



WELCOME TO
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 3rd July 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, do introduce yourself to
one of our stewards, who, this morning, are
Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Kaz Tyda.**

**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 319 338 469 477 335
Readings	Psalm 30 Philipians 4: 4-9
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 friends and family of Trystan and Albiegh Crause, who are being baptised this morning.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Rita McKelvie is unfortunately currently in Stoke Mandeville Hospital again. She sends regards to friends at AMC.

Pat Olde continues in Buckingham Community Hospital.

David Purling is still poorly but receiving care at home.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP: The Annual General meeting of the Tuesday Fellowship will be held on **Tuesday, 5th July 2022, at 2.30pm**. Rev Richard Atkinson will be officiating. All welcome. Coral Soulsby.

If any individuals or churches would like to contribute to a leaving gift for the Rev Romilly Micklem, I have details for bank transfers or to where cheques can be sent. His last service is on July 17th so any monies in advance of then would be welcome. Blessings, Richard Atkinson.

CHANGE OF DATE!!

We plan to hold a **CAKE, HOME PRODUCE & PLANT SALE** in the Hall after the service on **Sunday 30th July**, (not 17th) and would be very grateful for offers of cakes/home produce/plants to sell.

We can collect them, if needed!

Jennie Torpey 251414, Pauline Noble 484940



If you'd like to read about the **2022 Circuit Holiday to Eastbourne**, you can now do so on both the AMC and Circuit websites. It might tempt you to come along next year!

For those with access to the office: Has anyone mislaid some money while in the office recently or in the past? Please speak to me by no later than Monday 4th July otherwise it will be donated to church funds. Shirley.



After a 3-year break, the annual **Girls' and Boys' Brigade Presentation and Promotion Evening** will take place in the church on Tuesday, 5th July at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

Teas and coffee will be served in the hall after the event.



Huge congratulations to Tim Olufosoye for having his Queen's colouring competition entry being chosen as 1 of the 70 which were reproduced onto a special commemorative card which was sent to the Queen from Boys' Brigade to mark her Platinum Jubilee. What an achievement!

The Boys' Brigade also gifted a Platinum Jubilee rose to the Church in honour of The Queen being our Patron. This can be seen and admired on the righthand side flower bed near the doors.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: Please note that there will be property maintenance taking place on site **next Wednesday, 6th July**.

1. Front sliding door maintenance – Morning, from about 8.30 am.
2. Drainage work – left hand side of the community centre – All day.

This is likely to result in some inconvenience for the Coffee Bar users and restrictions in the car park. Please bear with us. Paul Ingram.

I have some seats available on a trip to the **Christmas Lights at Blenheim on Friday 25th November**. The coach will leave Whitehill at 11.30am and on to Bedgrove for 11.40am, returning to Aylesbury around 8.30pm. The cost is £27.50 to go round the house and £22.50 for the light trail. Total cost £50 but you don't need to do both. If you are interested, please speak to Gill Marks 01296 748659 for final details.



YEAH, Messy Church is coming back! There will be a short meeting on **Saturday 9th July at 10.00am** in the Welcome Space coffee bar, so that we can form a plan for September's lift-off. Messy Church will be on the 1st Saturday of the month from 4.00

– 6.00pm. *Old hands and new are welcome to come along and find out about our re-launch.* Coffee and tea will be available free of charge. I know that there are a lot of arts and crafts people in our church so perhaps you may feel that you are able to help out on an occasional basis.

If you can't make the meeting and are interested in helping at Messy Church, then please phone me on 422919. Many thanks. Margaret Miskin

Front Doors: There have been a couple of reports that the automatic outer sliding doors have opened when triggered by the sensors, even though they are in 'locked' mode. If anyone experiences such a problem, please could you make a note of the date and time of the specific action/fault and let Paul Ingram or Kevin Hardern know: paulmingram@tiscali.co.uk or kevin@elmgables.com. Thank you, Paul.

As well as the sponsored walks by members of our church family, advertised recently, Maureen Tucker's daughter, Erica is once again taking part in **Cancer Research Race for Life**. Many of you have sponsored Erica, in the past, so please read Maureen's appeal over the page, and help if you can.

Hello all.

Once again my daughter Erica is doing her annual **Race for Life**, raising much-needed funds for **Cancer Research UK**, on 24 July at Northampton.

Our first Race was back in 2007!

If you wish to donate again the on-line link is

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ericas-race-for-life-382?urn>.

Cheques made payable to Cancer Research UK and cash are obviously still welcome. Thanking you, Maureen Tucker.

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Do, please continue to donate to the Food Bank.

A Collection box is in the Welcome Space.

Next Week

Tues	5 July	2.30pm 6.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship GB & BB Presentation & Promotion Evening
Thurs	7 July	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	8 July	2.00pm	Social Badminton Club

Sunday 10th July 2022

10.30am: Family Communion service

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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHINNOR

Dear All

This Sunday, 3 July, it is the turn of Chinnor to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. In this year of anniversaries, Rod focuses below on building on the past to ensure we end up where we need to be in the future. Please support Rod and the people of this chapel in your prayers this Sunday as they seek to understand God's will for them both now and in the days ahead. Pete.



In July 1872, the inhabitants of Chinnor were celebrating the opening of a purpose-built Methodist Chapel. Members had spent the previous 30 or so years worshipping in make-do, temporary settings, fund raising and working out their plans. It is hard to imagine their initial reaction to the devastating storm damage only a few months later. The damage was such that it required a 'rebuild' in 1873. The questions asked then were potentially akin to those we have been considering following the reduction in Covid regulations, and the recent Circuit discussion. What Next?

Chinnor has a history of rising to challenges and providing activities for its community. Recent discussions about what our Church is doing has led to the reopening of activities, and the airing of varying proposals. The visions, hopes and appeal when the chapel was first built were such that the village Anglican church was troubled by its popularity. More recently the vision, hopes and resilience led to the refurbishment of the Church as a community resource and modern worship space.

As was the case 150 years ago there is a mission to fulfil. This is encapsulated in our Mission statement of 'Caring and sharing through Jesus'.

The Good News is that we can learn and take heart from our history.

The Good News is that the Bible provides the story of Mary and Martha which could suggest actions need to be focussed and fit the situation.

The Good News is that words from the song 'One more step along the World I go' remind us 'It's from the old, I travel to the new. Keep me travelling along with You'.

Chinnor would welcome your prayers as we endeavour to make and provide Good News for those who come after us. Rod Thorpe

We have four Church members walking for charity: Derek Adams, Edith & Solo Awadzi, and Phil Richards. Please read their details and consider whether you are are to support them.

The information about their walks is on these two inserts, along with the latest update on Derek Adams' sponsored Walk Around the Coat of Britain.



Edith and Solo are doing a **5-mile Farewell Midnight Walk 2022** to raise money for **Florence Nightingale Hospice** on the **16th July**. Please support us by visiting

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Edith-Awadzi1

to donate, or ask Edith or Solo for a sponsorship form. Thanks in advance.

I am doing the **Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge on the 17th July**, covering the 3 highest peaks in Yorkshire, and walking around 25 miles in 12 hours. I am doing this in memory of a work colleague who died suddenly of a heart attack. We are doing this to support one of his favourite charities, **Talkback UK**, who support people with autism.

If anyone would like to make a donation via Just Giving, all money pledged goes straight to the charity. I can be emailed at philrichards40@gmail.com for more information, or people can donate at www.justgiving.com/phil-richards6



Latest update on Derek's sponsored 'Walk Around the Coast of Britain'.

I must apologise for the lack of detail in this update. I had been making some notes each evening that I spoke to Derek - but I think they are in a 'safe place' somewhere, so sorry!

We last left Derek spending the night in Southend, this was on 23rd June. Although we have had many short breaks in Southend when the children were young and my cousin lived there, I don't think we will be holidaying there again any time soon.

He made his way out of Southend on the Friday morning, to Shoeburyness, crossing marshlands on foot then taking a bus around the creek to Burnham on Crouch, which he found altogether more pleasant. He stayed in a local hostelry there. You will note there has been very little, or in fact no 'sleeping under the stars' to date! To be fair he has tried, but as I said in a previous update, little old men with bivvy bags are just not welcome at today's campsites; I think they 'lower the tone', and he has really not felt safe to just sleep in a ditch as he would have done 30 years ago.

I did try to tell him that the world has changed since then

From Burnham the following day, the same, walking where possible then getting the bus to Clacton - on a Saturday night in June, a bit lively I imagine. The signal was poor and he had had to go outside and sit on a cliff to get through at all, but after his efforts all I could hear was the wind!

On Sunday morning he had the pleasure of attending a welcoming, though poorly attended, Methodist service in Clacton, then on to Walton on the Naze. We had lost contact altogether here - I think down to the signal, or maybe his old phone, or a combination of both. I did have a message on the landline from a lady called Jo telling me he was safe though.

There have been times when he has used buses, or thumbed lifts, and he has had difficulty in some areas finding accomodation at a reasonable price, as so many of the traditional Bed and Breakfasts have now given their rooms over to Social Services. I guess that way they get regular income all the year round; you cannot blame them, but it does mean a sad decline in the good old traditional family holidays with buckets and spades and "Kiss me Quick" hats.

He has been carrying his rucksack with him all the time on this section, so his pattern is to walk as far as he can, maybe stay overnight there, if somewhere suitable, or take a bus to the next likely place.

From Walton to Harwich, where he visited another Life Boat Station, and then, from the historic port, took a small ferry across to the Landguard Point just south of Felixstowe - bus passes not allowed - a £5 crossing fee!

Having had to pay £140 for his accommodation at Clacton the night before, I was motivated to search on line for somewhere cheaper to stay this night, so - on the bus to Ipswich. The following day, another ferry, and he was away north again across marshland, seeing amazing birdlife along the way. A friendly local then gave him a lift around the head of the creek at Snape Maltings and deposited him in Aldeburgh.

After a gruelling 4-mile trudge through shingle, a former Marine gave him a lift up to the A12 where Derek took a bus to Beccles, where he stayed with our elderly cousin. By now he knew that his trip was being curtailed. He used the following day to visit Life Boat Stations at Lowestoft and Gt Yarmouth. With an early start on Thursday, he managed to visit Caister Life Boat Station, before heading back to Aylesbury with his trusty bus pass in hand. He is now safely back home for the time being!

I am sorry that the first leg of his trek has had to finish a bit early - I asked him to please come back. I have not been well since he left, and we now have a buyer for our house, and need to find a bungalow! He will be off again as soon as circumstances allow.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported him. His JustGiving page will remain open. Sue Adams.

SPONSORED WALK AROUND THE COAST OF BRITAIN.

Derek Adams has started his walk to raise funds for both the **RNLI and the NHS**. He hopes to walk around the Coast of Britain, but, being 80 this year, is doing it in stages, starting on June 6th at Lee-on-the-Solent, for approximately 5 weeks on this first leg, all being well. *Any sponsorship would be much appreciated*, and can be arranged online via: **[JustGiving.com/team/DEREKtreksBRITAIN](https://www.justgiving.com/team/DEREKtreksBRITAIN)**
Or you can give a cash donation to his wife, Sue.

