Word and His indwelling Spirit.

Sometimes God waits before He answers you because He is working on both ends of the line. He is working on the thing you prayed about, and He is working to get you ready for it.

And sometimes the second thing takes longer than the first. *'O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!'*

Source: *The Word for Today*, a daily devotional, produced free of charge by United Christian Broadcasters. For your regular quarterly copy write to UCB at

FREEPOST RLTX-ABUL-GRAR, United Christian Broadcasters, Westport Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF, or telephone **0845 60 40 401**. Or you can read them online.

As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift of at least 50p per copy, which just covers the cost of printing the booklet, would be appreciated from time to time.



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHRISTCHURCH THAME

Dear All,

This Sunday, 7 April, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Christchurch Thame. This week we follow the journey of Cyril as he shares his love of church music and the way it has shaped that journey over the years. Music is a natural catalyst for creating friendships and uniting people who have a common interest in music of all types.

Cyril has given so much over the years, and we give thanks for all the music makers that enhance our worship every week, and without whom our worship would lose the richness that enables us to express our joy in our risen Lord. Please remember in your prayers this week all who give so freely of their time and talents for our enjoyment.

Pete.



Born in the East-end of London in 1936, Classical Music, particularly Church Music, has always been an important element in my life. I was a choirboy from age 7, and after we came back to London at the end of the war, I joined the Parish Church Choir and took piano lessons. I started playing the organ for afternoon services when I was 15. I met my wife at Grammar School and we married and went abroad, but no matter where we have been in those 35 or so years, we have been connected with various church communities, and the opportunity to contribute through music has opened up so many chances to bridge between different denominations and to share music.

When we retired, we initially returned to a house in a Kentish village. However, as most of our family and friends were in the Oxford area, we decided to move in this direction. We got information from an Estate Agent that there were new houses being built in Thame, so we came up the following Saturday to see for ourselves. We liked the houses being built and then went into town to see what Thame had to offer. We parked in the Upper High Street, and noticed that some people were going into a church; we followed them in, only to find that they were members of the Buckinghamshire Organists Association on an organ crawl. Amongst the group were Derrick Matthews from AMC, and Norman Mann and Heather Woods from

Haddenham. The Group were very welcoming, and impressed on us that if we should come to Thame then we must join them. We decided that we would move to Thame, and have been very happy joining the Christchurch community.

I joined the group of organists who serviced Christchurch and the village chapels in the Thame and Watlington District. The Church's vintage 1885 Conacher pipe organ is still playable. In the early days, the organ was hand pumped by young men, many of whom carved their names on the organ case. Many of these were lost in WW1, as witnessed on the War Memorial.

It has been good to work with a small choir, which met one evening each week to prepare anthems for seasonal services; sometimes we introduced other instruments for special occasions. Unfortunately, since the pandemic, we do not have enough singers able to meet in the evenings; but one hopes that we may find more singers and a convenient rehearsal time.

Cyril Groom.



Thank you for continuing to support Aylesbury Foodbank by collecting food donations.

The weight of your Jan and Feb 2024 donations for Aylesbury Methodist Church was 194.91 kg.

If you have any questions or concerns about the collection or delivery of food donations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consistent support; without ongoing community support like yours, we would be unable to feed local people in crisis in the way that we do.

SHOUT OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

In addition, please email or text me if you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering - we have a volunteering drive on at the moment to cope with increased demand. We have vacancies in the warehouse and for drivers.

We are a happy team of friendly volunteers and we welcome people for as much or as little time as they can offer.

Collections Team

Aylesbury Foodbank

01296 395514 Email: collection@aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk



Karibuni Children

Transforming young Kenyan lives to fulfil their potential and release themselves from the cycle of poverty, through education

**We'd love you to join us for a talk about our charity on the
2nd Wednesday each month at 11am**

Karibuni Children So how do we transform young Kenyan lives?

Booking is Essential

We have room for 10 people per talk
Please contact annemills@karibuni.org.uk

Refreshments. Donations welcome. Kenyan merchandise for sale

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