



WELCOME TO
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 23rd February 2020

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp

A very warm welcome to Aylesbury Methodist Church.
We hope that you will be blessed and challenged by today's message.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, or to one of the stewards, who, at this morning's service are Trevor Nord and Phillip Kolade.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for coffee or tea and a biscuit. Your hosts are Paula and Claudette, and donations are for Karibuni Children.

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 83 20 11 362 59
Readings	Exodus 24: 12-18 Matthew 17: 1-9+
Organist	Derrick Matthews
Preludes	Our Father in Heaven above - Bach Andante from Violin Sonata - Bach Vesper Voluntary No 4 - Elgar
Offertory	Aria - Rawsthorne
Postlude	March in G - Smart

The flowers this week are given by Jean Hamlin
in memory of her husband, Ralph.

Many will remember **Ron and Thelma Thrift** who were regular members for many years until Thelma died. Ron has been cared for at home over the last couple of years, but after a short illness passed peacefully away on Thursday February 13th. At present we have no details of the funeral.

This Thursday, February 27th, there will be a talk in our main hall entitled London Parks. Speaker is Steve Baskerville, and some will remember the excellent talks he has given over the last couple of years. Organised by the U3A - anyone interested will be very welcome. Cost, £2 to include tea and biscuits - **time 2.30 pm.**

BIBLE STUDY: The afternoon group will next meet on **Wednesday 4th March at 2pm**, and anyone coming is encouraged to read some of the Psalms in advance. There is a sheet with suggested psalms, which you can collect from the office.

Daffodil Day: March 2nd 2020 at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. For details please see the poster on the notice board. This event is non-ticketed and is open to everyone. This is the last year that it will be held on a Monday; from 2021 it will be the first Saturday in March, and you will need to buy a ticket. Ruth Watkins

Richard's next 'morning' will be **Tuesday 25th February**, when he will be in the Church, Welcome Space or office if you would like to talk to him.

Youth Group will be going out for Desserts this Thursday! YUM! Please confirm your attendance with Mel. The group will be meeting at 6.15pm at the church first and then making their way to the restaurant.



HELP!! Are you able to help in the Coffee Bar, on any of these 4 Saturdays: 4th or 25th April; 2nd or 9th May? At the moment we have no-one to run the coffee bar on those mornings. If so, please contact Pat (phone no below)

ALSO: If you are interested in being involved either on one of those dates or as a more frequent helper, please join the current volunteers for lunch in the Welcome Space on Thursday, 27 February, at 12.30 pm.

Please speak to Pat Martin Seehusen (07766 235209) or email her at mynameispat@hotmail.com if you are interested.



MESSY CHURCH! Next Saturday 7th March: 4pm - 6pm.

We would love to see some more families at Messy Church. Why not invite your **Grandchildren** to attend and come along too? It would be wonderful to see you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 6th March 2020.

See full details on leaflets in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.



**ACTS 29 - Circuit Children's and Youth Event:
'Radically Changing the Story'**

For 8 - 17 year-olds. Saturday 4th April: 1pm - 8pm at Rugby.

Please contact Mel for more details: familyworker.amc@mail.com



LENT: For Lent this year, we shall be supporting Christian Aid 'Count your Blessings 2020'. Booklets are available at the end of this morning's service, or from the display stand, ***so please come and collect one if you would like to***

take part, or if you would like another for a friend or family.

Each week there is a mixture of daily reflections, prayers, opportunities to act, and occasionally also to give a donation.

At the end of Lent, you will be able to send your donations directly to Christian Aid, either by cheque, credit/debit card, or online, **OR** you can give them to Jennie or Maureen to send all together. Information is at the back of the booklet, as well as a Gift Aid form. Please consider completing the form, as this will increase your donation to Christian Aid by 25% at no cost to yourself!

Chipping Norton & Stow Circuit has arranged a workshop on Church Growth led by Michael Harvey on the **7th March from 10.00am to 3.00pm.** Admission is free for all with lunch provided. We need to know the number people attending for catering purpose. See insert and posters for details.

The next LINK magazine will be the March - April 2020 issue.

Please send in all contributions by Friday 6th March 2020 to both addresses below:

Jennie Torpey: jennietorpey@gmail.com

AMC Office: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk

***Ideally, please send as an A4 WORD document,
with 2cm margins and 14 - 16pt size font***





'LET'S FACE THE MUSIC'

A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT MUSICALS

with the ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & Soloists

on Sunday afternoon June 7th

in the ROYAL ALBERT HALL

(See full details on insert)



Our Circuit Afternoon/Evening Services

Cuddington	5.30pm	Local Arrangement
Swanbourne	5.00pm	Mr Arthur Sara

Next Week

Mon	24 Feb	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	25 Feb	10.30am	Prayer Group
		2.00pm	Banner Group
		6.15pm	Boys' Brigade
Wed	26 Feb	6.15pm	Youth Group
Thurs	27 Feb	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
		2.00pm	In Stitches Craft Group
Frid	28 Feb	1.15pm onward	Blood Donor sessions
		6.00pm	FRIDAY FOOD in the Welcome Space
		7.30pm	Choir Practice

Sunday 1st March 2020

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion led by
Rev 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 - Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07969 373 212



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

NORTH MARSTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 23 February, it is the turn of North Marston to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. It is always so encouraging to see steps of faith producing fruit, and that surely is what is happening here on a daily basis. This is an Ecumenical Partnership that works well, and combines to shine the light of Christ into a local community where it has an exciting presence and witness. Please remember the work and the workers here and support them in your prayers this Sunday. Pete



We continue to enjoy our ecumenical partnership - One Church, One faith, One Lord, in the village.

The combination of minister and lay-led services seems to be successful. One or two people are being brave enough to lead a service now and then and are gaining confidence. Some services are taken in the Wesley Centre as well as St Mary's, so the Methodist tradition is kept alive.

A dedicated group lead the X-Stream (Sunday School to you and me), and hardly a day passes when the Wesley Centre is not used; we are so thankful that we went ahead with it. We are, of course, working hard to pay off the debt.

Prayer group on Thursdays, Bible study each month, and Wesley Flix brings in a variety of different people. Thank you for your prayers, folks.

David Heffer

Creating a Culture of Invitation in your Church

A day workshop to help explore and equip churches for growth

Led by Michael Harvey

Author of *Unlocking Church Growth*

Saturday 7th March 2020, 10am – 3pm

Chipping Norton Methodist Church

Lunch provided. Free Admission

Booking is essential.

Contact: Rev Soba Sinnathamby 01608 642256



'LETS FACE THE MUSIC'

A TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT MUSICALS

Join us with the

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
& SOLOISTS ON SUNDAY
AFTERNOON JUNE 7th

for this popular concert in the
ROYAL ALBERT HALL



Coach leaves from Aylesbury Methodist Church at 12.15 pm with further pickups at Jansel Square (Bedgrove) and Wendover (Castle Park). Time for a coffee after church and then enjoy your packed lunch on the coach!

Cost (including a 35% early booking discount) is just **£51.60** including coach travel, excellent seats in the stalls, booking fee and drivers tip.



Don't delay – take a booking form from the Church
Welcome Area or phone/email [01296 484940/](tel:01296484940)
61paulinenoble@gmail.com

FAMILY AND FRIENDS VERY WELCOME BUT
TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL THE
MIDDLE OF MARCH OR UNTIL SOLD OUT