



WELCOME TO
**AYLESBURY METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Sunday 1st May 2022

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 stewards, who, this morning,
are Frances Ayles and Elaine Hope.

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 314 20 306 673 313
Readings	Mark 10: 13-16 John 21: 1-19
Organist	Derrick Matthews
Streaming	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.

If your little ones (age 3 and under) become restless during services, you are welcome to take them into the creche room in the Welcome Area to play. The service can be heard from there.

All children MUST be accompanied.



We welcome the family and friends of Willow Pronger, who is being baptised this morning.

The flowers this week are in loving memory of Chris Sara's parents.

FAMILY NEWS

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael Clark will take place at Aylesbury Methodist Church on Wednesday, 4th May 2022 at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome.

In the last 3 months, many who knew David and Judith Purling have continued to pray for his return to good health. His recovery has not been easy and there have been several setbacks. David has now been moved to a different hospital for recuperation and has begun to eat and drink a little each day as well as being helped to walk again in the gym. Judith is now also beginning to think about the time when he may be well enough to return home. Our thoughts and prayers continue for them both.

MEMBERSHIP: After receiving our new members on Easter Day, a number of folk have expressed an interest in becoming a member themselves. If there is anyone else interested, please could you let Richard know as soon as possible? 01296 339899. revrja@outlook.com

EASTER OFFERING: Envelopes may still be returned next week. Thank you in anticipation Ruth Watkins. **Spare envelopes are available from the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.**



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!
ACTION FOR CHILDREN QUIZ
Saturday 15th October 2022, 7.00pm.**

**TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP 3rd May, 2.30pm - Speaker Brian Stabler.
ALL WELCOME!**

VALE OF AYLESBURY METHODIST CIRCUIT

“Taking our Next Step”

Circuit Reflection led by Matt Forsyth, District Mission Enabler

To paraphrase Frederick Buechner –
'we find God's vision where our deep gladness and our
communities' deep needs come together'.

Matt will begin a journey helping us to discuss our next steps as
we respond to “Our Calling”.

15th May 2022, 2.30pm, at Aylesbury Methodist Church

Please will you let Richard know if you are planning to attend.

Prayer Requests. If you have requests for people or situations to be included in the prayers, there is a Prayer Request folder in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space for you to write in, or you could let Richard know in advance.

Our **Prayer Group** also meets on alternate Tuesdays, 10.45-12noon, and are very happy to receive prayer requests. They would also welcome anyone who would like to join them. Please email Ruby:
rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk

Do, please continue to donate to the Food Bank.

A Collection box is in the Welcome Space.

Particularly needed at the moment are:

Tinned fish/soup/tomatoes/fruit. Longlife milk & fruit juice. Steamed puddings & custard. Toiletries are always

needed.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

We would also appreciate any spare supermarket plastic bags.



Daily **'Thought For The Day'** videos can be seen on both the AMC website and Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit 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. Excellent, and well worth watching!!

[Past ones are still available if you wish to see them]

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

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



Next Week

Tues	3 May	10.45am 2.30pm	Prayer Group Tuesday Fellowship
Thurs	5 May	9.30am 2.00pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Safeguarding Training Course
Frid	6 May	9.30am 2.00pm	Banner Group AMC Social Badminton Club

Sunday 8th May 2022

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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07969 373 212)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

WHITCHURCH

Dear All

This Sunday, 1 May, it is the turn of Whitchurch to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Last Sunday, Jane and I drove through Whitchurch and Jane remarked on the beautiful cross standing outside the front of the chapel - what a wonderful message to all, who like us, passed by. I wonder how many others will have passed that cross and been drawn to the events of the Friday, followed by the joy and the floral celebration on the Sunday! What a beautiful message to everyone.

Please pray for the work and the fellowship at this lovely chapel this Sunday.
Pete



Easter

As Christians everywhere, the folk at Whitchurch find the Eastertide Services a challenging mixture of horror and despair.

" Why!!! What has my Lord done?"

And then Great Joy:

"This joyful Easter Morn, what need is there for grieving?"

As is our Good Friday custom at Whitchurch, our Worship Leaders led us through the very moving Good Friday service in the service book.

We have a large, rough, wooden Cross set at the entrance, and this sets the tone for our service which starts and finishes in silence. Filing past the cross as we leave is a stark reiteration of the death and passion of our Lord and the horror mankind inflicts.

Contrast this sombre activity with the joy and uplifting essence of our Easter Day Service, again led by our Worship Leaders, and attended by almost 40 people who entered by filing past the same cross but now covered in a riot of colourful flowers. All there to celebrate that Jesus is Arisen.

In our reflection we shared the challenges of Resurrection, in our lives, our churches and the world.

We are all so blessed that our Lord died and rose to save us.

We hope you all had as good an Easter as we did.

Roger.



Have confidence in your prayers

'We are confident...he hears us.'

1 John 5:14 NLT

A leader wrote these words:

My dad was a busy man...to get him at work you had to go through a switchboard unless you knew his private number. He gave it to a few business partners, but all of his kids had it ... We knew, no matter how busy he was, we could call anytime on his direct line. I've the same thing ... my kids know my number ... they can call me anytime for anything. And you know what? No voices sound sweeter to me than my kids' voices. When one of them says, 'Hi, Dad,' it doesn't matter what I'm juggling ... they're an absolute priority.

Now multiply that out exponentially – and listen to me. Nothing sounds sweeter to God than your voice saying, 'Hello, Father.' There's nothing going on in the cosmos that would keep Him from directing His full attention to your conversation or your request.

That means when God is your Father, you can call home anytime. He is never more than a prayer away! Jesus said: 'Ask, and God will give to you ... If your children ask for bread, which of you would give them a stone? Or if your children ask for a fish, would you give them a snake? Even though you are bad, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more your heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask him!' (Matthew 7:7, 9-11 NCV).

You can talk to God without begging and grovelling, 'confident that he hears ... whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And ... he will give us what we ask for' (1 John 5:14-15 NLT).

So, whatever is robbing you of your confidence in prayer, deal with it today.

*Source: The Word for Today, a daily devotional, produced free of charge by United Christian Broadcasters. For your regular quarterly copy write to UCB at **FREEPOST RLTX-ABUL-GRAR, United Christian Broadcasters, Westport Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF**, or telephone **0845 60 40 401**. As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift of at least 50p per copy, which just covers the cost of printing the booklet, would be appreciated from time to time.*