



WELCOME TO
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 5th December 2021

TOY & GIFT SERVICE

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anthonia Allen

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 Elaine Hope and Matilda Phiri.**

**Please join us in the Hall after the service
for coffee or tea and a biscuit.**

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 27 175 403 186 487
Readings	Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6
Music	AMC Music Group
Streaming	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.

The Music group will lead you in your preparation for worship by singing, STF 167 'How lovely on the Mountains' and 'Like a Candle Flame'. Please join in. After the service they will sing 'All over the World'.

FAMILY NEWS: Thank you for all the good wishes I received following my emergency pacemaker implant last week. Marion Green.

Daily **'Thought For The Day'** videos are now back and can be seen on the website in the *News* section of the *Home* page. They average about 4 minutes each and are by Richard, his team of local preachers, and some new contributors. *[They began on 1st November and are still available if you wish to watch past videos.]*

Tuesday Fellowship: Tuesday 7th December. Dave Rogers will play a selection of your favourite Christmas carols and songs. Please bring your CD if you wish to have yours played. Mince pies and hot beverages will be served. 2.30 pm start. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: As usual, there will be a board available in the Welcome Space from next Sunday for you to add your greetings to your Church friends. If you wish, please make a donation to one of our Church charities: *Action for Children* (Pauline Noble or Jennie Torpey), *Christian Aid* (Jennie Torpey or Maureen Tucker), *Karibuni Children* (Joy Murphy). The Post Box for cards will not be in use.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thanks to those who have joined the rota. I need just **two more volunteers**, so if you can spare a few hours **once** next year to keep our church clean, please contact me – *this afternoon, if possible, as I might not be in Church this morning.* Kevin Hardern 01296 481285

**Please note that the next 10.30am Communion Service
will be on 12th December.**

Badminton on Friday Afternoons (3.00-4.30pm): We have a group playing badminton in the Hall, but we are short of players. Please come and join us. All standards welcome. We currently have 6 members and need a few more. Pauline Latham.

Aylesbury Choral Society will be performing their Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church on December 11th. at 7.30pm.
Lovely Seasonal music to include 'The Nativity' by Erick Thiman.
Tickets £15 (under 18s £5) have to be booked in advance only, from Aylesbury Choral Society: www.aylesburychoral.org.uk

Free copies of our latest Annual Report for 2020-21 are now available from the Welcome Area or from our website (Publications/Annual Reports).

There are also copies of the January - March 2022 Circuit Preaching Plan available from the display cabinet in the Welcome Space, if you need one.

AYLESBURY STOREHOUSE FOODBANK: Don't forget to bring your donations for Aylesbury Storehouse, if you are able – there's a box for items in the Welcome Space. Currently they are asking for rice, tinned meat, UHT milk, soup, pasta sauce (but no pasta) and tinned tomatoes. Julianne.

Church members are most welcome to borrow non-electrical equipment and chairs and tables, but they must be requested via the office. This is to ensure that should the borrower forgets to return them and they're needed by the Church or someone else, we know who had them last. When you return the equipment please also do so via the office. Thanks. Shirley.

Traidcraft catalogue: Rod Thorpe has sent a message to say that, as a result of lengthening delivery times, and changes in commitments, it would be advisable to place any requests before 5th Dec with a delivery date up to 14 days later. **(You might just be in time if you contact him today!)**

While he is also likely to place an order on 12th Dec, he may not be in a position to deliver before Dec 24th.

He is also providing a **Pop-Up shop on Sat 4th and Sunday 5th Dec 10.30-4.00** from his carport. A wide range of Seasonal cards, gifts and foods will be on offer along with many every day gifts. Contact Rod with any queries.

 : ROD THORPE 01844 351565

WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET: Please let Jennie have any notices by Thursday afternoons, as she works on it at home and it is printed very early on Friday mornings. If possible, please email them to jennietorpey@gmail.com.

Christmas services. The plan, subject to change, is

Dec 19th: 10.30am - Steve Kemp
5.00pm - Carol Service

Dec 24th: 4.00pm - Family Christingle
11.30pm - Midnight Communion

Dec 25th: 10.00am - Christmas Morning Worship

Dec 26th: 10.30am - Christmas Communion



Our Circuit Afternoon/Evening Services

Chinnor	10.30am	Mr Arthur Sara
Cuddington	10.30am	Mr John Bush
Haddenham	10.15am	Local Arrangement
Pr. Risborough	10.00am	Rev Keith Edwards - Communion Service
Stewkley	10.30am	Rev Richard Atkinson – Welcome Service for Rev John Amankwatia
Stone	11.00am	Mrs Kathryn Trout – Reader Service
Swanbourne	5.00pm	Rev Richard Atkinson – Communion Service
Thame	10.30am	Rev Dr Romilly Micklem
Waddesdon	11.00am	Mr Ken Harris
Whitchurch	10.45am	Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah – Communion Service

Next Week

Mon	6 Dec	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	7 Dec	11.00am 2.30pm 6.15pm	Prayer Group Tuesday Fellowship – Favourite Christmas Carols & Songs Boys' Brigade
Thurs	9 Dec	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	10 Dec	3.00pm	AMC Social Badminton Club

Sunday 12th December 2021

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Richard Atkinson**

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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT



WHITCHURCH

Dear All

This Sunday, 5 December, it is the turn of Whitchurch to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Roger talks below of the loss of a long-time member, a faithful witness to his Lord for many years. Where would we be without people like Brian, who touch our lives and point us toward the love of Christ; indeed, sometimes more than pointing - they carry us? Bless all those who serve in this way, and bless and pray for the fellowship and the work at Whitchurch this Sunday. Pete

Whitchurch has suffered the loss of a member with rather a long track record of membership, as on the 22nd September, the funeral was held for Brian Foulger. He was baptised in our Church and remained an active participant in our activities from the time he could walk and talk, a total of over 90 years. He had held office in both the Church and the Community, serving faithfully for as long as he was physically able and was a ferocious advocate for Christian witness through village Methodism.

I was reminded of Simeon in Luke's Gospel who "was righteous and devout and was waiting for the consolation of Israel". Self-effacing Brian would deny any such comparison, but due to his large number of descendants, always ruefully accepted his nickname of 'Abraham'.

Our Church is blessed, as a result, with three of his family, currently holding office, (in addition to being Worship Leaders) who remain deeply involved in our activities.

As the lockdown eased, our normal Sunday Service has been added to by the activities of:

Little Steps - a weekly session, supporting parents and young children.

Little Chapel - a monthly Sunday afternoon service for parents and young children

Pop Up Cafe - a monthly coffee morning open to all and locally famous for its cakes!

These have all gone from strength to strength with increased attendance.

As we all prepare for Christmas, please join us in your prayers for all those who have given and continue to give faithful service to our Lord throughout our Circuit community and Local Churches, trusting that others may be drawn to accept our Saviour as a result.

Thank you, Roger

Karibuni - Inspired Charity Gifts and Christmas Cards

Each Charity Gift represents a tangible, life-changing item that is used in our Kenyan projects. Ranging in price from £5 to £60, choose from a range of gifts. Whichever you buy, you will be sent a card to send to the recipient.



Karibuni Christmas cards! Beautiful hand-made batik and banana leaf cards.

Visit their website to see the wide range of beautiful wood, stone, banana leaf and fabric crafts, greetings cards and Christmas cards.

<https://www.karibuni.org.uk/>



TRAIDCRAFT's 2021 catalogue

To support growers and producers to trade their way out of poverty, please consider Fairtrade gifts for family and friends.



There is now a paper copy of the catalogue in the Display Cabinet in the Welcome Area. Please return it asap if you borrow it.

For further assistance, or to place an order, contact

☎: ROD THORPE 01844 351565 Email: chinnormethodisthire@mail.com

Last definite order date to receive in time for Christmas – 5th December.

Or buy online: www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/traidcraft-catalogue

Stone Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone

Saturday 11th December, 12 until 2pm.

SOUP LUNCHES will be served in aid of
Action for Children



Wednesday 8th December at 10.30am

COFFEE AND CAROLS with Sees the Day.