

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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This Church is God's house.
God loves and welcomes you
whoever you are, whatever
your age, gender, mental
health, physical ability, race,
sexuality or financial situation.
You are welcome here,
whatever your circumstances;
however much or little you
wish to engage; whatever you
feel about faith.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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 Frances Ayles.

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 397 36 688 678 615
Readings	Malachi 3: 6-12 1 Cor 12: 12-26
Organist	William Parker
Streaming	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.



If your little ones (up to age 3) 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.



LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

It is nearly time to complete your filled shoebox for Link to Hope. I can still take any monetary gifts to fill a shoebox on your behalf or to just send as a donation. Times are still hard for those in Eastern bloc countries and our small gifts can make such a difference to a family's life and happiness. Many boxes were sent into Ukraine last year. **Shoeboxes MUST be with me by 5th November.** They can be left in the office or give me a ring on (422919) and I'll happily pick them up directly from you. Forms are still available in the Welcome Space Coffee Bar. Many Thanks. Margaret Miskin

Our next Messy Church is on Saturday, 4th November 3.45 – 6.00.



Our theme is 'Who is God' and there will be some lovely activities for everyone to do, plus our usual board games, bean bag game and air hockey table.

To ensure a place and your tea, please message amc22messychurch@gmail.com by Thurs 2nd November.

If you haven't been before then why not come along and have some fun - we don't bite! Margaret Miskin.

We are now planning for the next **LUNCH CLUB** which will be on **Wednesday 8th November at 12:30pm**. To help with catering numbers, we will need to know names of those coming *by Sunday 5th November*, so please either sign up today or contact Gill Marks on 01296 748659. Also please don't forget to let us know of any dietary requirements or allergies you might have.



1. Road closure in operation in Buckingham Street, from Oxford Road to Kingsbury, from Monday between 23.00pm to Friday 6.00am. The resurfacing works will commence on Tuesday 31st October 2023 for four nights approximately. There will be road parking suspension signs erected along the road. Completion of the works is weather dependant. Efforts will be made to ensure that access to the church is maintained but there may be times when it's not safe to do so. Please therefore do not park on the roads during that time.
2. There is a bag of wool (a mixture of yarns and colours) in the office that is available for free to anyone.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In two weeks time, on **12th November**, it is Remembrance Sunday.

Most of us wear a **Red** poppy - a Symbol of **Remembrance and Hope**, to commemorate the people who sacrificed their lives in the First World War, and conflicts following that war.

You might also like to wear a **White** poppy for **Peace**:

- *Remembrance of **ALL** victims of war, including both civilians and members of the armed forces. We remember people of all nationalities. We remember those killed in wars happening now, as well as in the past. We also remember those who are often excluded from the mainstream, such as refugees and victims of colonial conflicts.*
- *Challenge to war & militarism and attempts to glorify or celebrate war.*
- *Commitment to peace and to seeking nonviolent solutions to conflict. By drawing attention to the devastating human cost of war, white poppies highlight the urgency of our ongoing struggle for peace.*



I shall have some available to buy in the Welcome Space, before and after the service, today and for the next couple of weeks, if you would like to buy one. **£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union)**.
Jennie Torpey

CHURCH READINGS: November - December 2023



There are still TWO spaces to be filled -
(17th and 24th December) on the sheet on the noticeboard.

So if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church, **please sign up** for the week you would like to read, with just your name (no contact details) and a steward will contact you during that week with the reading. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the stewards or Richard.

Aylesbury Foodbank. Currently the Foodbank are asking for donations of: **Chocolate, chopped tomatoes/pasta sauce, tinned fruit, longlife fruit juice, tinned fish, biscuits, table sauces, soup, tea & coffee.** **But ALL donations are welcome!**



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: rbydarku@hotmail.co.uk



Next Week

Mon	30 Oct	6.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	31 Oct	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	2 Nov	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	3 Nov	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
Sat	4 Nov	3.45pm	Messy Church

Sunday 5th November 2023

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
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

STONE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 29 October, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is Stone. We travel alongside Jean as she shares her journey of faith with us and reveals that God has always looked after her. As Jean encountered difficult situations



in life, God never let her struggle on her own and was always there for her, as he still is today, and will be tomorrow. Please pray for all those who strive to do the right thing whatever the situation, whether popular or not, always to tell the good news and stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. Pete.

I was extremely lucky to be born into my family in Portsmouth. My elder sister was born as an evacuee and was to be called 'Jean'. My mother at the time of her birth and hearing the bombers overhead, decided she needed FAITH, not Jean so that was my sister's name, so, when I was born, I was Jean!

We became a large happy family, including the coming and going of the children my parents fostered over the years. My job was to take my four younger brothers to choir practices. Waiting to take them home, I listened and loved being able to learn all the music for Services, and I always felt safe.

I thought there was something special when mum explained to me how I got my name and my sister hers. I was beginning to know the meaning of the word FAITH: I loved going to church with my family.

At the age of nine, I announced that I wanted to be a teacher and never moved from that! After years of training, at 21 I started my career and was extremely happy. I was focused on becoming a 'special needs' teacher.

I was shocked to discover malpractice, and moved schools to avoid it, knowing God would look after me. I was always happy with my own class but when I experienced some of the adult bad behaviour, again I knew I had to report it.

I was immediately suspended! I knew God was with me, and despite being upset at being kept out of the classroom, I knew God would look after me and

the children at school. Friends supported me, and my extra time allowed me to join in more Church events and eased my pain.

I was sacked after my first hearing – I knew I had the right of appeal and did so. After two years and another hearing, my name was cleared and I was back to where I was most happy.

Although my mother and sister are no long physically with me, I am so thrilled to remember mum explaining to me why Faith had her name and I had mine.

I have lived my life knowing and believing God will always be with me.

Sometimes as I shop or travel on buses, children will stop me to say ‘hello’ and give me chapter and verse on their lives since they were in my classroom – WHAT JOY! Some of them with hair nearly as grey as mine!

Two hundred years ago when the U.S. Marine Corps was first formed, officials gave considerable time to contemplating a fitting motto. They finally chose the Latin phrase *semper fidelis*, a phrase now engraved on the mind of every Marine. What does it mean? ‘Always faithful’! Both are important words, but the most important is the first one: *always*. Why? Because a Marine can’t afford to be faithful only when it’s comfortable or convenient, or when they feel like it, or when it will make them happy. ***Semper fidelis* means you must always be faithful – regardless of the cost.**

God wants to be able to say the same thing about you as is said about Him: ‘Great is thy faithfulness.’ So, whether you’re a boss, an employee, a father or mother, a husband or wife, a friend, teammate, or a Marine, the word for today is – *always be faithful*.

From: *The Word for Today*.

A **Date** for **Your** Diary and An **Invitation** For **You**

On Saturday 4th November 2023 from 10-am until 12-00noon
The **Gentlemen** of Princes Risborough Methodist Church (PRMC)

Will hold a **“COFFEE MORNING”**

To which **You are** warmly welcomed

Don't just come for COFFEE etc:

but come for:

FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EVEN FUN!!

This Coffee Morning is to raise funds for:

Princes Risborough Lighthouse

Your support will be invaluable

