

VALE OF AYLESBURY
METHODIST CIRCUIT
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**October, November,
December
2019**



PASTORAL LETTER

Some things are very different. Take rain for example, we are getting used to feeling a couple of drops and then nothing, or gentle showers that last a couple of minutes. True, there have been the occasional bursts of more energetic precipitation which are far more reflective of

what we have been used to over the past twenty-one years living in the Pennines. The thought of rain not always bringing on the drowned rat look has an appeal.

Then there is the geography – Skipton was steep hill obsessed. Any journey out of the town centre and there was the risk of some lung-busting gradient to keep you on your toes. The surrounding countryside was populated by sheep with the occasional herd of cows. Our old circuit had no dual carriageways, traffic lights were rare, roundabouts occasional. Now we are getting used to gentle rises, flat passages with hills an attractive backdrop to the huge fields full of produce. There is great beauty hereabouts which contrasts with the glorious vistas we have been privileged to enjoy in Yorkshire.

Change is an interesting process; it is part of life whether we like it or not. Some will fight it; others embrace the possibility. I had an aunt who spent her entire life from birth to death living in the same house. She resisted all my uncle's attempts to persuade her to move or re-model the house, and that reluctance to risk has always puzzled me. Their holidays were usually spent in Pitlochry with only the hotel changing when one closed down and they were then able to move somewhere different. She even dressed like she was still living in the 1950s, commenting to my mother about how difficult it was to find an afternoon dress any more. For whatever reason, change was not to be considered, even though she delighted in the more modern houses my parents inhabited and could see the benefits of more space etc. She was a conundrum – like she wanted the world to pass her by and leave her in a time warp of familiarity.

In the church we can struggle to set ourselves free from the time warp of familiarity as we strive to cling to how things used to be

rather than embracing the new. It can be seen in our architecture, music, language and expectations.

It is almost like we are inclined to fight the way we are called to be. The way of faith is the way of change. Not change for change's sake, not inhabiting the world of fads and passing fancies, but seeking to be ready to follow the prompting of the spirit as we seek to be the church of today, intent on seeking the vision of the spirit as we seek to move in the direction to which God calls. One of my favourite hymns begins with the lines:

O breath of life come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come, cleanse renew us,
And fit your Church to meet this hour.

It is a fantastic prayer, as indeed is the whole hymn (391 in Singing the Faith or 777 in Hymns and Psalms) as it offers a powerful reminder that we are to be a community on the move as we seek and respond to the prompting of the Spirit, as we strive to be the followers of Jesus.

Let us hope and pray that we will all be richly blessed on our journey.

Blessings
Richard
Prayer

Loving Lord,

Bring life into our worship that we might praise you more fully

Bring hope to our hearts that we might be devoted to prayer and contemplation

Bring us peace that we might learn to love ourselves as well as others

Bring vision that together we might follow your calling content where necessary to leave the familiar and embrace the renewing journey to which you call

In the name of Jesus.

AMEN

THE ORDINATION OF THE REV DONNA-MARIE BROADBENT KELLY



Donna with Mary Cottrell and her Daughter Helen Allan at the end of the service

Donna's Ordination was held, along with six other Ordinands, at Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton on the afternoon of Sunday 30th June 2019. It followed the traditional Methodist Ordination Service and was conducted by the Rev Dr Lord Leslie Griffiths and the reading

from

Isaiah was read by the Rev Dr Jonathan Hustler. Having these two Ministers preside made it very personal for us as Leslie Griffiths has visited us at Stewkley and of course, Jonathan started his ministry with us.

Donna conducted herself with dignity throughout but with a quick "Donna grin" to those of us in the balcony once her ordination had taken place. She was supported by at least thirty people among whom were her family, Stewkley members and



Donna with Revd Canon Helen Cameron

other from the Aylesbury Circuit, as well as some friends from her old Church. In the congregation, as you would expect, were many Ministers including Rev Canon Helen Cameron, Chair of Northampton District and our own Superintendent Minister Rev Helen Kirk.

We all wish Donna well in her life of Ministry.



Domed ceiling of Darlington Methodist Church

Darlington Methodist Church is about the same age as Stewkley circ. 1903 but is much larger and with a decorative domed ceiling.

We were told at the service that, unfortunately, it is to close in September, but will hopefully be used as a place of mission as it does great work with the homeless of Wolverhampton.

We have also learnt since our visit to Darlington

Street that it was there in 1966 that the Rev Wallace Edwards, who often preaches in our Circuit, was received into the Connexion in England following his Ordination in Dolgellau, Mid-Wales.

*We thank the **STEWKLEY STEWARDS** for this report on this very important event for Donna and the Circuit. we are sure the whole Circuit would wish to join them in wishing Donna every blessing for a long, happy and successful future.*

Mag Editors

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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 the Quarter:

There are no events arranged by the Circuit this quarter, but there are many events being arranged by local churches.

Your attention is therefore drawn to the following pages, where there are details of events suitable for a variety of ages.

Events at the following churches:

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**Friends from around the Circuit will find a
welcome at any of these events**

COVER STORY

A huge welcome to Waddesdon Methodist Chapel



The Chapel was built in 1877, alongside the old School Room, which is one of the oldest buildings still in use in the Circuit. Originally the chapel, it was replaced by the current chapel, it is now used as a meeting place and function room. The School Room was built in 1826 and is a listed building of interest; it has a long history of serving the community.

At Waddesdon we have a small congregation but a very happy and friendly one, we like to make sure all new and returning members are greeted with a handshake and a broad smile. Our services are every Sunday at 11am with most fourth Sundays being a Local Arrangement; these we take in turn to lead.



We are lucky that the Chapel is lovely, warm and bright.

The front doors have recently been changed from solid oak (that were deteriorating fast) to lovely oak and glass doors which let the sunlight come right into the building.



Also the front entrance has been improved to make it wheelchair friendly with a purpose built ramp to a level floor into the chapel.

For the improvements to the Chapel and the refurbishment of the School Room, we have to thank our team of

fundraisers led by Barbara Warne who are constantly thinking of new ways to raise funds and to enable these improvements.



On the first Monday of each month the **Monday Friendship Club**, especially for the Over 50s meets from 2.30 — 4.30 pm. This is very much a social get together and anyone is welcome. Come along for a chat, a cup of tea and cake or a game of scrabble or simply to be with friends. This year we all decorated

a small teapot and had a display at the Horticultural show. This went down very well and created quite a lot of interest. See what we can do next year!

Every other Tuesday we serve light lunches in the hall and have a very contented regular following.



September brings the Harvest Festival and Supper, this is always a joyous time, with the



Chapel decorated with the goods from the

fields.

We look forward this October to two Christenings and a further one in November. Earlier this year we had a Wedding in the Chapel this was a joyous occasion with only the weather threatening to spoil it but it did stop raining at just the right times.

Then it will soon be Christmas again when we hold our Christmas tree festival.

The Hall is also used regularly by the Brownies, a Dance School and a Choir. We look forward in September to welcoming the Ladies Club back.



I think this is all I can tell you about Waddesdon for now, so I will end by saying God Bless You All.

Peter Stray

(I remember the Waddesdon Chapel in 1940, as a 5-year-old evacuee. It seemed quite old then, with a high pulpit, 6ft above contradiction, and old pews... things have changed. *Stand in Editor*)

An Anthem for the Nation

God heal our nation's soul,
guard it and make it whole;

God save us all.

May hope and love increase
and all injustice cease
till we become a land at peace.

God make us whole.

Guide us through hopeless days,
show us your loving ways;

God lead us all.

May we work hand in hand
with those from every land
who seek to follow your command.

God make us whole.

Your greatest gifts impart,
your love fill every heart;

God love us all.

May we gain honest wealth,
growing in inner health -
love You and neighbours as ourself.

God make us whole.

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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
North Marston - Wesley Centre	Friday 10am-12pm 2nd Wednesday in month 12pm-2pm.	Coffee mornings Monthly Lunches
Stewkley	3rd Saturday of each month - 12 noon - 1.30 pm	Treat yourself to a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee for £7.50.
Stoke Hammond at the Sports Club	Wednesday 10.30 - 11.45 am	Coffee Morning
Stoke Mandeville	Monthly:: First Fridays 12.00 - 2.00 pm Last Fridays 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Light lunches £3.50 A chance to meet and chat with your friends 'POP-IN' for a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat.
Thame Christchurch	Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 am - 12 noon	Coffee Mornings

Waddesdon	Alternate Tuesdays. 11.00 am - 2.00 pm	Light lunches
Wingrave	Alternate Tuesdays	Nup End Cafe Lunches

Other Special Gatherings

Cheddington	Mondays 9.30 -11.00 am (except holidays)	The Toast Baby & Toddler Group
Stewkley	Wednesday 10.30 – 11.30 am Friday 7.30pm 11th & 25th October 8th; 22nd & 29th November 20th December	Daisy Club for children from birth to school age— term time only. Mutual Fellowship Various speakers. Con- tact John Jones 01525 217795
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.

CHRISTMAS AT STONE METHODIST CHAPEL Eythrope Road, Stone

STONE FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP
(non denominational)

INVITE YOU TO COME ALONG ON TUESDAY
17th December at 2.30 p.m.

TO WELCOME CHRISTMAS !
in story and song.....



*Step aside from the hustle and bustle,
slow down and watch the candlelight,
listen for the angels' song:
the old, old story that's ever new –*
Emmanuel : God with us

Tea and mince pies follow



SOUP*er*
SATURDAYS

ARE HERE AGAIN !
30th November &
7th December
12 noon – 2 p.m.

Raising money for LOCAL



Projects



SEES THE DAY GROUP

invite you to

COFFEE &
CAROLS



WEDNESDAY

11th DECEMBER

10.30 am - 12.00 noon

In the Chapel

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: Ms Coral Soulsby 01296 707298,

Ms Angela Smith 01296 483696

Boys Brigade Tuesdays 6.00 - 9.00 pm

Contact: Mr Steve Kemp 01296 399315

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)

Tots and Toast—Parent and Toddler group (under 5's)

Wednesdays 9 –11.30am - term time only

Fortnightly:

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

Table Tennis, Scrabble, Pizza etc.

Wednesday Afternoon Housegroup—2.30pm-4.00pm
(as announced)

Bible study—Sunday 7.30—9.00am

Monthly:

4th Sunday 12pm –Sharing Lunch (not August) All welcome

Ecumenical Groups/ Activities:

Eco Church - Chinnor Churches Go Wild - Christians Caring for God's Earth. Environmental surveys and sharing experience on maintaining grounds.

Christians Together in Chinnor—Sharing faith in working together.

Taking the Church into the community and to local events.

Haddenham

Fortnightly:

Small World Baby Group - meeting on alternate Fridays
10.30 to 12.30

Contact: Mrs Bonny Moore 01844 290972

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

Stone

Monthly:

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

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.

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.

Contact Barbara Warne 01296 651417.

Weedon

Monthly: Monday Bible Study Group

Small World Baby Group

Come along and meet new friends over a cup of coffee
and a chat at our new Small World Baby Group.

All dates are Fridays 1030 –1200

11th OCTOBER

25th OCTOBER

15th NOVEMBER

29th NOVEMBER



Haddenham Methodist Church

High Street, Haddenham, HP17 8ES



Princes Risborough Methodist Church

Friday 11th October 2019 at 7-30pm

Disraeli

“Queen Victoria’s favourite Prime Minister”

A play written and performed

By

Jeff Rozelaar



Jeffrey Rozelaar:

Public & Cruise Ship Speaker

Since the publication of “Bagels and Bacon” in 2011, Jeff has given numerous talks all around the M25 and beyond. Organisations include U3A’s Rotary Clubs, W.I’s, History Societies, Young Farmers and Probus.

Author

Jeff is not only an actor, but also the author of the following:

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The Aylesbury Vale Methodist Circuit Caravan and Camping Weekend June 2019

This year on the recommendation of one of our regulars we went to a site near Charlbury. We did an exploratory visit and decided the site would be excellent. We advertised it and 11 units were booked into the site. In the last two years we have enjoyed excellent weather and have been able to barbecue and have our service outside. This year we were not so lucky.

The weather was not so kind but we enjoyed a meal together on the Friday evening with many lending a hand in the cooking of baked potatoes and preparing salads.



On The Saturday some went to Batsford Arboretum and others enjoyed a walk organised by Roger Kirk. Here are some at Minster Lovell Hall.



The evening barbecue was cooked under a gazebo to protect it from the showers but was enjoyed by all as was the entertainment provided by Pete and Jane Honeyball.

The Sunday service led by Pete is pictured here but the rain could not dampen our enthusiasm or good humour. We hope to continue this “tradition” next year and any suggestions of venues will be gratefully received. We hope more people will join us as these weekends really are enjoyed by all who attend.

Arthur and Chris Sara

CIRCUIT CAMP - A Campers view

Well, the time had arrived for the 2019 Aylesbury Circuit Camping extravaganza to take place.

Last year we baked at Wallingford like jungle missionaries, this year totally immersed in rain at Charlbury like Ebenezer Baptists. Were the 21 of us dismayed? Not one bit.

The Friday evening started off with a Sara chilli special that warmed the gums' cockles!

A BBQ on Saturday, orchestrated by Steve. The contributions ranged from corn-on-the-cob to marinated chicken, burgers to kebabs all masterfully cooked to perfection.

The Sunday highlight was the service in Chris & Arthur's awning extended by a gazebo. The unmovable resourceful Methodists put up their umbrellas when the gazebo leaked in a bad deluge...

Peter spoke on threes and gave a number of illustration including a demonstration on how to do the splits. What the splits had to do with three was lost in the horrifying sight of his shorts, which would have livened any Caribbean beach, doing death defying stretches. He urged us to give up relying on our own limited resources and trust the unlimited ones of the Trinity.

Thank you, Chris & Arthur, for arranging the holiday and supplying goodies well beyond the call of duty.



Finally did you know that Charlbury is one of only 21 sites in England to grow the **Meadow Clary**, a protected flower?

We were there at just the right time to see it.

Ken Acton

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Room Bookings can be made through the Office
(E-mail or Phone)

The office is normally staffed weekdays from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

The logo for Epilepsy Action, featuring the word "epilepsy" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background, and the word "action" in red lowercase letters on a pink rectangular background to its right.

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OCTOBER, 10AM -
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on a table with others.



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Aylesbury Methodist Church, Buckingham Street, HP20 2NQ



Dates for Messy Church Saturdays, monthly

Sat **Oct 19th** - The Story of Esther

Sat **Nov 23rd** - No Story: Singing and Psalms
- Making Instruments

Sat **Dec 14th** - Christmas: 😊 😊

Any Volunteers?

Would anyone like to be a part of the amazing
Messy Church team?

If you would like to get involved and give some time to Messy
Church, please contact Mel: 07717 121887
or familyworker.amc@mail.com

Messy Church is **WONDERFUL!**

Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Thank you!

Aylesbury Methodist Church, Aylesbury, Buckingham Street, HP20 2NQ



This is an invitation that you will see on your

CIRCUIT WEBSITE

www.aylesburyvale.org.uk

This is not an invitation to you but an invitation from you to all those who read the Website.

On December 1st 2015, the Website, in its current form, went 'live'. In the last 4 years it will have received around 26,000 'hits'. Some who visited the site, spent a while on it, and looked at several pages, so there is a reasonable chance that some will have **looked at** the pages about **your church**

It is a sad fact, that many church websites appear to be very neglected; frequently showing items that are out of date. News and Activity pages are often blank, out of date, and unattractive.

Is that a description of your church pages?

It does not have to be that way!

Please look at your pages and send the Editor items and suggestions to make your church pages more attractive and informative.

IT IS YOUR WEBSITE - PLEASE SUPPORT IT

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Please submit Magazine Items by mid November 2019

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