



WELCOME TO
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 8th March 2020

**10.30am: Family & Brigades Service
led by Rev Richard Atkinson**

**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 Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Matilda Phiri.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for coffee or tea and a biscuit. Your hosts are Vi and Paul, and donations are for Cancer Research.

**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 263 & 44 270 274 264 351
Readings	Psalm 103: 8-18 John 3: 1-17
Music	AMC Music Group

The Music Group will lead you in your preparation for worship by singing StF 279, 64, 270. Please join in.

Ron Thrift's funeral will take place on Thursday 19th March, 10.30am, at Watermead Crematorium. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Pauline Noble 01296 484940

Richard's next 'morning' will be **Friday 13th March**, when he will be in the Church, Welcome Space or office if you would like to talk to him.

Youth Group: Wed 11th March, 6.15–7.30pm: DRAMA!!



In the lead up to Easter, you may wish to attend a concert of Handel's Messiah at St Mary the Virgin Church, Aylesbury, on **Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm**. Tickets: £15 and £5 (under 18s), can be purchased on-line www.aylesburychoral.org.uk, or from any member of the choir of Aylesbury Choral Society. More details from the posters on noticeboards, or the website. Roger & Sue Kirk



Lets Face the Music - June 7th. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cancel this trip to London, and any cheques will be returned within the next few days. Hopefully it will be possible to run another trip in a few months' time.

I have managed to reserve some seats at **The Mill, Sonning**, for the matinee performance of their **Christmas musical 'Top Hat' on Sunday 6th December**. The full cost, to include your 2-course lunch, the show and coach travel, will be £70. However, to book a space, £35 needs to be paid now and the £35 balance in October. If you are interested, please speak to Gill Marks 01296 748659 as soon as possible.

Offering Envelopes: The envelopes for the next tax year starting on 12 April are now available. Please take your envelopes from the Welcome Space and take one for people you know who are unable to be at church. A small number of people have had their numbers changed this year, because we are consolidating the numbers so we need to order fewer envelope sets in the future. If anyone would like to start taking envelopes or would like to transfer to using a standing order please talk to Roger Kirk or to myself.
David Neville

**The Circuit meeting is at Stoke Mandeville Church
at 7.45 next Thursday, 12th March.**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Foundation Level

It has been brought to our attention that there are several people in the circuit who need to attend the foundation level safeguarding training, so a course has been arranged as follows:

Wednesday 29 April, 7.00pm for a 7.15 start, at Stoke Mandeville Church

For further details or to book a place please contact

Arthur Sara: ruthar@talktalk.net or tel. 01296 484310, or

Pete Honeyball: peter.honeyball@btinternet.com or tel. 01844 351096

As there have been enquiries from several churches about their members attending the foundation training, it would be wise to book your place early. If there are more than we can train in one session further dates and times will be arranged. Arthur Sara

2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY: The new directory, which contains contact details and photographs of almost all the church congregation, is now ready for printing. If you would like a copy, contact the Church office, Pauline Noble or Peter Farmer. To meet the costs of producing the directory, modest donations would be appreciated.

On **Saturday, 11 April**, Pat Martin Seehusen and Andy Seehusen will be walking 25 kms along the Thames **to raise money for Alzheimer's Society**. Pat's mum lived with the disease for 9 years, and for most of that time was not able to recognise any family and friends, and missed family celebrations such as the birth of her great grandsons. Please sponsor us to help families who have a dementia sufferer and to further research into dementia. You can donate to: justgiving.com/fundraising/patmartinseehusen or justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Seehusen1 or, if you prefer, you can give your donation to one of us. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

BEATIE'S CHARITY BASH 2020': FAITH BUFFET TEA

on Saturday 28th March 2020, 5.00 - 7.30pm.

Please let Beatie or Jennie know if you are coming **asap**

[See details on insert]

Raffle Prizes would be welcome, too!

- **Local Preachers meeting: Thursday 19th March, 7.45pm at Wingrave.**
- **The Church AGM will be after morning service on April 26th.**
[More information to follow.]

The new **Spring/Summer Traidcraft catalogue** is now in the display stand in the Welcome Space – all details for ordering are inside. Do have a look! ***We are just coming to the end of Fairtrade Fortnight (24th Feb - 8 March), but our support for Fairtrade is, of course, an ongoing objective!!***



Our Circuit Afternoon/Evening Services

Swanbourne	5.00pm	Rev Richard Atkinson
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Next Week

Mon	9 Mar	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	10 Mar	10.30am 2.00pm 6.15pm	Prayer Group Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Wed	11 Mar	6.15pm	Youth Group: DRAMA!
Thurs	12 Mar	10.00am 2.00pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group In Stitches Craft Group
Frid	13 Mar	6.00pm 7.30pm	FRIDAY FOOD in the Welcome Space Choir Practice

Sunday 15th March 2020

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Shaw

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

STEWKLEY

Dear All,

This Sunday, 8 March, it is the turn of Stewkley to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. As you will see from Mary's words below, there are moves towards more co-operation between the Anglican and Methodist churches there. This is an exciting time of exploration for the two fellowships. But it is also a time that calls for a lot of trust: trust in one another that we will all be honest with each other; a time of being open and offering yourself to a future where so much is unknown, and a time of trusting in God, that if it is His will, you may move forward in love. Please pray for the churches of Stewkley this Sunday, that they may find love and fellowship in Christ together.



Pete

As our local Parish Church, St Michael's, are without a vicar at the moment, we have been having discussions with them as to how we can work together a little more.

They will be joining us for some services, particularly for the Palm Sunday service, although we do not at this time want to worship together on a regular basis. We are also talking about trying to have some joint social events. Some of the congregation joined us for a Lent Lunch on Ash Wednesday, which Donna followed with a short Ashing Service, which they appreciated.

Please will the Circuit Churches pray for us as we foster this co-operation.

Best wishes,

Mary

EVENTS COMING UP!!



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

SOS: March 21st - All a Board: No, it's not about trains! If you need a Cluedo about this evening's Trivial Pursuit you might not have the Monopoly. If you are ready to Scrabble out of the Draughts into the warmth of Margaret and John's home, we will meet to play board games. As we are sitting and playing, perhaps finger food is the best, Back Gammon sandwich anyone? 7:30pm start time, contact number 422919. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

'THAT PARTICULAR PASSOVER'

This is a play written for Holy week by Angela M. Smith.

Would you like to join in **reading** this? (no acting, props, costumes or scenery involved, but there is some hymn singing)

at Aylesbury Methodist Church, 2pm on Wednesday 1st April

Contact Angela 01296 483696 for more information.

'BEATIE'S CHARITY BASH 2020': FAITH BUFFET TEA

on Saturday 28th March 2020, 5.00 - 7.30pm.

A fundraising event for charities and a chance to get together for a chat!



It will be very informal and **all are welcome.**

NO CHARGE, but we ask everyone to bring

FOOD TO SHARE

and also to make a **DONATION** on the evening if possible

- we shall have donation buckets available.



Please let either Beatie or Jennie know that you're coming, and an idea of what food you'll bring! We need to have some idea of numbers.

[Details and ideas in LINK magazine]

Beatie Francis (421505) * Jennie Torpey (581414)

April 12th Easter Sunday Breakfast: A full English Breakfast* cooked and served by the SOS team is the way we have been starting our Easter Sunday celebration for many years, and today is no different. Tickets will be on sale during Lent or ring 420817 to book your place. We are again raising funds for the Whitechapel Mission. * a vegetarian alternative is available