

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.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Arthur Sara.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Derek Adams and Elaine Hope.

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 368 372 502 696 517
Readings	Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21
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.

Last Opportunity to order! Methodist Prayer Handbook: If you require a copy of the Prayer Handbook, cost £4.20, please leave me a message on my phone 01296 485087 or email me. ruthmwatkins@aol.com. Ruth.

In August we will be following a sermon series on the letter of James

4 th :	James 1	Doers of the word	Richard Atkinson
11 th :	James 2	Faith and works	John Shaw
18 th :	James 3 - 4:12	Speech and wisdom	Ken Harris
25 th :	James 4:13 - 5: 20	Living for the Lord	Richard Atkinson

This series is based on some materials produced by the Methodist Church. These do include some materials for midweek reflections. Anybody who would be interested in having sight of these, please talk to Richard. If you happen to miss one of the weeks, please remember that you can catch up the services on the streaming page of the church website



Lynn and I will be holding our annual open garden for **Breast Cancer Now** on **Wednesday 14th August**.

Coffee Tea and cake will be available between 10am and midday, and 2pm to 4pm, along with some craft stalls and a tombola, at 10 Chesterfield Close, Stone

HP17 8PY. Please come along and support this worth-while cause. Many thanks Gill Marks.

SOS On Tour. 10th August: no cooking tonight, therefore no washing up! We are meeting at the **7 Stars of Dinton**, and we will make a group booking, so, well in advance, please contact Gill Marks who is coordinating, Tel 748659.

Peter Farmer is having a good **honey** season and is selling it to raise money for Karibuni. The jars, which are available after the morning service, are in 3 sizes: small, medium and large (1 lb). The suggested prices are £3, £4.75 and £6.50. Peter also invites **blackberry** lovers to pick their own from his garden, in exchange for a contribution to Karibuni. He is normally at Sunday morning services **but will be absent on the 28th**. His phone number is 01296 624280.

The Cashless Society: Following recent enquiries, and the fact that fewer people use cash on a regular basis, I think the time has come for the Church to enable people to make payments by card if they so wish. This will involve the purchase or rental of a card reader.

I can think of the following possible uses:

- Church services (visitors, special services, members' extra donations or benevolent fund)
- After-Church coffees and Weekday coffee sales
- Concerts, fundraising events, etc

We will purchase a device which can a) register the purpose of the donation and b) easily select the amount to be paid.

Help needed: As I am wanting to hand over the job of treasurer over the next two or three years to someone a generation or two younger than me, I would appreciate a volunteer to deal with this particular project. This would include:

- Acquiring a suitable device and training people to use it
- Considering its location and portability
- Liaising with possible Church users
- Providing the treasurer with a breakdown of the income received.

I would welcome any comments from members, and particularly those who would be particularly affected by the use of a card reader. ,I also need a volunteer to oversee it.

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 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: rubydarku@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.*

If you missed Angela Smith's funeral services, it is possible to watch them streamed – see details below. Also see info on Angela's memorial page.

There is a memorial page on which you can leave photographs or thoughts or you can read the thoughts and see the photos left by other people.. Use this website:

<https://angela-smith-1941-2024.muchloved.com/>

Crematorium

Monday 22nd July at 12.30

Simple Service

Can be watched as a livestream on website:

<https://watch.orbitus.com>

Username: qupe7233

Password: 222141

Aylebury Methodist Church

Monday 22nd July at 1.30 pm

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Angela Smith

Can be watched as a livestream on website:

<https://aylesburymethodists.org.uk/livestream>

Next Week

Mon	29 July	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	30 July	9.30am 10.45am	Chair Yoga Prayer Group
Thurs	1 Aug	From 1.45pm	Blood Donor sessions
Frid	2 Aug	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 4th August 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)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

NORTH MARSTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 28 July, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on North Marston, and David shares some thoughts on faith with us. Our faith is a very personal thing, so hard to define, yet the foundation to our understanding of God and the role he has given to each of us. At times, even the most solid faith may waiver, and during those difficult times the important point to take away is not the fact that our faith has waived, but what our response is to it. As David shows us, there are many places we can find inspiration and affirmation. Please pray for all those who are going through a hard time, those whose faith is being tested, and those of no faith at all, that they may find comfort in our example. Pete.



Tricky one, this. In this torn and weary world, I find people struggling with their faith. We need inspiration. None better I suppose, than those who, in this day and age, against all odds, wield the sword of the gospel in word and particularly DEED.

I look around and gain such inspiration from my fellow workers in the faith. I turn more often than not to the words of those hymn writers who really knew what they were talking about.

My Father, a long-standing local preacher, loved a hymn that is not often sung these days:

*I know that my Redeemer lives
What joy the blest assurance gives
He lives, He lives who once was dead
He lives my everlasting head."*

These words, and the words of so many of our hymns, come from the very depths of experience, and they lift me out of many a trough.

Excuse these ramblings.

Best wishes, David Heffer.

I would like to mention our Team Rector, David Meakin at Whitchurch, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and, despite his shortened days, bravely endeavours to take services. Please pray for Heidi and David.



God will test you in little things

*'You were faithful over a few things,
I will make you ruler over many things.'*

Matthew 25:21 NKJV

Your small deeds of kindness may go unnoticed by others, but God sees them. And they can reward you in ways you never dreamed possible. Take the case of Joseph. Betrayed by his brothers and lied about by his boss's wife, he ends up sentenced to a thirteen-year prison term. If ever a person had reason to turn sour on life and God, it was him. But instead of giving in to self-pity, he focused on the needs of others.

Joseph had two prison mates: a butler and a baker who had worked in Pharaoh's palace, fallen into disfavour, and landed in a cell next to Joseph. Note what the Bible says: 'Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad' (Genesis 40:6 NKJV). Before God allowed Joseph to care for the nation of Egypt, He observed his care towards his fellow inmates. As a result, when one of them was restored to favour, he recommended Joseph to Pharaoh as a man qualified to meet his need.

Compassion is important to God. When you see a need, try to meet it. If you dream of doing big things, start by doing small things with a good attitude. Arrive on time. Complete your work early. Don't grumble. When you're given a task, take it on and God will reward you for it: 'His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord"' (Matthew 25:21 NKJV).

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