

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.

Sunday 28th January 2024

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Neville.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Gill and Trevor 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	StF 470 466 157 106 338
Readings	1 Corinth 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28
Organists	Derrick Matthews
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 in loving memory of Sue Ingram,
from Paul and the family.**

FAMILY NEWS

Please continue to pray for David and Judith Purling.

Arthur is very grateful for all the concern, love, prayers and offers of help following his fall on Monday. He is now the proud owner of a new right hip and is recovering well!

It is with sadness we announce the news that Dave Rogers died peacefully last Saturday night (Jan 20th) in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Dave had been unwell for some time and spent the last 2/3 weeks in hospital undergoing various tests. Dave, together with his wife Carol, who died a few years ago, had been members at Aylesbury for many years, and Dave, well known for his model railway in their back garden, had spent the last few years working in the Church office and helping with the Church Book-keeping. **There will be a Committal service at 1.45pm on Thursday February 8th at Amersham and this will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service in this Church at 2.45pm, to which everyone is invited.** Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service and anyone who would like to bake a cake for this occasion should see either Lynn Bernstone 420817 or Gill Marks 748659.



Come and join us on Saturday 3rd February for MESSY CHURCH in the hall from 3.45pm – 6pm.

Lots of craft, games, table tennis, air hockey and bible story. Tea will be served at the end of the session, so to make sure we have enough food, I'd love for you to email

amc22messychurch@gmail.com by *Thursday 1st February*, giving us numbers of children. Please do come along for a fun afternoon. Margaret Miskin

The next AMC lunch club will be on **Wednesday 7th February** (the first Wednesday of the month) at 12:30pm in the church hall.



If you are intending to come, please put your name on the list, or phone Gill Marks (01296 748659)

by Sunday evening 4th February, to enable catering arrangements to be made.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The group will not meet until March, due to weather and transport difficulties, so will book for the first **Tuesday, 5th March 2024, 2.30pm.**

It's time to count the money in your little Home Collecting Boxes.



Please either hand in the box for us to open and count, or bring it to church in a **plastic bag, clearly marked with your name.**

Pauline Noble or Jennie Torpey will be very pleased to receive it.

Any queries, ring Pauline on 01296 484940. If you do not have a box and would like one at home to put in small amounts of loose change please talk to Pauline.

****Pauline was given one bag of coins with no name on it.**

Please let us know if it was you!**



VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2024

Monday 1st to Friday 5th July 2024

You are invited to join us (with Rev Heegon Moon) for our 2024 holiday to East Sussex. We will be staying at the delightful centrally-situated Afton Hotel in Eastbourne. Set in an enviable position on Grand Parade in Eastbourne, the Afton is a traditional seaside hotel with enviable panoramic sea views, just across from the beach, opposite the pier.

Cost of the holiday is £595.00 per person, based on a minimum number of 25 people joining the holiday. There is no single room supplement. However, we are limited to only 15 single rooms and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we receive your deposit and Booking Form.

Further single rooms may be available but they will incur a supplement.

If you think you might be interested, there are some sets of booking forms and itinerary available in the Display Cabinet in the Welcome Space.

For further information or queries, do contact

JANE & PETE HONEYBALL on 07703 174 656 or 01844 351096,

Email: peter.honeyball@btinternet.com

Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank

Currently, the need is for donations of: *UHT milk, tinned meat, fish & fruit. Sponge/rice puddings, small jars coffee, long life juices, pasta sauce, tinned meals (eg chilli, curries). Tinned soups, jam & spreads, as well as toiletries, together with washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods.*



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	29 Jan	6.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	30 Jan	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	1 Feb	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	2 Feb	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
Sat	3 Feb	3.45pm	Messy Church

Sunday 4th February 2024

**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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)

First Responders

You are the healing in their hands,
And the gentleness in their voices.
The knowledge needed,
Comes from You.

You help to restore life taken,
The touch from warm fingers,
Takes away the pain,
and you trust them.

I was once that patient.
I felt those gentle touches.
Your Presence enveloped me
And stayed with me.

The slow healing of body,
and mind – came later,
Long after the initial
First Responders left.

Their skill and Your Love
Working together –
A meld of Heaven and Earth,
To perform daily miracles.

Thank You Father God
For Everything.



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT



CHEDDINGTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 28 January, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Cheddington. We join Cathy as she explains where she finds God's presence around her even in the middle of the darkest days of winter. Please remember all those for whom the winter is a time of darkness and loneliness, and pray that they may see and feel the love and presence of God surrounding and supporting them. Pete.

As I type this, it's Tuesday 16th January and it's minus something outside and as cold as we can expect in January. The cold reminds me of that much loved carol (which we probably won't sing again until the end of the year) 'In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone'. So where do I find 1 Corinthians 13: Faith, Hope and Love in the midst of the January problems that we face each year, eg staying warm and the cost of heating, leaden skies etc?

*I find **FAITH** in the comment of one of our oldest members: 'When I come here, (Cheddington Chapel) I feel that I'm coming home to my Christian family', and in the life of our youngest member who brings her family along, all of whom we cherish, in addition to all the other young children who worship with us.*

*I find **HOPE** in the Lambs' Tail catkins on a winter's day walk; and despite the ground being as 'hard as iron', the snowdrops manage to appear each year to bring us great delight – not forgetting the aconites, hellebores and the splash of colour from the winter jasmine – the wonders of nature. Not forgetting a young 5-year-old who is learning to read and would like to read at Messy Church and a service, and who also wants to be baptised.*

*I find **LOVE** in all our members as we care for each other, and who love to serve and share that love with all those who cross our doorstep, either for Toddlers, Coffee morning, Singalong, Lunch groups etc. The LOVE that is poured out on us in great abundance from our Lord who gave His life for us. The same LOVE which unites us as a circuit, district etc.*

So, in the bleak midwinter, when many of us spend more time indoors than at other times of the year, and which can give us a little more time to pause and reflect despite our busy lives, I think again of verse 4 of that carol:

'What can I give Him, poor as I am?

Yet what I can I give Him, Give Him my heart.'

Blessings to you all from Cheddington.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A course for Lent

Running on Thursdays from February 8th to March 21st
at Aylesbury Methodist Church
starting at 7.30pm.

What to expect?

This is a course part-designed for those wanting to learn more about Christianity, but it also acts as a refresher for those who are already Christians.

The study is focused on Mark's Gospel
and the way it reveals the Good News about Jesus.

Each session involves a reflection on what you have discovered,
a short video presentation,
and then some points for discussion.

There are usually a couple of questions to reflect on in the week,
and a bit of reading, watching a video, and then responding and
reflecting on this.

Nothing too demanding, quite straightforward,
no one forced to say anything, no one put on the spot.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If those who participate feel the course works, we aim to offer it
more widely in the future

Any further questions please ask Richard Atkinson.
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