

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 Mrs Paulette Tedd.**

**5.00pm: Candlelit Carol 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 at 8.45am, Gill Marks and Gill Nord at 10.30am, and Gill Nord at 5.00pm.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for coffee or tea and a biscuit.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>8.45am: StF 182 171 188</b> <b>10.30am: StF 174 [793 – read together] 264 213 330</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>8.45am: John 1: 19-28</b> <b>10.30am: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 John 1: 6-8, 19-28</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>8.45am: Derrick Matthews. 10.30am: David Brooker.</b> <b>5.00pm: Derrick Matthews and AMC Music Group.</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>

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.



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.**



A reminder that there will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid at the Carol Service this evening.



**Please remember to look in the Christmas card post box in the Welcome Space to see if there are any cards for you.**

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

**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

**Please note that the last notice sheet for December will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, and will be printed early morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December!**

The next one after that will be on Sunday 7th January 2024.

**Stone** was raising money for 'Action for Children' by holding soup lunches at the chapel and they managed to raise the amazing total of **£491.70 (+ £67.50 in Gift Aid)**, so I think some recognition and thanks are called for!

This is a phenomenal amount for a small village chapel to raise in just two sessions, but Sue points out that it would not have been possible without a huge bank of support: the soup makers, the washers-up, waitresses, and of course all the customers who turned up to support the cause.

I think that a big THANKYOU should also go to Sue, who is the driving force behind most events here! **Well done, Stone!** Pete Honeyball.



**CHURCH READINGS: Jan – Feb 2024**

There is a new 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.

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR WALK AND LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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.***

**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)



## Circuit Holiday 2024

After Christmas we'll be sending round the full Itinerary and Booking Form but until then here are a few details to whet your appetite:

- We will be staying at the Afton Hotel, Eastbourne (opposite the pier).
- The dates are **Monday 1 July till Friday 5 July**: four nights in the hotel, with breakfasts and three-course evening meals.
- Rev Heegon Moon will be accompanying us.
- The cost of the holiday is £595, based on a minimum number of 25 people joining the holiday. Deposits of £60 will be required to book your place once you have a booking form.
- Single rooms will again be available without a supplement, but we are limited to only 15 single rooms and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our Itinerary will hopefully include trips to Rye and Hastings, the Bluebell Railway, Paradise Park Garden (Newhaven) and Lewes.

Gordon McCallum will once again be driving the coach and looking after us. We will be in touch again in the New Year with the full Itinerary and Booking Form. In the meantime keep the first week in July free and tell your friends.

**Anyone and everyone will be welcome to join us.**

With all our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
Jane & Pete Honeyball. 07703 174 656

**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**



17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5.00pm: Candlelit Carol Service - Rev Richard Atkinson  
 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4.00pm: Christingle Service - Rev Richard Atkinson  
 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.30pm: Midnight Communion - Rev Richard Atkinson  
 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am: Christmas Morning Service - Mr Arthur Sara

**Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	18 Dec	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
<b>Tues</b>	19 Dec	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Tuesday Fellowship Boys' Brigade
<b>Thurs</b>	21 Dec	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

**4.00pm: Christingle Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson**

**11.30pm: Midnight 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**