

2009 NEWS ARCHIVE – Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre

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Concerts



Anna Markland, piano, **Gordon Stewart**, organ, **David Jenkins**, piano and song with Paula Lewis. Also the **Flower Festival & Craft Fair**.



SONGS OF PRAISE 2009

On the evening of **July 25th**.

It has often been said that 'Methodism was born in *Capel Rhondda* Song', add to that Welsh Hymns Tunes that demand to be sung with fervour, the invitation to 'come along for a Great Sing' was gladly accepted by many. (...more)



150 Years of Witness at Wingrave Chapel

Thanks to all who supported any of the Wingrave celebrations.

That was a week that was!

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Church Building Article. Aylesbury Methodist's community centre project is the subject of an article and photographs in the November/December 2009 issue of Church Building. (...more).



Cards for Good Causes the largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation in the UK celebrate 50 years of charity co-operation. They will be on sale at Aylesbury Methodist Church from 5th November to 19th December from 10am to 4pm (...more).



That's Entertainment, a concert by 40 members of the Aylesbury church was produced by Pauline Latham, pictured left. It celebrated the completion of the rebuilt and refurbished community centre. Items gave samples of the entertainment from some of the eras since the church was built in Buckingham Street in 1893. (...more).



£1,000 grant for Wednesday Club. An Aylesbury day care centre for people with early senile dementia has met at Aylesbury Methodists for 15 years. It has received a £1,000 Community Chest grant (...more)

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Deaf? The **Aylesbury Coffee Morning Club** is for the deaf to meet up for relaxation and chats. it meets in Aylesbury Methodist community centre ([...more](#))



Reachout, based in the Aylesbury church's revamped community centre, is a new day service for people with learning difficulties. ([More...](#))



Official Opening. President-Designate of the Methodist Conference **Rev. Alison Tomlin** (left) saw the Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister and local member of parliament **David Lidington** re-open the Aylesbury Methodist Community Centre ([...more](#))

Photo: Maurice Cousins



Creationist, Atheist or...?

David Jenkins explains why Christianity and Charles Darwin's theory of evolution are compatible ([...more](#)).



World's oldest Bible. Presented by the 2009 German youth exchange group from Daun to the Aylesbury church is a copy of a page from the 15th century Gutenberg Bible ([...more](#))



CHRISTMAS

LUNCHES The AHAG (Aylesbury Homeless Action Group's) Christmas lunch programme, ran from Christmas up to New Year's Day. Eight different Aylesbury churches organised one day each. Several of these events were held in the newly renovated community centre at Aylesbury Methodist Church in Buckingham Street.

The Methodists organised the lunch themselves on 30th

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December. Church members led by Steve Wright (left) provided food and entertainment for 26 homeless and under privileged members of the Aylesbury community. Steve said, “I feel it is a fantastic use of the community centre, providing a vital service to the most vulnerable in our society, which is at the heart of what we as Methodists are all about.”



Living in Harmony? As part of the first national Interfaith Week, speakers representing nine different faiths including Christianity attracted an audience of 170 to a Saturday morning event at the Aylesbury Vale Academy. One of the organisers was Aylesbury Methodist's Rev. David Jenkins ([...more](#)).



Sir Terry Wogan was the star attraction at a fund-raising dinner in the Aylesbury church's newly renovated community centre in Buckingham Street. Over £4,000 was raised towards the remaining gap in funds for the recent £1 million revamp of the premises. "It was a fantastic evening" said Steve Wright who led a Wogan-helped auction. ([...more](#)).

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Aylesbury Flower Festival 5-7 June.

Pauline Noble is interviewed by Ian Pearce of BBC 3 Counties Radio on 'Flowers For new Beginnings'. This is the public's opportunity to see the attractive end product of the £1 million redevelopment of Aylesbury Methodist's community centre. The Flower Festival and Craft Fair is a celebration ([...more](#))

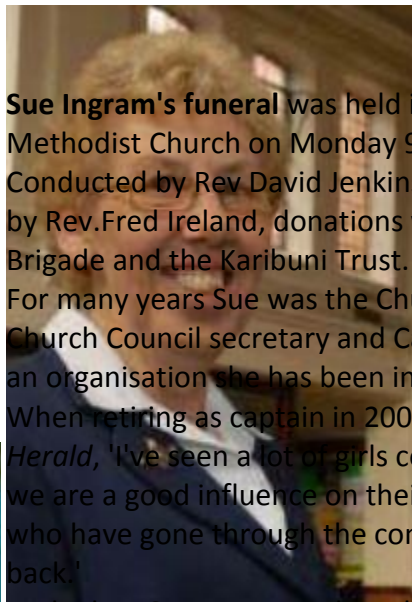


'Undefeated'. On Good Friday, Rev. David Jenkins played and sang an hour's 'taster' sample of his musical based on the last week of Jesus' life. People from across the Aylesbury Vale

Vale Circuit

and from ([...more](#))

Stainer's Crucifixion was presented by an augmented choir at St John the Baptist, Stone on Sunday March 29.



Sue Ingram's funeral was held in a packed Aylesbury Methodist Church on Monday 9th February 2009. Conducted by Rev David Jenkins with a reflection on Sue by Rev. Fred Ireland, donations were to 1st Aylesbury Girls' Brigade and the Karibuni Trust. For many years Sue was the Church Office secretary, Church Council secretary and Captain of the Girls' Brigade, an organisation she has been involved with for 60 years. When retiring as captain in 2007, Sue told the *Bucks Herald*, 'I've seen a lot of girls come and go and I do hope we are a good influence on their lives. It's nice when girls who have gone through the company bring their own girls back.'

The late Sue Ingram - Photo by courtesy *The Bucks Herald*



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Warming, Watching and Walking into 2009. Members of Aylesbury Methodists spent some of their Christmas/ New Year period involved in warming and feeding the homeless, holding a pre-party New Year's Eve Watchnight Service and enjoying their annual New Year's Day walk and lunch.

Steve Wright (left) an Aylesbury Leadership Team member organised a church group to provide the warm welcome and hot food for 25 homeless and vulnerable people on 30th December. It was part of a co-ordinated week-long programme organised by AHAG (Aylesbury Homeless Action Group). ([Click for more details](#)).

Rev David Jenkins (right), in welcoming people to a uniquely timed 7pm Watchnight Service, said, "There has been a tradition of what is known as a Watchnight Service, especially within the Moravian Church, where people would be in prayer while the year turned at midnight. It was this influence that prompted John Wesley to establish this practice in early Methodism. Last year I received a number of phone calls asking me if there was to be such a service ([more...](#))



New Year's Day Walk. As part of their fund-raising programme for the community centre, Aylesbury members took part in their annual New Year Day's walk, (pictured left at the Wendover arm of the canal). 50 people then sat down to a soup and pudding lunch at the home of Pamela and Peter Farmer.



The £1million Back Door. Is this Buckinghamshire's most expensive door? ([...more](#))