

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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Honeyball.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Gill Marks and Gill Nord.

**Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, 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 36 546 322 531 526
Readings	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43
Organist	William Parker
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 Olwen Darlington,  
in loving memory of Cliff.**

There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund after the service this morning. The collecting bowls will be clearly marked.

**There was an error in the link below in last week's notice sheet.  
This has now been corrected.**



Here we go again ..... My daughter Erica is running for the 17<sup>th</sup> time, raising funds for Cancer Research UK, on 14 July at Northampton. If you wish to donate to this very worthwhile cause, the online link is:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ericas-race-for-life-171529182937>.

Cheques made payable to Cancer Research UK, and cash, are obviously still acceptable. **Our total raised last year was £1,235 so here's to 2024.....**

Thanking you, Maureen Tucker 01296 486619 / 07790 581 197.

Please note that there will be **no notice sheet for next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Any notices can be given to the Church Stewards to be read out during the service.

**SOS ON TOUR!** *SOS are a group of people, some regular church-goers, others who are not - it makes no difference - all are welcome. Meeting together at each other's homes and sharing a Faith Supper; sometimes there's a theme to base food around, other times not. The evenings usually start at **7.30pm** and finish when the last person goes home. All you need to do is to call the host to say that you're coming.*

**6<sup>th</sup> July:** at the home of Lynn and Derek Bernstone, Tel 420817. Back in 1660 the first Earl of Sandwich was ennobled. To celebrate tonight, bring sandwiches, open, closed, white or brown bread, the choices are limitless.



Lunch Club this month will be on the **Wednesday 10th July at 12:30pm** because of summer holidays. We will be serving Quiche, salad and new potatoes. Please add your name to the list in the coffee bar if you would like to join us or call Gill 01296 748659. This is open to everyone so come along and join in the

company of your church family.



An invitation to you all to come along to see and hear about the skills in dressmaking that Claudette will be demonstrating, on Tuesday afternoon.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, 2.30pm: TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**A display of dressmaking with Claudette James**

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.



The recent collection for the work of MHA amounted to **£363.70**, and, with Gift Aid added by those who completed the Gift Aid details, the total will be boosted to **£424.45**. Many thanks to all who contributed here or online.



***Would you like to join us on our holiday to Eastbourne next week?***

***1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July***

***ONE SINGLE ROOM*** has become available. Cost is £595. Details can be found on the noticeboard in the Welcome Space. Or you can speak to Jane, or Pete

*Honeyball, who will be taking the service this morning.*

*Jane & Pete Honeyball 07703 174 656*

**CHURCH READINGS: July - August 2024.**

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



**\* A reminder that Richard Atkinson is currently on Sabbatical until July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

For pastoral concerns, please contact either:

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Rev Noreen Daley-Lee: 01525 240083, [noreendaley1@hotmail.com](mailto:noreendaley1@hotmail.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 a steward 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)



**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>	1 July	6.00pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	2 July	9.30am 10.45am 2.30pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Tuesday Fellowship
<b>Frid</b>	5 July	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Charlotte Collins.**

**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)**



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### CHINNOR

Dear All,

This Sunday, 30 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Chinnor.

Rod reminds us that the influence of our ministry on those around us is difficult to quantify and we may never know the results of our work. But, as Rod says, our actions will make a difference. Please pray this week for both those who are seeking and those who are pointing, that their efforts may bear fruit. Pete.



*Chinnor is often referred to as a friendly village. Further, during feedback after a time of reflection within last week's service, our Church was referred to as providing a warm welcome. It is good news to hear our church is experienced as a place for caring and sharing.*

*Over the years, Chinnor has had a couple of strap lines to relay its mission and ethos.*

*Some years ago we came up with 'Caring and Sharing through Jesus', and, more recently, 'The hidden Church with a big heart'. Both endeavour to highlight purpose and mindset, to help those less familiar with the church to understand what we are about.*

*In other ways Chinnor is no different to anywhere else in the UK. There is Good News (for many) across Britain as a result of the airwaves being full of the European (football) Cup and a pending General Election, allowing the opportunity to make a difference. There is less emphasis on Christianity and the influence of Christians. However, is it not the case that many football clubs came into existence through churches, some protestant and others Catholic, through their work with youth? Also, many senior clergy hold positions within Parliament and, through principles held, influence policies for our society. That seems to be quite a significant contribution.*

*Chinnor Methodist Church celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last July.*

*What influence has it had through its youth groups (one of some 50 years standing)? What influence has the application of Christian principles, association with Christian Aid and Fairtrade, had on lives, the local environment, and how individuals approach and act towards others?*

*The influence of being a Christian community, being in the community and working alongside other members of the community, is incalculable. While the influence may not always be immediately obvious, the Good News is that it is unlikely to be without consequence. Rod.*

## Steps to Forgiveness

*'Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'* Luke 6:37 NIV



Here are three steps to forgiveness:

1) **Accept people as they are and don't try to change them.** You say, 'I'll only forgive them if they change.' That just keeps you tied to them, obsessing over what they did and demanding they act in ways that you approve of. Nothing makes people less willing to change than when you try to control them, and demand that they meet your requirements. Changing people isn't your job – it's God's job! Your job is to **choose** to forgive and leave the outcome in God's hands. The formula for healing is simple: forgive, let go, and let God.

2) **See your offender as God's tool for your growth.** It's easier to forgive someone when you stop seeing them as Satan's agent sent to destroy you, and begin seeing them as God's instrument to develop you. The life of Joseph speaks to this principle. The path that led him from the pit to the palace was paved by injustice, disappointment, betrayal. But God used each painful circumstance to get him to his destiny. And God can do that for you.

3) **Try reconciling with your offender.** Reconciliation is God's nature. 'When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son' (Romans 5:10 KJV). And what God did for you, He wants you to do for whoever you are at odds with. Jesus made reconciliation a top priority by saying, 'Leave your gift there before the altar...First be reconciled...then come and offer your gift' (Matthew 5:24 NKJV). Yes, it will take selflessness and humility on your part, but the return is worth the investment!

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**. Or you can read them online.

As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift of at least 50p per copy, which just covers the cost of printing the booklet, would be appreciated from time to time.

**There are a few copies in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space just now.**