

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: Family Communion Service 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 Frances Ayles 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 362 175 41 354 663 35 59
Readings	Mark 1: 1-8 Isaiah 40: 1-11
Music	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 Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship by singing
StF 167 and MJN 77, which will be shown on screen.

Please join in. After the Service, MJN 160

There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund after the service this morning. The pot will be marked.

Next Sunday evening, 17th December at 5pm, will be the Carol Service, so donations of Mince pies would be much appreciated to go with the tea and coffee after the service. Many, many thanks. Gill Marks.



TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP: CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
NEXT Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm in Room 4.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

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

Please note that the last notice sheet for December will be on Sunday 24th December, and will be printed early morning on Thursday 21st December!
The next one after that will be on Sunday 7th January 2024.

The Christmas card post box is now up in the Welcome Space.

The cards are **NOT DELIVERED**, so *please do not put cards in unless you are sure the recipients regularly attend church.*

Please also put surnames on the envelopes as folk might not think to look in the other pouches.

If you wish to send a card to **everyone at Church**, the board is on the radiator by the display cabinet for you to pin your card.



The following collections will be made at our Christmas Services:

- 17th Dec - Candlelit Carol Service: Christian Aid
- 24th Dec - Christingle Service: Action for Children
- 24th Dec - Midnight Communion: Christian Aid
- 25th Dec - Christmas morning: Action for Children

Our latest ANNUAL REPORT is now available in the Welcome Space. It gives a good overview of all that goes on here and why. A larger print version is available in A4 size. It can also be read on our church website via Publications/Annual Report. Peter Green.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WALK AND LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER.

This year's walk is going to be starting on the A4010, on the left travelling south just after Little Kimble Station, the large layby at the junction with Ellesborough Road, post code HP17 0XP. Good walking boots are essential and the walk should start at 10.30am and last about 1.0-1.5 hours. Whilst walking off the pudding may be some people's aim, there are those of us that cannot, for whatever reason, partake in such an exercise. Therefore, there will be a soup and sweet lunch from 12.00, following the walk, for walkers *and non-walkers alike* to enjoy at Elaine and Kevin's house, 82 Wendover Road, Aylesbury. If you want to attend, as a walker or a non-walker, ring Kevin on 01296-481285 to book a place.



NO CHARGE, but lunch donations will go to Karibuni Children.

Quiz Supper in aid of Karibuni Children on Saturday 20th January 2024, 7pm

at Fairford Leys Community Centre,
Hampden Square, HP19 7HT.



Karibuni Children

Join us for our annual Quiz evening with Fish & Chip Supper
(or veggie burger alternative).



Tickets: £15 per person, available from
office@karibuni.org.uk

or **01296 614887**. Also from website:

www.karibuni.org.uk/shop

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



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.



Christmas services at Aylesbury Methodist Church

- 17th Dec. 5.00pm: Candlelit 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

Next Week

Mon	11 Dec	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	12 Dec	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	14 Dec	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	15 Dec	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 17th December 2023

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Paulette Tedd.

5.00pm: Candlelit Carol Service 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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)



GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

WINGRAVE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 10 December, it is the turn of Wingrave to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. This week, we meet Joan, who reminds us of the beauty of God's creation that surrounds us that so often we miss as we rush through life.

This week, please listen to Joan's wise words, and pause to look around and marvel at the wonders that surround you.

Pete.



Creation - What an incredible wonder before my eyes every day.

I only have to be slicing a cabbage for a meal and there in my hand is the beauty of creation in the tight leaves. No man can achieve this wonder from the earth to the human in such perfection.

Creation - the relationship given to man between loved ones; friendships with those around us; and the connection with mankind and all the natural world, the great universe, to the smallest insect flying by, as one sits and gives thanks to the Creator.

Be aware and grateful.

Joan.

**Waddesdon are holding their Carol Service this evening,
10th December at 6pm. All are Welcome.**

**Also, on Tuesday 12th December they are serving Christmas Lunch from
11.30am - £5.50 for a 2-course meal.**

**Phone Heather 651351 or Barbara 651417
to book a place.**



God will rescue you

*'We stopped relying on ourselves
and learned to rely only on God.'*

2 Corinthians 1:9 NLT

Are you feeling hopeless about the situation you're in and don't know which way to turn? Maybe you're struggling to find a reason to keep going, but you're so tired and overwhelmed that you just want to give up. If that's the case, you're in a vulnerable place. Look out – Satan will try to convince you there must be sin in your life, or that you're out of God's will, or that He is unhappy with you because you have disobeyed Him in some area you're unaware of.

Don't buy it! You can be in the centre of God's will doing everything the right way, and still experience adversity.

The apostle Paul writes: 'You ought to know...about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety' (2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NLT).

Two elements are at work in your life today. First, God is teaching you to lean on Him instead of on yourself.

Second, people around you are being strengthened and encouraged as they see the grace of God at work in your life.

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**.

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