



WELCOME TO
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Sunday 8th May 2022

**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 stewards, who, this morning,
are Jackie Simpson-Tyda 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 61 44 481 309 35 405
Readings	Psalm 23 John 10: 11-18
Music	AMC Music Group
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.



The Music Group will lead you in your preparation for worship by singing
StF 437, 476 and 363; please join in.
After the service we will finish with StF 487.

The flowers this week are in memory of Michael Clark.

FAMILY NEWS

Edward, my family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, love and support we received after Michael's death. Thank you also to all the people who helped at the church on the day of the funeral, making it run so smoothly. We are sure Michael would have enjoyed the service.

Thank you. Leah Clark.

Michael Clark. If you missed Wednesday's Thanksgiving service for Michael, you can watch it via the church website, www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk. Simply click the Streaming button on the home page and scroll down to the 4th May service. It will remain on the website for about another five weeks.

A letter from Judith Purling to Marilyn Storer, to share:

Dear Marilyn,

Would you please convey our thanks for the very kind letter you sent on March 29th. Due to delays in postal services, we received it only last week. It has been a difficult 3 ½ months since David first went to hospital, but at last he is making some progress, and plans have started for his return home so that we have some support with physiotherapists and so on. I am sure he will be overjoyed to leave the confines of hospital

The three years we spent in Aylesbury were a wonderful way for David to finish his fulltime ministry. We felt very much at home and supported as we were so far away from our family and friends. (We were not sure how we colonials would be accepted.) The kindness and generosity of everyone was amazing.

Those friendships have lasted and we still miss you, although we do feel part of your family even though we are so far apart.

Thank you for your continued prayers and messages of support.

Yours very faithfully,

Judith and David.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, 15th MAY is Christian Aid Sunday,



the start of Christian Aid Week, and there will be a retiring collection for their extremely valuable and much-needed work. Collection envelopes will be in your notice sheet, and, if you are able, please complete the Gift Aid details on the back. This will allow Christian Aid to receive a further 25% at no extra cost to you.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

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.



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

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.

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

Mon	9 May	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	10 May	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade
Thurs	12 May	9.30am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	13 May	2.00pm	AMC Social Badminton Club

Sunday 15th May 2022

CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY

8.45am: Service of Holy Communion

led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Matt Forsyth.

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

WINGRAVE

Dear All

This Sunday, 8 May, it is the turn of Wingrave to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. This is a bright and lively chapel, lovingly cared for and looked after, with good facilities and lovely people. It is also so good to hear of the work carried out together with other Christians in the village. It makes so much difference when we work together and share in our Lord's work. Do drop in for coffee and a game of Scrabble if you are passing on a Tuesday morning, and please remember the people and the work here in your prayers this Sunday.



Pete

At Wingrave, we are pleased now, not to have to wear masks at our services.

Since September we have been holding Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays. They are open to everyone, and each week we talk and we participate in games, such as Scrabble, for people to join in.

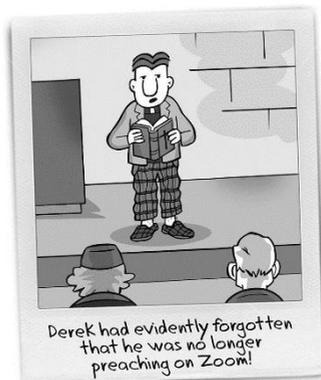
At the beginning of Lent, we started a Lent Study Course. We followed a five-part course by Nick Fawcett entitled 'Spot the Difference'.

On Palm Sunday we were joined by our friends from the Parish Church. Each year we alternate which holds the service on Palm Sunday. This year it was the turn of the Methodist Church, so we processed from the Parish Church, stopping at various points on the way to the Methodist Church.

We pray and think about the people of Ukraine at this time.

Mary Shurlock

Derek the Cleric
(copied from Facebook)



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The Smell of Sin

'Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God.'

2 Corinthians 2:15 NLT

When food in your fridge goes bad, you know it the moment you open the door. And your life is like that. When there is something wrong inside, the people who come in contact with you often sense it.

Jesus spoke some of His harshest words to Peter: 'Get thee behind me, Satan...for thou savourest [smell] not the things that be of God, but those that be of men' (Matthew 16:23 KJV).

What was Peter's sin? Pride. He openly contradicted Jesus (see Matthew 16:22). There are sins of the spirit and sins of the flesh. Peter's was a sin of the spirit, whereas David's was one of the flesh that manifested itself in adultery and murder. Later David wrote, 'Cleanse me from secret *faults*. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me' (Psalm 19:12-13 NKJV).

Now, God doesn't want you to become self-absorbed and introspective to the point where you live in condemnation. But He does want you to be sensitive to sin and deal with it immediately. Scripture gives us three ways to stay clean in a spiritually polluted world.

- 1) ***Walking in the light*** (1 John 1:7). That means striving to be honest before God and man.
- 2) ***Being accountable***. That can mean having someone in your life who is mature enough to deserve your confidence, gracious enough to put up with your inconsistencies, and honest enough to confront you (Ecclesiastes 4:9).
- 3) ***Dealing with your sin right away*** (Psalm 32:3-5). The moment that brings consciousness of sin should lead to confession of sin resulting in cleansing of sin. Then you must get back up and go on with God!

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