



WELCOME TO
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Sunday 16th January 2022

8.45am: Service of Holy Communion

led by Rev Richard Atkinson

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Paulette Tedd.

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 8.45am service, are Frances Aylen and Elaine Hope, and at 10.30am are Gill Marks and Matilda Phiri.

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

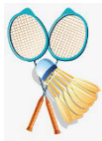
The words of the hymns are projected at the front of the Church.

If you would like to have a hymnbook for the service, please ask.

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| Hymns | 8.45am: StF 157 322 341 10.30am: StF 317 690 603 348 |
| Readings | 8.45am: Hebrews 1: 1-4 10.30am: Isaiah 62: 1-5 John 2: 1-11 |
| Organist | 8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker |
| Streaming | To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation. |

**The flowers this week are given 'In loving memory of Nettie and Larry Hudson
- always in our thoughts and hearts. With love from the Hudson family'**

After the very abrupt departure of Mel Brown at the beginning of lockdown we are now able to say a proper farewell to her as she will be at AMC **next Sunday 23rd January**. To enable everyone to see her we thought it would be nice to have a soup lunch after the service on that day, so anybody who is prepared to make soup or a cake, please could they let Gill Marks know asap. 01296 748659.



Please note that we have changed the time of Friday Badminton. From Friday 14th January, we will be playing from **2.00 to 4.00pm**, and not 3.00-5.00pm. If you're interested in joining us, please contact John Miskin: 01296 422919 or johnnamiskin@gmail.com

The GOOD FAITH BOOK CLUB has its 10-year anniversary meeting next Saturday, 22nd January, 2-4pm. As well as discussing the 60th book choice, (Courage for the Discouraged by Simon Lawton), it will be finalising how best to move forward with future meetings. If you would like to join in or listen in, I will happily send you a Zoom link. Peter Green 01296 424653 or peterb.green@ntlworld.com.

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



'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 1st November – 31st December, but letters/emails can still be sent during January.*

You can download the campaign booklet with all the information at <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-rights-2021-get-started>

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 WDP services for 2022 will be held on Friday 4th March.

This year, the service has been prepared by England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The theme this year is the Bible text “*I know the plans I have for you*” from Jeremiah, to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse, and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. The overarching theme of the service is HOPE – very appropriate for this time when the world is coming to terms with the ongoing risks of a pandemic and the looming climate crisis.

Last year, because of the pandemic, we were unable to hold any services in person, but we hope this year will continue as planned **with the afternoon service at 1.30pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove, and the evening service at 7.30pm held at Aylesbury Methodist Church.**

I am part of a very small WDP committee, and we have all agreed to approach our respective church congregations to see if anyone would like to take part in any way as follows, in either/both of the services:

- *Reading a small part in the service (no lines to learn, it is read straight from the booklet; I already have a supply of these if you would like to see what is involved)*
- *Providing/helping with refreshments (cake and beverages) after the service*
- *Meet and greet before service starts*

If you have not been to a WDP service before and would like to know more about it before committing yourself, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We will be holding a ‘read through’ of the service on Friday 25th February at each church, at the same time as the WDP services will be held, so people will be more familiar on the day with the order of service. ***Please let me know if you would like to be involved in any way at all. All are welcome.***

Contact Jackie Simpson-Tyda on 07834 780543
or Email Jackiesimpson88@gmail.com

Our Circuit Services

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| Chinnor | 10.30am | Rev Richard Atkinson – Covenant Service |
| Cuddington | 10.30am | Rev Dr Andrew Shergold |
| Haddenham | 10.15am | Ms Marilyn Dore |
| Pr. Risborough | 10.00am | Mr Arthur Sara |
| Stewkley | 10.30am | Local Arrangement – Zoom Service |
| Stone | 11.00am | Mr John Shaw |
| Swanbourne | 5.00pm | Local Arrangement |
| Thame | 10.30am | Rev Dr Romilly Micklem – Covenant Service |
| Waddesdon | 11.00am | Mr Paul Thomas |
| Whitchurch | 10.45am | Rev Keith Edwards – Covenant Service |
| Wingrave | 10.00am | Mr Peter Baker |

Next Week

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| Mon | 17 Jan | 6.15pm | Girls' Brigade |
| Tues | 18 Jan | 6.00pm | Boys' Brigade |
| Thurs | 20 Jan | 10.00am | Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group |
| Frid | 21 Jan | 3.00pm | AMC Social Badminton Club |
| Sat | 22 Jan | 2.00pm | The Good Faith Book Club - Zoom |

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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| 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

CIRCUIT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear All

This Sunday, 16 January, the Circuit Leadership Team is the focus of our Circuit Prayers. The CLT plays a vital role in ensuring that our Circuit functions well and that every part and every member of our Circuit is cared for and enabled to perform at its very best in serving our Lord. Please remember this hard-working, devoted set of people in your prayers this Sunday.

Pete.

The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) has had a very busy 2021 seeking a permanent replacement for Donna and, after two rounds of the stationing process, we, in the guise of the Circuit Invitation Committee, are still actively involved in the business of finding that new minister. We hope to be successful in round three!

We are fortunate in finding a supernumerary minister, John Amankwatia as an interim replacement until August. John, from Ghana, is installed with his family in the Stewkley manse and is already making his mark in the Circuit. We are truly blessed in having such a capable and popular minister available even if it has to be on a temporary basis.

The CLT, which comprises ministers, circuit stewards, circuit treasurer, circuit meeting secretary and lay workers, meet every couple of months. Each member of the CLT is automatically a member of the circuit meeting, which meets two or three times a year.

The CLT, in its role as the circuit invitation committee, is involved in the appointment of new ministers, as well as the consultation process for re-invitation of existing ministers.

The CLT is responsible, with the superintendent and the other ministers in the circuit, for the spiritual and material well-being of the circuit and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the circuit meeting. In discharging these responsibilities, the CLT is sensitive to the needs of

ministers and their families, staying in contact with them and keeping themselves informed of the activities and needs of each church for which the minister has pastoral responsibility.

In additional to its pastoral and practical role in the circuit, the CLT needs to keep abreast of church policies at district and connexional levels, which impact upon the lives of our churches.

We are fortunate in having a broad range of skill sets and experience across the team, and we have in the last year added two new members: Cathy Whiteway and Kathryn Trout, both of whom are actively engaged in circuit duties and whose skills are noted and appreciated both within the team and in the circuit.

We are constantly on the lookout for new members to enhance the team, with a particular need for people with property expertise and experience, as the yearly demands of keeping churches and manses well maintained and in good repair can be quite demanding!

Please keep the CLT in your thoughts and prayers as we look forward to a new year with great anticipation and exciting challenges.

We should remember that every challenge comes with rainbows and lights to conquer it.

*Best wishes and blessings to all for 2022.
Keith Wallace.*



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.]