



WELCOME TO  
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp**  
**5.00pm: Carol 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 Gill Nord and Philip Kolade.**

**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.**

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>StF 706 193 187 594 186</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-55</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Derrick Matthews</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>



**Our thanks to Girls' Brigade for decorating the two Christmas  
trees and the reception area this year - they look beautiful!!**

Whoops! I forgot to put in a plea last week for mince pies for the Carol Service this evening. If you have a spare box, please bring them along to the service when you come. Thank you. Jennie.

**Weekly Notice Sheet:** The last notice sheet before the Christmas break will be printed early on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**, so please make sure that Jennie has any notices emailed to her at [jennietorpey@gmail.com](mailto:jennietorpey@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon, **22<sup>nd</sup> December**. [01296 581414].  
**The first 2022 notice sheet** will be printed on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January** - items to be with her by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.



The Government's announcement on Wednesday means that, unless anyone has an exemption, we all need to wear face masks while in the building, please. When seated for coffee you can take your mask off but, if you move about, please restore your face mask.

As we saw last week, the situation may change with little notice. Any changes will be posted on the website or you could find out more by phoning the Manse. We hope our Christmas services will happen as advertised, but we may have to change at short notice. Sunday morning worship and our Christmas Day service will be available through the streaming service. Unfortunately, they are not able to provide coverage of the Carol Service at 5 pm this evening. We will endeavour to continue as normally as possible

**Mel Brown** will, hopefully, be returning to receive a belated thanks for her work amongst us. This will be on the morning of Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope there will be a lunch on this day. More information will follow

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed with toys or donations towards our Toy Service appeal on 5th December. What a wonderful selection of toys, books, games, etc. plus donations of over £360. Donations were turned into vouchers suitable for teenagers plus vouchers for the Family Centre to use when an emergency food parcel is needed for a family. A large number of the toys will also be used by the Bucks HAF project (Holiday/Activity/Food) when children entitled to free school meals are invited to spend a special couple of days in the Christmas holidays entertained with fun activities, a hot meal and presents to take home.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** As usual, there is a board available in the Welcome Space 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.

**New Year's Walk 30th December:** Kevin and I have decided that we should do a walk to herald in the New Year but with no lunch afterwards. We hope to organise another walk in the Summer followed by refreshments at Kevin and Elaine's house. For this New Year's walk, please meet in Wilstone near the pub (but not in their car park) for a 10.30am start on Thursday 30th December. There are no wooden stiles and the route will be on the canal towpath and on grassy paths on field edges. Although there are few muddy patches, walking boots or stout walking shoes are advisable. The walk should last about 1 hour 30 minutes. Please bring a donation for Karibuni Children. Please let me or Sue know if you wish to go. Roger Kirk: 01296 415312, kirk\_roger@yahoo.co.uk

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Many thanks for volunteering again. As the post box is not in use this year, please look out for an email from Richard with the rota attached. If you do not receive it, please contact me. If we do not have your email address, you will be sent the rota by post. Any problems, please contact me. Thanks again. Kevin Hardern (01296 481285).

**Keypad Entry on first floor:** Please will Duty Managers and Group Leaders who need access to the keypad entry upstairs note that that your keypad numbers remain the same as before (when it was on the security door downstairs). If you cannot remember your number, please contact Shirley for a reminder.

**Christmas Office Closure.** Please note that the office will be closed at the end of day 23<sup>rd</sup> December and operational again on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Bible Study:** There are two Zoom meetings running at present, both covering the same material. One is on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm the other is on Thursday at 2pm. Both groups are coming to the end of exploring Matthew's Gospel. ***The sessions are really just a conversation about the passages and their meaning for us today. No knowledge or expertise required.*** After Christmas we will be moving onto something new. People are welcome to come and sample a session if they wish. Please let Richard know if you might be interested.

**AYLESBURY STOREHOUSE FOODBANK:** Don't forget to bring your donations, if you are able – there's a box for items in the Welcome Space. Julianne.

**The Covenant Service for 2022 will be held on  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.**

### **Our Circuit Services**

Cheddington	10.30am	Mr David Neville – Carol Service
Chinnor	10.30am	Rev Richard Atkinson – Communion Service
Cuddington	2.30pm	Local Arrangement – Carol Service
Haddenham	3.00pm	Rev Keith Edwards - Carol Service
Pr. Risborough	3.00pm	WOW – Carol Service
Stewkley	4.30pm	Local Arrangement – Nativity/Christingle Service
Stone	11.00am	Mr John Bush
Swanbourne	5.00pm	Mr Ken Harris – Carol Service
Thame	3.00pm	Rev Dr Romilly Micklem – Communion Service
Waddesdon	11.00am	Mr Arthur Sara
Whitchurch	10.45am	Rev Keith Edwards – Carol Service
Wingrave	10.00am	Mr Peter Honeyball - Carol Service

### **Next Week**

**Fri Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 4.00pm - Family Christingle  
11.30pm - Midnight Communion**

**Sat Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am - Christmas Morning Worship**

**Sun Dec 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am - Christmas Communion**

**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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)**



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear All

This Sunday, 19 December, it is the turn of our young people to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. There are some wise words below from Frankie, reminding us that our youngsters are under continual pressure to succeed at everything they do in life. I look back at my final years at school and remember how difficult I found it studying for exams, yet that fades into insignificance when I count the effort required and the amazing results that seem to be the norm for today's students. Please share with Frankie any good news you may have of activities with young people in your communities and remember them in your prayers this week.

Pete

*Young people have suffered as much as any group over the past eighteen months, so first I would ask you to pray for all our young people, from pre-school age right up to those taking A-levels next year, and of course those who have just moved on to work, college or university. They are all under pressure.*

*But there is good news. Activities such as Messy Church, Café Church, and Weekday and Sunday meetings have resumed in many places. I know of Whitchurch, Stewkley, Cheddington, Aylesbury and of course Swanbourne. You will notice that most of these are up the far end of our circuit, because that is where I am, so I hear about them. Thankfully, many of us have been able to keep in touch with families and young people and they are now coming back to church life to one degree or another.*

*I should love to hear what is happening in other more far-flung parts of the circuit, so drop me an e-mail if you can.*

*It is some years since I stopped acting as Circuit Youth & Education Secretary, but this position has not been filled. Could you take it on? It's not onerous, but entails having an over-view of circuit activities for youngsters. We are still able to give small grants to support youth work and have been able to help with some re-starts. Contact Gill Marks at Aylesbury, or me, for information.*

*Frankie Fisher (long-ret'd. Secretary for Education and Youth)*



## 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.*

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