

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 John Shaw.
Theme: 'Faith and works'.

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

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 25 707 251 693 706
Readings	James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-27
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 Mary Parker.
'Remembering Robin with love,
from Mary, James and John.'

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Mary Wright is now residing in Lewin House after her fall a few months ago. Her recovery will continue to take some time, and her son has asked whether there are any in the Church who would be prepared to occasionally send her a cheery card. Her address is Mrs Mary Wright, Room 63, Lewin House, 61 Belgrave Road, Aylesbury, HP19 9HP. Any further details please refer to Pauline Noble.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Rita McKelvie** and **Pat Olde** who reside in Freemantle Court and are both very unwell at this time.

The funeral of **Peggy Harmer (Costas)** will take place here on **Tuesday 27th August at 11am**. If anyone is available to come and swell the singing, the family would appreciate this, as their expectation is that it could be a very small turnout, because the deceased was a very private lady. Thank you.

Please note that the 8.45am service next Sunday, 18th August, has now been cancelled as there is no one available to take the service after Arthur Sara's accident.

From Christian Aid: Thank you for your donation of **£388.86** during Christian Aid Week. It will help people like Aline, who have been pushed to the brink by poverty, find the strength and opportunity to push back harder and fulfil their hopes and ambitions.

'When we see Christian Aid, we feel comforted; we feel we are not alone. You helped us to change our poor living conditions. I really thank you from the very bottom of my heart.' Aline Nibogora.



Lynn and I will be holding our annual open garden for **Breast Cancer Now** this coming **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.

Peter Farmer is selling honey to raise money for Karibuni Children. 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. His number is 624280.

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

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

As you are hopefully aware, during his recent sabbatical, Richard Atkinson was looking to produce some materials to help ***'Understanding of the way in which the Old Testament flows into the New'***. From the beginning of September, he will be trialling these materials with the two Zoom groups that meet each week. If you would be interesting in sharing in this endeavour, be it every week, or on an occasional basis, could you please let Richard know.

What will happen is that, in advance of each session, you will get some materials to have a look at, (nothing too extensive), included in which will be some points of reflection that will form the basis for any discussion at the Zoom group. If you are not a confident user of Zoom but still interested, again, if you let Richard know, he will see what other possibilities there might be.

The Evening group meets on a Tuesday at 7.30pm, and the Afternoon group meets on a Thursday at 2.00pm. Sessions last for about an hour, and hopefully occur in such a way that folk can dip in and out if they're not able to attend every week, or, as an alternative, it would be possible to move between groups if that suited.

Richard can provide you with more details but please be aware that he is on holiday from the 7th to the 20th of August.

If you have ever wondered about the relevance of the Old Testament and what it has to say to us then this might be an opportunity to find answers to some of your questions.

The Circuit Preaching Plan for Sept – Nov 2024 is now available from the display cabinet in the Welcome Space

Aylesbury Methodist Church Food Hub: sharing and practical hospitality



A few weeks ago, we had over 25 people in the Welcome Space, plus one crisis situation to deal with involving social services and taking a vulnerable guest to hospital. The four dedicated volunteers on duty were kept busy all evening, leaving little time for circulating and chatting with our guests. At least as important as the food we offer is the gift of our time to be there for our guests - to listen and chat, encourage and support. Not everyone can commit to the rota (we are grateful for those who do, because without them we could not open) but could you help out, nevertheless? We can always use one or two more volunteers with a caring attitude and a genuine interest in chatting to others sensitively with the aim of encouraging and supporting them. If you find yourself free between 6.30pm and 8.00pm on an occasional Monday evening, would you consider enriching the experience of our guests by just showing up and helping? If you want to email me beforehand, I can send you some information about the routine of the evening, but you could equally just show up unannounced. You would not be committing to anything beyond that session, and your offering of time could make all the difference to someone else. Please do consider if this is something you could do. Karen Crussell. karencrussell63@gmail.com



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STEWKLEY



Dear All,

This Sunday, 11 August, Stewkley is the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Lynda reminds us of those within our midst who do not make a lot of noise, but are there, very present in the background, quietly working out their faith, unnoticed by many of those around them, but doing such important work. Every church and fellowship possesses people who fall into this category, and, sadly, their work is often never fully appreciated until they stop. Please remember all those vital people in our churches who routinely carry out these tasks without the recognition they so richly deserve; give thanks for them in prayer, and take the opportunity to say thank you to them! Pete.

It is said that things go in threes, and so it seemed a couple of weeks ago. , I received a number of phone calls, three in fact, to tell me of three of our members who were in hospital. We sent our prayers and love to them all. Chris and Paul have both made it home. However, Peter was called to higher service.

So today we will be remembering Peter Roff and his faith. Stewkley has a number of farmers in our congregation, Peter being one of them. Peter was a long-time member of Stewkley chapel.

His faith was strong and an example to us. He was not one who talked about this very much, but one who DID. From the time he was in Sunday School to sitting in the gallery at the evening services, to helping look after the chapel as a property steward and one of our faithful door stewards, his quiet faith shone through.

Life was hard on the dairy farm but milk was always provided for chapel teas, until rules and regulations changed things. Peter listened and encouraged us all in his quiet way. He smiled and welcomed you, showing God's love for you. It would not always have been easy to get to services with the pressures of farm life, but it was rare that Peter was not there until recent months when his health stopped him. He had been married to Audrey for 66 years and would drive her to visit many of our members when she was a chapel steward, especially if they were in hospital. He found time to help people where it was needed and supported his chapel and community where he could.

I am sure many of you do the same, but we sometimes forget how important this support is. Peter always thanked you for things that you did and you felt warmed by his care. Family were important to him, his own and those in the wider community. As a husband, a father, a Grandfather and a Great Grandfather, as a brother and uncle, he looked after them all.

Finding God our Father and becoming a Christian can be a lifetime's search, but I believe Peter knew God and followed his path. Thank you, Peter, for all your care and love to us. May we follow your example and share God's love with those we meet.

*With love from us all,
Lynda.*

Thank You

Father, Thank You
Really, Thank You.
Praise Your Holy name
Every time I need
To be comforted,
You are always here
Just waiting to hold me.
Because You love me so.

Father, Forgive me
Please, forgive me.
Let Jesus's precious blood
Wash over me.
Let it cleanse me,
Purify and purge me
Fill me throughout
And take away my sins.

Father, Praise You
Really Praise You.
Splendour fills my soul.
You just took me,
Poor and broken,
Bent me, shaped me
Until I was just right.
And I love You so.

Father, Behold you
Really Behold you.
You have so much
Power and Love
You are Incredible.
I see the wonder,
And feel the Spirit
That You give to me.

Father, Thank You
Really Thank You.
Shout out loud
So the world can hear.
You are so awesome
I hear the thunder
But, in the silence
Your voice breathes Love

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CHURCH READINGS: September - November 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, or if you are joining the reading rota for the first time, please speak to one of the stewards.

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.*



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



Next Week

Mon	12 Aug	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	13 Aug	10.45am	Prayer Group
Thurs	15 Aug	From 1.45pm	Blood Donor sessions
Frid	16 Aug	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 18th August 2024

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris

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)

