

WELCOME TO

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Sunday 5th November 2023

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: Service of Holy Communion
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 Gill Marks and Elaine Hope.

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 82 331 287 503 576 350
Readings	John 8: 1-11 Ephesians 3: 14-21
Organist	David Brooker
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.

**The flowers this week are given by Beatrice Grant,
in memory of those who have gone before.**

There will be a retiring collection after the service, this morning, for the Benevolent Fund.



LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Shoeboxes must be with me by TODAY.

They can be left in the office or give me a ring on (422919) and I'll happily pick them up directly from you. 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. Many Thanks. 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 ***TODAY, 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.



Found: A RING. Please let the office know where and when you think you lost it, including a description of it, by the end of November. Tel 01296 426526 or Email: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk, Thank you.

Christmas services at Aylesbury Methodist Church

3rd Dec. 10.30am: Toy & Gift Service - Mr Arthur Sara
17th Dec. 5.00pm: Carol Service - Rev Richard Atkinson
24th Dec. 4.00pm: Christingle Service - Rev Richard Atkinson
24th Dec. 11.30pm: Midnight Communion - Rev Richard Atkinson
25th Dec. 10.00am: Christmas Morning Service - Rev Richard Atkinson



The preaching Plan for Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 is now available in the Welcome Space for those who need a copy.

There is a bag of wool (a mixture of yarns and colours) in the office, that is available for free to anyone.



We would be delighted if you are able to join us at the
KARIBUNI WINTER & CHRISTMAS FAIR
next **11th November, 12pm - 4:30pm**
at **Weston Turville Village Hall, HP22 5RW.**

The day will consist of a range of local business stall holders selling a range of their crafts. We will also have refreshments, cakes, sweets, raffle, tombola, games and our own Karibuni merchandise.

[If you are able to, please will you make a cake, a traybake or some home-made biscuits to sell? Home baking is always one of the most popular stalls at any event and we're sure this one will be no different. Please remember to include a list of ingredients, especially for those who have any allergies.]

We look forward to seeing you - with or without a cake! Joy



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday 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 the service, today and for the next week, if you would like to buy one.

£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union).

Jennie Torpey

Aylesbury Foodbank. Don't forget your donation for the Foodbank, including toiletries.



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



Next Week

Mon	6 Nov	6.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	7 Nov	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Wed	8 Nov	12.30pm	LUNCH CLUB
Thurs	9 Nov	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	10 Nov	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club

Sunday 12th November 2023
Remembrance Sunday



10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah.

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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)



GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

SWANBOURNE



Dear All,

This Sunday, 5 November, it is the turn of Swanbourne to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers.

This week we meet Anne and learn of her journey to find faith in the small village chapel there. We never know what may happen as a result of chance encounters, and the odd remarks that we make - in this case 'Why not come to chapel?' - a phrase that we find so difficult to say, yet so powerful in the right circumstances. In your prayers this week, rejoice in the faith that Anne has rekindled, and pray that the Lord may give us all the right words to say at the right time. Pete

My Name is Anne Parker.

I moved to Swanbourne with my family (husband, two sons and a German shepherd dog) on 1st of April 1976. We started to build our family home on a disused farmyard in Nearton End. At the time, my faith had almost disintegrated, despite being brought up as a Roman Catholic.

In June of that year, I met a lady newly-moved into Swanbourne and we became firm friends and still are. Her name is Frankie Fisher. We did all sorts of stuff together - anything to keep four boys occupied and out of mischief. Although I had my regular chats with God, I would not have called myself religious. I helped Frankie occasionally at the chapel when she needed it but never with any thought of returning to organised religion.

Time moved on, and as I grew older, I started to feel the need to know God better and renew what faith I had. I joined the Anglican Church in Swanbourne but despite their welcome I found the ritual stifling.

Frankie said, "Why not come to chapel? We sing a lot and talk a great deal." I thought, "Why not? I love music and am not afraid to speak my mind".

As soon as I walked through the door as a worshipper, I felt I had come home, and I now feel that through prayer and music my life is fulfilled and my chats with God are more relevant.

Thank you, God and Frankie. It took forty years to get there but I have.

EUCHARIST

The Sacramental wine
Sits in the silver chalice.
Ruby red. Blood red.
In reverent remembrance
Of what He sacrificed for us.
It is a consecrated substitute
Of what ebbed from His body,
As He died for us all.

The bread awaits a blessing
As it rests upon the platter.
Taking on the meaning of
Our dear Christ's broken body.
His flesh. For us to remember
how He took our sins
to His death for us.
Fulfilling His Obligation.

This is the Blessed Eucharist.
The Body and the Blood
Of Jesus Christ Our Saviour.
So, as we come together,
To feast, to dine at His table,
May we never forget
The ultimate price He paid,
Upon that Sacrificial Cross.

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