



WELCOME TO  
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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



**Sat Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am**

**Christmas Morning Worship**

**led by Mr Arthur Sara**

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

**Service of Holy Communion**

**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, on Christmas Day, are Frances Aylen and Elaine Hope, and at Sunday morning's service, are Gill Marks and Matilda Phiri.**

**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>25<sup>th</sup> Dec: StF 195 221 216 196 212</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Dec: StF 205 191 190 197 201 215</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Luke 2: 1-18</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Dec: Matt 1: 18-25 Luke 2: 18-21</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>

There will be a retiring collection for Action for Children  
after the service this morning.

Directorate for Children's Services  
Buckinghamshire Council

Pauline Noble  
Aylesbury Methodist Church  
December 2021

Dear Pauline & all at Aylesbury Methodist Church  
I wanted to write a few words of thanks to everyone who donated to this year's Christmas Toy Appeal. I collected the huge donations of gifts yesterday and was overwhelmed by the generosity of your congregation. The gifts are being passed to families in Aylesbury on low incomes or vulnerable families currently being helped by the Family Support Service. The gifts will be so welcome this Christmas and I thank you on behalf of all the families.  
I wish you all a very safe and merry Christmas.

Kind regards

*Della Holmes*

Information & Outreach Officer (Aylesbury)

*[In addition to the toys, we also received £380 in cash donations. I was therefore able to purchase gift vouchers for teenagers plus food vouchers for the Family Centre to keep in hand for times of a family emergency. Pauline]*

**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

**Weekly Notice Sheet: This is the last notice sheet before the Christmas break. 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.  
*jennietorpey@gmail.com* [01296 581414].

**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).

**The Covenant Service will be held on Sunday 30th January at 10.30am.**

**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



amnesty.org.uk

**It's not too late to spend a few minutes to help someone in real need?**

**\*\*There are some case studies on the folding boards in the Welcome Space - please take one and send a message!\*\***

*It might only take a few minutes for you to write a letter or card, send an email or social media message, or sign a petition. But for an environmental activist facing a long prison sentence, a citizen journalist detained for reporting on the pandemic, or an LGBTI organisation suffering homophobic attacks, these simple gestures have a powerful impact.*

**'WRITE FOR RIGHTS'** is Amnesty International's annual event which sees supporters all over the world sending messages of hope and solidarity to people at risk of human rights violations or under threat for speaking out for freedom, justice and equality. ***It runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> December, but emails and letters can continue to be sent in January.***

As past campaigns have shown, your messages are a great source of comfort and support for people doing the difficult and often dangerous work of standing up for human rights. Your letters, words and actions also put pressure on the authorities to take action to free prisoners of conscience, protect the vulnerable, and bring perpetrators of human rights abuses to justice. You can download the campaign booklet with all the information at <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-rights-2021-get-started>

**The office will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December, opening 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 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.

### **Our Circuit Services on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

Cheddington	10.30am	Mr Peter Honeyball
Chinnor	10.30am	Mr Arthur Sara
Cuddington	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Haddenham	10.15am	Local Arrangement
Pr. Risborough	10.00am	Rev Keith Edwards – Communion Service
Stewkley	10.30am	Mr Ken Harris
Stone	11.00am	Rev Carina Shergold
Swanbourne	5.00pm	Rev Richard Atkinson – United Covenant Service
Thame	10.30am	Rev Dr Romilly Micklem
Waddesdon	11.00am	Mr Richard Maguire
Whitchurch	10.45am	Rev Richard Atkinson
Wingrave	10.00am	Rev John Amankwatia – Communion Service

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

#### **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)**

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**w/c 3 Jan: Duty Manager Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07969 373 212**