

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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 Elaine Hope and Frances Aylen.

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

<b>Hymns</b>	StF 25 SoF 20 StF 273 359 595 337
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 53: 2-12 1 Peter 2: 20b-25
<b>Organist</b>	Derrick Matthews
<b>Streaming</b>	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.

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 by an ADULT.**

There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund after this morning's service. The collection bowl will be clearly marked.

**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](mailto:gb1staylesbury@outlook.com)



### **WELCOME TEA, 4.00-6.00pm next Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> for all newcomers to the Church over the last year.**

This is an opportunity to enjoy Afternoon Tea, ask any questions and chat to our Minister Richard, his wife Louise and several members of the congregation. Unfortunately we do not, as yet, have enough people who have accepted, to be able to hold this event.

If you, and your family, have joined us in the last year and would like to attend, please take a form from the table in the Welcome Area as you enter the Church, and phone either Pauline or Julianne **no later than tomorrow evening (Monday)** otherwise we will unfortunately have to cancel the event.



### **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.

It's that time of the month again when we would like final numbers for the monthly lunch club **this Wednesday 6th March at 12.30pm in the Hall**. We will be cooking a very mild chicken curry for you, so *please add your name to the list in the coffee bar* so we know there will be enough for everyone.

A vegetarian option will be available as well.

Many thanks, Gill Marks 01296 748659.



**Tuesday, 5th March 2024, 2.30pm: TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**Speaker: Pauline Noble, talking about our charity Action for Children,  
Including some short videos.**

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat!

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Please ring the bell for Room 4, to be met in the reception area.

For more information, contact Coral Soulsby: 01296 707298.



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

**NEXT Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Time - 10.30 am.**

**The 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.***

**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](mailto:rbydarku@hotmail.co.uk)**

**CHURCH READINGS March – May 2024:**

**There are still 3 dates empty on the sheet on the noticeboard, (10 March, 21 & 28 April, and 26 May),** 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.

**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**

<b>Mon</b>	4 March	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade AMC FOOD BANK
<b>Tues</b>	5 March	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Tuesday Fellowship Boys' Brigade
<b>Wed</b>	6 March	12.30pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thurs</b>	7 March	10.00am 7.30pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Christianity Explored course
<b>Frid</b>	8 March	2.30pm	Social Badminton Club
<b>Sat</b>	9 March	4.00pm	Welcome Tea

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<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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)</b>



## ELLESBOROUGH SILVER BAND



### SPRING CONCERT

An afternoon of live music from stage and screen

Interval refreshments available

**Saturday 13th April**

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Aylesbury Methodist Church,

Buckingham St,

Aylesbury HP20 2NQ

*No ticket required - donations at the door  
Proceeds split between the band and the church*



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

29<sup>th</sup> March - GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00am Service

31<sup>st</sup> 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!**





**Not ‘hopefully’ but ‘surely’**  
*‘Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.’*  
Psalm 23:6 NKJV

The psalmist doesn’t lead off with words like ‘maybe’, or ‘perhaps’, or ‘possibly’, or ‘hopefully’.

No, he says, ‘Surely’, which is a term of certainty. ‘Surely’ means absolutely; without a doubt!

There are a lot of things in life you can’t be sure of. You go for a physical check-up and discover you have a malignant growth. You work in the same company for years believing your job is secure, but they downsize and all you’re left with is a P45. You pray for your children, live an exemplary life before them, and teach them what’s right, then you find yourself down at the police station trying to get them out of a cell because they were arrested for drunk driving or doing drugs.

As a redeemed child of God, here are two things you can be sure of: God’s ‘goodness and mercy’.

What’s your concept of God? That’s an all-important question, so think about it before you answer. Your concept of God will determine your confidence in Him. David was far from perfect. Indeed, some of his antics would have made the front pages of the tabloids. But he never doubted God’s goodness and mercy towards him: ‘This I know, that God is for me’ (Psalm 56:9 NASB).

Jesus said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’ (Hebrews 13:5 NKJV). His goodness guarantees every need you have can be met, and His mercy guarantees that every sin you commit can be forgiven.

Just as sheepdogs drive strays back into the fold, so God’s goodness and mercy will drive you back into His loving arms every time.

*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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