



WELCOME TO AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 24th July 2022

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp.

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
Elaine Hope 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	StF 696 416 615 611 410
Readings	Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
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.



The flowers this week are in memory of Geoff Short's Mother, Betty,
whose birthday was 7th July, and who died on 15th December 2017.



NEXT SUNDAY, 31st JULY

We shall hold our belated retiring collection for
Action for Children,
after the service next Sunday, along with a
CAKE, HOME PRODUCE & PLANT SALE
in the Hall.

Collection envelopes will be available, so, if you are able, please complete the Gift Aid details so we can claim back tax on your donation.

We would be very grateful for offers of cakes/home produce/plants to sell.

We can collect them, if needed!

Jennie Torpey 581414, Pauline Noble 484940

Cakes and other home-made items need to be labelled with a list of ingredients, for allergy purposes, please.



Edith and Solo successfully completed the 5-mile Farewell Midnight Walk on the morning of 17th July. The weather was cool so the walk was enjoyable and lots of fun on the way. Two church members (who left their bed) came to cheer us up, holding a banner with our names written on it - our sincere thanks to them for the moral support.

We raised £565.00, both online and cash, and still counting.....

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us.

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.

The Welcome Service for the Rev Noreen Daley-Lee, her husband Lafton and their son Emmanuel, will take place at **Stewley on August 31st at 7.30pm**. It would be good to see the Circuit well-represented as we welcome Noreen and her family amongst us.

The collection last month for MHA (Methodist Homes) raised **£260**, of which £125 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your support!

Premises Security: Following a further report re operation of the automatic front doors to the church, could all users please double check that the doors are indeed locked once the key for the outer doors are switched to 'lock'. It is suspected that there may be an intermittent fault that allows the external pair of doors to open via outside sensors, even though the key has been locked. It has been reported and we are awaiting a further service visit. Thank you. Any problems, please contact Paul Ingram or Kevin Hardern: paulmingram@tiscali.co.uk or kevin@elmgables.com.

Church Anniversary 18th September.

Our wonderful Mel Brown will be taking the above service so make sure you keep this date free!

Boys' Brigade will be holding one of our super soup lunches after the service.

Ailsa Kemp will be selling handmade cards in support of the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** in the Hall after the service. They are all hand-printed on recycled card in a variety of quirky designs, and packaged in compostable cellophane sleeves. All at £1 per card, including envelope, of course.



We've recently changed our opening times to 7.30 - 9.00pm on a Monday evening in the Welcome Space.

As times get harder for so many people on lower or even middle incomes, could everyone please ensure that as many people as possible know that they can access a food parcel from us. Parcels are intended for anyone in a crisis. An individual can receive up to three parcels in a six month period.

Questions kept to a minimum and no need for proof of status. Karen Crussell.

There are **two exciting opportunities with the Northampton District.**

Posters with full details are in the Welcome Space, if you are interested:

'FEAST: Friends Exploring And Sharing Together'

FEAST Enabler - closing date 12th August.

FEAST Co-ordinator - closing date- 19th August.

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.

Next Week

Tues	26 July	10.45am	Prayer Group
Frid	29 July	2.00pm	Social Badminton Club

Sunday 31st July 2022

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Neville.

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

HADDENHAM

Dear All

This Sunday, 24 July, it is the turn of Haddenham to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. This lovely chapel is always so busy and has so much to celebrate as it continues to play a very active, central role in the life of the village. Do pray for all the people of Haddenham this Sunday and add your prayers of thanksgiving for a thriving community that has been a faithful servant to Jesus for so many years. Pete



2022 is a very special year for Methodism in Haddenham. We celebrate the bicentenary of the opening of the chapel in the High Street on the weekend of 10/12th September. We are marking the occasion, as we do with all our anniversary celebrations, by opening the chapel to the whole community, welcoming visitors into the chapel and the adjoining Methodist schoolroom (which houses the village museum) to join us with displays of photography and artefacts recording 200 years of our witness in the village.

We are an inclusive society and nowhere is this better demonstrated than in our flourishing Small World baby and toddler group which is open to all and which attracts a diverse group, from mums with their first babies to grandmas and carers looking after pre-school toddlers. All seem to appreciate the fresh coffee and homemade cakes on offer, as well as the welcoming company!

As further evidence of our commitment to village life, the chapel is open seven days a week, with hirers from diverse groups including yoga and pilates, dog training (for owners as well as pooches) and U3A groups for lectures. We are hoping to invite back choral groups for choir practice, once they are able to commit in post COVID times.

We are a church which is committed to and ecumenically focused.

As part of Churches Together in Haddenham, we join in worship and celebration throughout the church year with our Catholic, Anglican and Baptist friends. We held our renewal of covenant service earlier this year and held our joint Good Friday service in the Parish Church, which was a Tenebrae celebration, devised by the Baptists. This was a moving service at which all churches contributed.

We held our ecumenical Easter Day sunrise service in the nonconformist burial ground led by our minister, Rev. Keith Edwards, which was well-attended and well-received.

*This has been a year of celebrations, including two baptisms, and we look forward to seeing lots of you at our 200th celebration in September!
Love and best wishes to all. Keith Wallace*



ARE YOU PRODUCING FOR GOD?

'I chose you...[to] bear fruit – fruit that will last.'

John 15:16 NIV

Ever wonder how some people are able to accomplish so much? What makes them so productive? Fast-forward to the end of your own life. What will it take for you to be able to say, 'I led a productive life. I accomplished what I set out to do'? What do you consider to be a productive life? More importantly, do you know God's definition of a productive life?

Let's consider what it means to be a fruitful Christian. The word 'fruit' occurs sixty-six times in the New Testament. Three different kinds of fruit are referred to: the kind we eat – figs and grapes; biological fruit – infants; and spiritual fruit – Christ-like character. The Bible defines this spiritual fruit as nine things: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see Galatians 5:22-23 NLT). Now you know the kind of fruit that God wants produced in your life. That's how *He* defines a productive life.

Jesus said, 'This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples' (John 15:8 NIV). The proof that you are a disciple of Jesus is that you bear spiritual fruit. Perhaps you're a good 'fruit inspector' when it comes to examining the lives of others. But what kind of fruit is growing in your own life? Are you growing more carnal or more Christ-like? To know how fruitful you are, examine what's *growing* in your life. If you like what you see, keep doing what you're doing. If you don't, get down on your knees and pray, 'Father, help me to bring forth fruit that glorifies you.'

*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.*