

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**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, today, are Frances Aylen and Gill Marks.

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.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>StF 13 471 113 504 585 91</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Isaiah 40: 21-31 Mark 1: 29-39</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Derrick Matthews</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>



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 Rita and Neil  
in loving memory of Douglas, Ian and Mary,  
and members of the McKelvie and Malcolm families.

**There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund after the service. The collecting bowl will be marked.**

## **FAMILY NEWS**

Please continue to pray for **David and Judith Purling**.

**Dave Rogers:** Next Thursday February 8th there will be a Committal service at 1.45pm at Amersham, 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.



**WELL DONE,**  
**1st AYLESBURY ANCHOR BOYS!**

**ANCHORS**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3 members of our Anchor Boys travelled to Bedford to take part in the West Anglia Battalion Potted Sports and Football Skills competitions. As Aylesbury Boys' Brigade have only recently joined the West Anglia Battalion, after the Chiltern Battalion was dissolved, this was the first time we had competed in one of their competitions.

We are proud to announce that 1<sup>st</sup> Aylesbury was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Football Skills and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Potted Sports (please see certificates on the Boys Brigade notice board in the hall). Well done boys! Elaine & Margaret.



The next AMC lunch club will be this **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 THIS evening**, to enable catering arrangements to be made.

## **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.



**Roofing contractor:** the more eagle eyed of you will have noticed that we have a leak in the church, a reoccurrence of the leak we thought we had fixed a year ago. It is above where the choir sit. This is an appeal. If anyone out there has contact with a known roofing contractor we could engage with, please contact Paul Ingram (07884 471 419) or Kevin Hardern (07785 950702) with their details.



Caroline and Matt Stephen are now **HALFWAY** through their **Challenge 100 to raise money for the Epilepsy Society**, and would be very grateful for your support. They are each walking 100 miles over 100 days. 1 in 100 people in the UK are living with epilepsy. Three people are diagnosed with epilepsy every

day and a third of people with epilepsy do not have access to effective treatments.

**Please help them to reach their target by sponsoring them!!**

Donations can be made online:

<https://epilepsysociety.enthuse.com/pf/puffinpower>

**OR cash donations can be given to Brenda and Allan Horne, who will pass them on to Caroline and Matt.**



The March – May Preaching Plan is now available from the Welcome Space.



### World Day of Prayer

The Aylesbury committee of the World Day of Prayer invite you to their service on **Friday 1st March 2024**. This years' service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine.

They have taken as their theme:

***“I beg you, bear with one another with love”.***

It is a day of prayer for everyone. All are welcome – men, women, and young people. There will be just one service in the afternoon. This service will be held at 1.30pm at the church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cambourne Avenue, Bedgrove, Aylesbury. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the café area of the Church of the Holy Spirit which is directly opposite. **We do hope that you will be able to join us.**



### **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED: A course for Lent**

Thursdays from February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> at Aylesbury Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm.

**If you would like to come along, or if you have any further questions, please contact Richard Atkinson. 01296 339899**

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[See details on following pages]



### **VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2024**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:peter.honeyball@btinternet.com)**

**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)**





## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### CHINNOR

Dear All,

This Sunday, 4 February, the focus of our Circuit Prayers turns to Chinnor, and this week we share the view from behind the organ. Marjorie tells us how she experiences the presence of God through her joy of music. We are so blessed with the rich variety of music that we enjoy in worship, and throughout our daily lives. Please remember in your prayers this week, those who share their talent for making music with us every Sunday. They are such a blessing to us all. Pete.



#### ***'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord' - Psalm 100.***

*I play the organ at Chinnor Methodist Church. I was introduced to this church by my then future in-laws who lived in Chinnor. My late husband, Brian and I were married here in 1994 and I even played the organ during part of the ceremony, so this church is very special to me. It wasn't long before I was invited to play for a Sunday service which I was very pleased to do.*

*God is present with me through music, and certain pieces bring Him very close. Who could fail to be moved by Edgar Bainton's beautiful setting of words from Revelation, 'And I saw a new heaven' and surely God has had a hand in the amazing works of Bach, Mozart, Schubert etc. He is everywhere in music for me.*

*Brought up as an Anglican, I came to know and love hymns and psalms so well through my parents who took me to church as a small child. I still remember the first organ that I ever played was in that church. I was six years old.*

*So, now in my eighties, 30 years after coming to Chinnor, I'm still playing for services. 'Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, harp, stringed instruments and organ' - Psalm 150. Will I still be playing here in my nineties? Will I make it? Who knows? God does.*

*Marjorie.*

# **CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED**

## **A course for Lent**

**Running on Thursdays from February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>  
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**

**If you would like to come along, or if you  
have any further questions, please  
contact Richard Atkinson.**

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# A Special Mothering Sunday Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Ghana's Independence Day

at

Aylesbury Methodist Church  
Buckingham St. Aylesbury HP20 2NQ



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Time - 10.30 am.



This morning's worship will be  
conducted by  
Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah.

This special service will combine celebration of 'motherhood'  
with colourful and vibrant Ghanaian style of Methodist  
worship and rhythmic hymn singing. There will be bible  
readings in some Ghanaian and English languages.



There will be a special collection  
for the church and the Spinal Unit at Stoke  
Mandeville Hospital.

Light refreshment will be provided in the hall  
after the service.



*All are invited to join in this colourful celebration service.*

**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.



**The food weight of AMC 2023 donations up to & including December 2023: 907.22 kg. Your donations in Oct Nov Dec 2023 were 139.87kg**

Thank you for your consistent support; without consistent community support like yours we would be unable to feed the local people that we do.

**SHOUT OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!** Please email me if you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering - we have a volunteering drive on at the moment to cope with increased demand. We have vacancies in the warehouse and for drivers. We are a happy team of friendly volunteers, working together and we welcome people for as much and as little time as they have.

*Nick Andrews, Collections Team, Aylesbury Foodbank. TEXT: 07583 550676*

**Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	5 Feb	6.15pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
<b>Tues</b>	6 Feb	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
<b>Wed</b>	7 Feb	12.30pm	AMC Lunch Club
<b>Thurs</b>	8 Feb	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Frid</b>	9 Feb	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**10.30am: Family Service led by Mr John Shaw.**

<b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>
<b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>
<b>Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through)</b>
<b>Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)</b>