



WELCOME TO  
**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 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, do introduce yourself to  
one of our stewards, who, this morning, are  
Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Lusina Dimorimwe.**

**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.**

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>StF 3 405 156 409 576 663</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Psalm 103: 8-18 2 Timothy 3:14 to 4:5</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Derrick Matthews</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>

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 from Richard and Louise  
to mark their Wedding Anniversary.

## Church Family News

We are sad to report that June McKeown has died. The cause of death has yet to be confirmed, and our love and prayers go to her family. June was a member of our Tuesday Fellowship.

We have also heard that Jenny Higgs has had a fall and is seriously ill in Ward 2 at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. We remember Jenny in our prayers. She was a close friend of Chris & Harry Hough who moved south a few years ago.



Last Sunday we held a retiring collection for  
**Action for Children.**

If you would like to make a donation, there are collection envelopes in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space. They can be placed in the normal church collecting baskets this week or next.

*If you are able, please complete the Gift Aid details, so we can claim back tax on your donation.*

**There are also a few plants left from last Sunday's PLANT SALE**  
*Do take a look in the Hall, after the service.*

You will also be able to buy the beautiful handmade cards in support of the **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** in the Hall after the service. They are all hand-printed by Ailsa Kemp on recycled card in a variety of quirky designs, and packaged in compostable cellophane sleeves.

All at £1 per card, including envelope, of course.



**BREAST  
CANCER  
NOW** The research  
& care charity

August is '**Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer Now**' month,  
so we are having a

Coffee Morning from 10.00am-12.00noon,  
and a Tea Afternoon from 2.00-4.00pm  
on **Tuesday 16th August**

at **10 Chesterfield Close, Stone, HP178PY.**

There will also be some craft stalls, so please drop in if you can. Gill Marks and Lynn Bernstone will be pleased to see you.



We are holding another **GLASS WORKSHOP** on **Saturday 8th October**. Sessions will run from 10.00am-12.00noon and 1.00-3.00pm. Cost is £45 to include all glass and firing (tea/coffee and cake will be served all day). To reserve your space, we need a £10 deposit. Please see either Gill Marks 07813 570034 or Lynn Bernstone 07780 727473, for more details.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no weekly notice sheet on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**. Any urgent notices that day can be given to the Church Stewards to be read out in the service.



**Do, please continue to donate to the Food Bank.**

*They are currently short of the following items:  
Longlife milk, Longlife fruit juice, chocolate & tinned fruit. Any toiletries are also welcome.*

Thank you for your continued support.

*A Collection box is in the Welcome Space.*

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.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. Update on front sliding doors:** We have had a new switch fitted for the external front sliding doors. They have been checked and are working as they should. If any further problems occur, please make a note of the specific fault, time, and date, and let Paul and/or Kevin know. *It is important that the premises are left secure, so if there is a problem with locking up, please contact the Duty Manager.* Thank you.  
Paul.



Edith and Solo successfully completed the 5-mile Farewell Midnight Walk on the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**The final total is now £695.00!**

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us.

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

**Church Anniversary 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**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](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)

### Next Week

<b>Frid</b>	12 August	2.00pm	Social Badminton Club
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### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Frankie Fisher.**

**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

### PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Dear All

This Sunday, 7 August, it is the turn of Princes Risborough to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Reading Mike's words, it is again good to see an active church fellowship where the vision of the church is focussed outside the doors of the church and not inwards. Gone are the days where we fiercely protected the sanctity of our premises; we are a Mission-led Church and we share the gifts of the Spirit with the whole community! Please support Mike and the lovely people of Princes Risborough in your prayers this Sunday. Pete



*We have a busy but wonderful time planned for the next few months. We are participating in The Bucks Historic Churches Trust on their Ride and Stride event on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. One or two are cycling, and we are organising a church walk around the town and close-by churches to increase the monies raised. 50% comes back to our church whilst the remainder is used to repair and restore other churches in Buckinghamshire.*

*We are looking to have our summer BBQ in September, having had to cancel it due to excessive temperatures in mid-July.*

*Harvest Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> October is being led by our Worship Group, but we have Tony Miller MBE, Director of Whitechapel Mission, coming to talk to us about the work that the Mission undertakes. Every year we send a large amount of clothing and food to help them satisfy their increasing requirements in these very tough times.*

*Also in October we have a Prison Chaplain coming to talk to the morning service on the 9<sup>th</sup> October about their work and the challenges it involves.*

*We are fitting a new TV screen in the church to replace the current system which is no longer operational. We hope that the new system will allow us to be more adaptable in our services.*

*We hold several members of our congregation in our prayers at this time as they recover from recent hospital operations.*

*Mike*



## YOU ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE

*'A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another.'*

John 13:34 NKJV

Love is almost certainly the most misunderstood word in the world. We dilute its meaning by overuse: 'I love my wife, I love my country, I love pizza.' Giving and receiving love is difficult when we don't even comprehend what it is.

So we need to clear up a couple of misconceptions. We think love is a feeling – a sentimental knot in your stomach. True love does create feelings, but it is more than a feeling.

A second misconception is that love is uncontrollable. Have you ever said, 'I fell in love' – as if you had stumbled? We say, 'I can't help it if I'm in love,' or the opposite, 'I can't help it; I just don't love him (or her) anymore.' The fact that Jesus commands us to love one another means that we do have control over whom we love and whom we do not.

Love, at its core, is two things. First, *love is a matter of choice*. 'Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity' (Colossians 3:14 NIV). Notice those two small words, 'put on'. Like you choose the clothes you wear each day, you choose the attitude you will display. So, love is controllable.

Second, *love is a matter of behaviour*. 'Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth' (1 John 3:18 NIV). It works like this: when you reach out towards someone with genuine love and concern, your feelings towards that person change. And even if they don't return your love, God is pleased with you. That's reward enough.

*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.*