



WELCOME TO
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Sunday 15th May 2022



**8.45am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Matt Forsyth.

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, at 8.45am, are Frances Ayles
and Elaine Hope, and at 10.30am, Gill Nord and Gill Marks.

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	8.45am: StF 608 696 410 10.30am: StF 59 24 570 407
Readings	8.45am: Ruth 2: 1-12 10.30am: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
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.

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.





TODAY is Christian Aid Sunday,

the start of Christian Aid Week, and there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service for their extremely valuable and much-needed work.

Collection envelopes are in your notice sheet, if you wish to use one, 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.

You'll find someone with a collecting basket for your donations at the doors as you leave.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

Michael Clark. If you missed the 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 four weeks.

A while ago many of us signed a card of good wishes to David & Judith Purling for his recovery. The card has at last arrived in Australia, after some while in mid-air!! Judith has written to thank everyone who signed, for their good wishes. She writes "David remembered most of the names and we had the directory with photos to help us. It all cheered him up enormously". Thanks to all who took part in signing, Pauline N.

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

Congratulations to our Boys' Brigade Company boys for taking part in the National Top Team Challenge. We had 3 boys participate, and achieved a placing of 127th out of 219 companies who took part.

Well done, boys. John Miskin.



THIS AFTERNOON!! 2.30pm

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”.

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



An update on our Link to Hope Ukrainian appeal. We have sent an amazing **£2336.00** and, with gift aid, our total contribution comes to **£2920.00**.

Link to Hope’s appeal total stands at £77599.62.

Many thanks to all those who donated. Margaret Miskin.

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

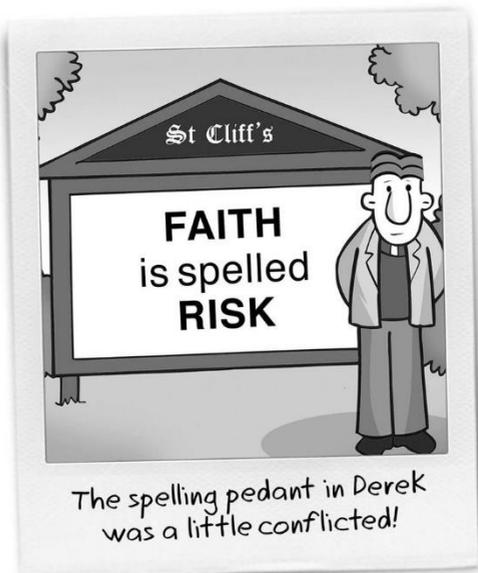
Mon	16 May	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	17 May	10.45am 6.00pm	Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	19 May	9.30am 1.15pm onward	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood donation sessions
Frid	20 May	9.30am 2.00pm	Banner Group AMC Social Badminton Club

Sunday 22nd May 2022

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)

**'Derek the Cleric'
From Facebook**



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'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

YOUTH WORK

Dear All

This Sunday, 15 May, we celebrate the work in our Circuit amongst the young people.

These last two years have been difficult enough for all of us with restrictions on movement and social interaction. We have especially missed our regular fellowship together in church, but in many ways it has been far more difficult for our younger members.

Schooling has been a big problem in this time, with various arrangements for alternative learning working for some, but by no means all of our young people. Home schooling has not been even remotely possible for some students and they have suffered serious educational setbacks as a result. Youngsters who were trying to cope with GCSEs and A levels had to contend with a really stressful time.

Also, relationships play a vital part of our formative years, and the absence of the freedom to meet together and the interaction formed through those relationships has had another major impact on those young people. That is why it is so important to do all we can to ensure that every opportunity is taken to enable some sort of normality to return where possible, and as quickly as possible.

We are grateful to all those in our Circuit who work so hard week after week to ensure that as much as possible is done to create a good environment for those youngsters to grow to maturity, with all the skills and knowledge that they require to develop their full potential in whatever field they are choosing.

Please pray this Sunday for all the young people that you come into contact with, that they may grow to be contented and fulfilled members of our communities both inside church and out in the world, and remember those faithful workers who devote so much to helping them on their way.

Pete.



Be a restorer

'You who live by the Spirit should restore.'

Galatians 6:1 NIV

Sometimes, when we fall, we can get up by ourselves; other times we need someone to help us. And sadly, not all Christians are willing to help.

Sometimes they feel that by extending grace to someone they are condoning their sin. But Paul knocked that argument down when he wrote, 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you' (Ephesians 4:32 NIV).

Why should we be restorers?

1) *Because God tells us to.* 'If someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves... you also may be tempted' (Galatians 6:1 NIV). It's pride that causes us to point an accusing finger instead of extending a helping hand to those who fall. It makes us think we're better than someone else; incapable of falling like they did. You would be surprised what you would do in certain circumstances! Paul writes, 'We are just as capable of messing it up as they were. Don't be so... self-confident... You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else' (1 Corinthians 10:12 MSG).

2) *Because Jesus is our example.* Jesus had no time for the Pharisees who hid their sins behind a religious mask. But not one time did He condemn someone who was caught in sin and overtaken by temptation and failure. The minute they reached for Him, He willingly restored them.

Someone has said the church is the only army that shoots its wounded. Today, others are watching us to see if the grace we preach to others is the same grace we extend to one another. Let's not disappoint them.

*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.*