

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 19th 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.

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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 at 8.45am are Jackie Simpson-Tyda, and at 10.30am Gill Marks and Gill Nord.

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	8.45am: StF 346 608 494 10.30am: StF 24 40 442 471 633 481
Readings	8.45am: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-12 10.30am: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 Matthew 5: 1-10
Music	8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: AMC Music Group
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: **Remembering, with love, Jessie and Graham Tucker, Chris Taylor's Mum and Dad - members of this Church and Circuit for many years. Chris and Brian.**

Appeal for increased giving

For those who give regularly to the Church by Standing Order or by the Envelope Scheme, you may have picked up my appeal letter from the foyer.

If there is no letter for you it may be because you have recently changed the amount you give or are very new to the Church.

If you do not use either of these two giving schemes, you may wish to consider doing so and also, if possible, Gift Aid your giving. You may also wish to revise the amount you give in the light of increasing costs which affect the Church.

Please see or contact me if you wish to have more information about these giving methods or Gift Aiding your collection.

Roger Kirk, Church Treasurer. 01296 415312. Email: kirk_roger@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Tuesday 21st November, 2.30pm: TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Brenda Horne talking about epilepsy, and a sale of fund-raising crafts – perfect Christmas gifts!



Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat!

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Please ring the bell for Room 4, to be met in the reception area.
For more information, contact Coral Soulsby: 01296 707298.

WHITE POPPIES: *Thank you all for your support by buying white poppies - to remember ALL people killed in conflict, past and present, and promoting peace without violence. Extra donations mean that I have been able to send an extra £13 to the Peace Pledge Union to help with their work. Jennie.*



*Save
the Date*

**Christmas/NewYear walk.
Wednesday 27th December.
More details to come in December.**

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 - Mr Arthur Sara



A forward announcement that our annual **Toy and Gift Service** this year will be held on **Sunday, December 3rd**, during the morning service.

This is the time when we hope that all members of the congregation, if able, will bring a new toy or gift, which will be taken to the Family Centres in Aylesbury, to be given at Christmas to those children and young people who would otherwise have very little to open at Christmas. If you would prefer to give a small donation in a sealed envelope this will also be very welcome.

**Is anyone able to go to the workshop below on behalf of the circuit?
If so, please let Richard know asap.**

Disability Workshop for the Northampton District on 12th February 2024.

The disability awareness charity 'Through the Roof' are going to put on a workshop for our District on 12th February 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00pm on Zoom. We ask you to please make sure that your circuit is represented at the workshop, and ideally it would be wonderful to welcome as many people from churches as possible.

Registration is via the District Office at email address: office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk. Thank you and we look forward to receiving your replies by 15th December 2023.

If you'd like to know more about the charity, please follow this link: <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/roofbreakers/>

With all good wishes, Claire Handley, District Administrator
Northampton Methodist District Office. 01604 630128/07861 690314

Aylesbury Foodbank. Don't forget your donation for the Foodbank, including toiletries. **Most needed currently are:**

Tea, coffee, long life milk, soup, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, instant mashed potato and jam.



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	20 Nov	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	21 Nov	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Tuesday Fellowship Boys' Brigade
Thurs	23 Nov	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	24 Nov	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club

Sunday 26th November 2023

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp

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



WADDESDON

Dear All

This Sunday, 19 November, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is Waddesdon. God speaks to us in many different ways, in all sorts of places and at all sorts of times.

This week we hear how that call was heard and responded to by a member of the congregation, and what they have done to answer God's call. Please pray that this prayer meeting becomes once again a place of regular renewal and replenishment to feed the people at Waddesdon, whilst supplying the power to achieve great things through the gifts of the Spirit!

May God continue to bless His people here as we support them in our prayers.
Pete.

We are a small congregation at our Sunday services. However, God speaks to us through the words and witness of our spirit-inspired preachers.

In one moving and inspirational prayer time, I felt 'called' to gather our members in a prayer meeting. This was a tradition in the Wesleyan Church, and our own Church as well, until the new millennium began. It is now, more than ever, vital in our Church and in the wider community, to resurrect this meeting.

We plan to meet weekly in the back room for prayer and meditation, starting in the New Year.

Please remember us in your prayers as we begin to meet in obedience to God's call, and to answer the spiritual hunger which is in our Church and community.

From a faithful member at Waddesdon Methodist Church



Learn to disagree, agreeably

‘Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.’

Colossians 3:12 NLT

John Gray wrote the best-selling book ‘Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus’. His underlying thesis is this: in order to get along with someone, you have to try and see life from their perspective. And that’s not easy.

Paul writes: ‘Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts’ (vv. 12-15 NLT).

Those who need others to think and act exactly the way they do are often masking insecurities. They have a deep-seated need to have their views and actions confirmed in the behaviour and thoughts of others.

But that’s not how life works. Disagreements happen in any relationship where more than one person is involved. We are all unique, and we are not likely to agree on everything. But the way we approach our disagreements can determine whether our relationship makes it to the finish line. Fighting fair, opening yourself to the ideas of others and to new ways of doing things, is how you grow. And who knows, in the end you may even ‘agree to disagree’.

The important thing is to respect the other person’s ideas and seek to create an environment where the two of you can feel free to express your feelings and be who you really are without fear of being judged.

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