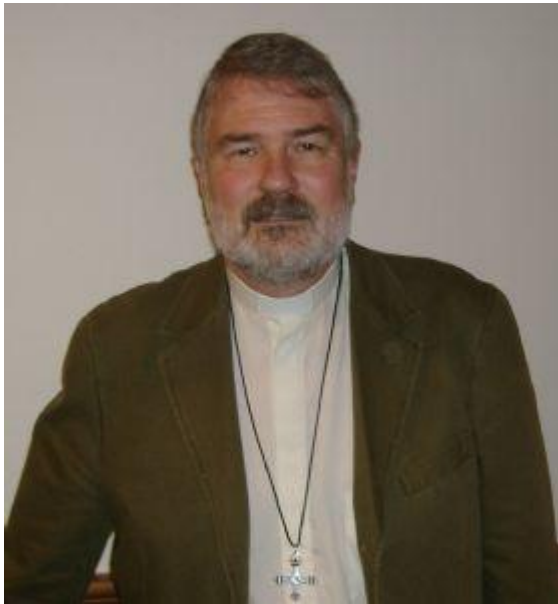


2006 NEWS ARCHIVE – Aylesbury Methodist Church and Centre

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Cards for Good Causes Multi-Charity Christmas Card Shop

£28,500 was raised for charities through the 2006 charity Christmas card shop at Aylesbury Methodist Church in Buckingham Street. This was open from **26 October to 16 December**. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm,

Monday to Saturday. Manager Cliff Darlington said, 'I am delighted with the result, especially as we are slightly up on last year.'

The shop is staffed by close on 100 volunteers drawn from the Methodist Church and most of the various charities whose cards are on sale. All charities receive at least **81p in every** **£1** from their card sales, out of which they have to pay for the production and distribution of their cards and any applicable VAT.

Contact: Cliff Darlington: 01296 423418

Website: www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

Muslim visit

About forty members of the Aylesbury Mosque visited Aylesbury Methodist Church on November 14. They witnessed an act of Christian worship led by Rev. David Jenkins and afterwards they took part in a question and answer session. This was followed by refreshments and informal conversations with the Aylesbury Church members who had attended.

The event was a follow-up to the visit to the Mosque the Methodists had made in September which had a similar format, with the Aylesbury Mosque Imam Abdul Dayan leading their evening prayers. In between, there was the Asian earthquake and the Methodist Church delivered over **£800** directly to the Mosque from retiring collections at Sunday services.

On the visits, both groups of worshippers learnt more about the respective faiths. Comments included the striking similarities, rather than differences between the faiths and that Muslims deserved to be called Methodists because of their methodical commitment to daily prayers.

The two visits were characterised by warm welcomes, friendly hospitality, enlightening conversations and a 'feel good' factor. It is hoped to arrange further meetings in the future.