

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 25th February 2024

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, today, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Derek Adams.

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 409 272 156 351 507
Readings	Psalm 22: 23-31 Mark 8: 27-33
Organist	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 by an ADULT.

**The flowers this week are given by Jean Hamlin
in memory of her husband, Ralph.**



We welcome the family and friends of
Kiara Mae Case-Jarrett and Zarayah Marie Case-Jarrett,
and Omari Lemar Frederick Byfield and Izaiah Salasse Hassan Byfield,
who are to be baptised this morning.

World Day of Prayer



The Aylesbury committee of the World Day of Prayer invite you to their service **NEXT Friday 1st March 2024**. This year's 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.



DAFFODIL DAY 2024



Saturday 2nd March. 1.40 – 4.00pm
at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster
Storey's Gate, Westminster, SW1H 9NH
Spring Festival for Christian Encouragement and Renewal
"Blessed and called to Bless"

To sign up: <https://mchw.churchsuite.com/events/cgpzx7qh>
Tel: 020 7654 3809



Our next Messy Church is on
Saturday 2nd March from 3.45 – 6.00pm.

The theme is **Mothers**. To help us with catering, please email amc22messychurch@gmail.com by **Thursday 29th February**, to let us know if you and your children are coming along.
Would be lovely to see some new faces. Margaret.



Come along to Girls' Brigade, who are looking to increase their numbers. For girls aged 5-18.

Bible stories, badgework, craft, games and fun!

6.15 - 7.30pm on Monday evenings during term time.

For more info email: gb1staylesbury@outlook.com



On Saturday March 9th we hope that all those who have joined our congregation in the last twelve months will join us for **Afternoon Tea from 4.00 - 6.00pm**, to be held in Rooms 4/5. All the family are welcome but we do need

details in order to cater. If you would like to join us, please complete the form enclosed in last week's notice sheet, and place it in the reply box in the Welcome Area. ***There are some spare forms in the display cabinet in the Welcome Area.*** Please feel free to phone either Pauline or Julianne if you need further details.

Easter Sunday Breakfast: The full English Breakfast* cooked by the SOS team is an established as part of our Easter tradition; it's a mixture of food and fellowship to start this day of celebration. As before, we will be raising funds for the Whitechapel Mission.



Tickets, £6 each, will be on sale during Lent at AMC or ring Lynn or Derek on 420817 to book your place. * a vegetarian option is available.

Result of Appeal for increased giving

As at the end of January the increases are:

27 out of 77 standing orders	£ 5,448 pa
7 out of 22 envelope system users	£ 1,508 pa
1 lump sum donation	£ 300
Resulting increase in Gift Aid	£ 1,600 pa
The total annual increase is about	£ 8,500

The percentage increase in giving is 9.5%.

These figures don't show the whole story, as some people increase their giving without being prompted and others will be new members who have only just started giving regularly. Others, I know, cannot afford to make an increase at this very challenging time.

Thank you to all of you, and do speak to me if you have any questions about giving, or Gift Aid. *Roger Kirk, Church Treasurer.*

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

CHURCH READINGS March – May 2024:

A new sheet is now on the noticeboard, so if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church from time to time, **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.

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.*

Next Week

Mon	26 Feb	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
Tues	27 Feb	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	29 Feb	10.00am From 1.45pm 7.30pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions Christianity Explored course
Frid	1 March	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
Sat	2 March	3.45pm	Messy Church

Sunday 3rd March 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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

HADDENHAM

Dear All,

This Sunday the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Haddenham, and we share in Mary and Malcolm's journeys. It is a constant source of amazement that no matter how often and far we may move, we invariably find that we do indeed live in a small world and so often we end up back where we started. Please remember in your

prayers this Sunday, those who move around, especially those whose move is for reasons beyond their control, or who are forced to move by circumstance; and pray that wherever they end up, they may be welcomed by those who offer the love of God and a friendly, caring fellowship.

Pete



Mary Writes:

At a chance meeting in Thame in 1954, with Rev FJ White, he said, "Aye lass, you don't come from round here". He was born in Rotherham and I came from Sheffield so he recognised my Yorkshire accent. I then joined Thame Methodist Church and he told me he had a son who worked in north London who came home at weekends. We met and the rest is history. Sadly, father-in-law died in 1959, having been Superintendent Minister of the Thame and Watlington Methodist Circuit for 12 years.

We married in 1961 and moved from London to Hertfordshire and then to Haddenham in 1968. With our children, we attended Thame Methodist Church again, and after they had flown the nest we joined Haddenham Methodist Church, which we walk to, and enjoy.

Malcolm was born in Liverpool, then the family moved to Burnley and to Thame in 1946. He attended Lord Williams's Grammar School.

Mary White.

Malcolm continues:

In January, we were delighted to welcome the President Elect, Rev Helen Cameron to take our service. The service was excellent, and she stayed

afterwards and chatted to everyone. When did Haddenham last welcome a future President of the Conference?

The average age of the congregation has fallen in recent times as we have three families with young children who regularly attend.

Our new minister, Rev Heegon Moon, takes a keen interest in our Church. He frequently attends the Tuesday coffee morning, chats to people, and even assists with the washing up!

The Church is well used for local events and the fortnightly 'Small World' group, run by Church members, is well supported.

We feel that God has guided us - helping us in trying to help others in need and those less fortunate than us. Churches together in Haddenham has strengthened bonds between the other churches in the village.

Malcolm White

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

On Sunday 10th 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

28th March - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6.30pm Holy Communion & Meal (details to follow)

29th March - GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00am Service

31st March - EASTER DAY: 9.00am Easter Breakfast (pre-book tickets)

10.30am Easter Communion service

Don't forget to bring your spring flowers to decorate the cross!

