

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.

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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 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.

The Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship at 10.30am, and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

Hymns	8.45am: StF 115 79 328 10.30am: StF 24 44 519 * 59 15
Readings	8.45am: Psalm 146 10.30am: Daniel 12: 1-3 Mark 10: 1-8
Music	8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: AMC Worship Band
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 Brian and Chris Taylor, remembering Chris's Mum and Dad, Jessie and Graham Tucker.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

For all those who knew Joan Orlik (formerly Joan Page) we have now heard from Tony, her son, that the funeral will be held on **Friday 22nd November - 2.00 p.m. at Amersham Crematorium** and afterwards at the Red Lion - a short distance away at Coleshill. All who knew Joan will be very welcome.



Our **Toy and Gift Service** this year will be held on **Sunday, 1st December**, during the morning service. This is the time when we hope as many members of the congregation as possible will bring a new toy or gift. These will be taken to a local Centre to be given to those children and young people who would otherwise have very little to open at Christmas. Please do not wrap your gift as these will be sorted appropriately by the Centre. If you would prefer to give a small donation in a sealed envelope this will also be welcome.



Thanks to all who bought and wore white poppies this year, alongside their red ones.

Extra donations given for the poppies has meant that I have been able to send a £30 donation to the Peace Pledge Union towards their work.

If you'd like to find out more, their website details are:
<https://www.ppu.org.uk/about-us>



Aylesbury Choral Society

Our next concert is Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solennelle'
at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury
on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm

Tickets at £16 can be obtained from Sue and Roger Kirk or Pat Starr.

[Tickets can be bought on-line or at the door, but at £18 each.]

On **Boxing Day**, the Aylesbury Fun Run is using our hall as a base and would love to have teas and coffees available.



If anyone is free and able to offer this service between 10-12 that morning, please speak to Gill Marks 01296 748659 or Robin Barrett 07737 000410.

Any monies raised can go to the charity of your choice.

Christmas Services at Aylesbury Methodist Church

1st Dec. 10.30am: Toy & Gift Service

15th Dec. 5.00pm: Carol Service

24th Dec. 4.00pm: Christingle Service

24th Dec. 11.30pm: Midnight Communion

25th Dec. 10.00am: Christmas Morning Service

All services led by Rev Richard Atkinson



Christmas Walk and Lunch: We are holding this year's walk on Friday 27th December. Roger will be providing more details of the venue and when to turn up, in due course. If you cannot do the walk, please feel free to register for the lunch anyway;

you will be more than welcome.

To book your place on the walk and lunch, or just the lunch, please ring Kevin on **01296 481285**. Roger and Kevin.



The Christmas card post box will be put up in the Welcome Space at the beginning of December.

*The cards are **NOT DELIVERED**, so please do not put cards in unless you are sure the recipients regularly attend church.*

Please also put surnames on the envelopes as folk might not think to look in the other pouches.

If you wish to send a card to **everyone at Church**, the board will be on the radiator by the display cabinet for you to pin your card.

**WRITE
FOR
RIGHTS**



YOUR WORDS CAN CHANGE LIVES

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



'Write for Rights'

Letter Writing Campaign 2024

Over the few past weeks I have introduced you to Amnesty's Write for Rights 2024 campaign, and I am including this information again in case you missed it.

The campaign features people from around the world, all of whom are connected because their human rights have been violated. Some by their governments, others by the police, or even by big corporations.

Real letters and cards can bring hope to people in the direst of situations; people who've been harassed, threatened and jailed for who they are and what they do.

When letters arrive in huge numbers, they are also an unmistakable reminder to prison authorities and others that the world is watching.

For every case, there are two types of messages you can write – one to the person we are fighting for, or their family, so they know we will never forget them, and one to the person in authority.

1. Write a message of solidarity. This is where Write for Rights began: writing a card/letter to people who are wrongly punished, to show them that they're not alone and not forgotten by the rest of the world.

2. Write an appeal letter

In a world of petitions, physical post does get noticed! As well as writing to the people experiencing human rights abuses, you can write to the authorities who can bring them justice.

All the details of how to write to authorities are in our campaign booklet.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/act30/8281/2024/en/>

Rather stay online?

If writing letters isn't for you, you can also take action online – see above.

DOES IT WORK?

Yes! Every year, real change happens because of your letters and actions. People wrongfully imprisoned are released. Abusers are brought to justice. And people in prison are treated more humanely. A few words go a long way, for all of us. They can make us feel seen, supported, safe.

The last 3 cases will be here next week.

Your message could make all the difference!

All this information can be found on both the AMC website and the Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit website

WET'SUWET'EN, Nation Land Defenders, Canada.

“Our medicines, our berries, our food, the animals, our water, our culture, are all here since time immemorial. We are obligated to protect our ways of life for our babies unborn.”

These are the words of **Sleydo'**, a member of the Indigenous Wet'suwet'en Nation, who lives on land inhabited by her ancestors for thousands of years. In 2019, Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd (CGL) began constructing a fossil fuel pipeline through the Wet'suwet'en Nation's ancestral territory, without the consent of the Hereditary Chiefs and their clans. They never agreed to the pipeline and the Nation has the right to decide what development takes place on its territory.

Committed to protecting their ancestral lands and everyone's right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, Sleydo' and other land defenders began taking action to stop the pipeline construction. But their peaceful actions have been met with intimidation, harassment and criminalization.

In 2018, the British Columbia Supreme Court (BCSC) granted CGL an injunction to prevent any interference with pipeline construction. The police have enforced this injunction with four violent raids on Wet'suwet'en territory, using weapons, helicopters and dogs. More than 75 land defenders have been arrested.

In November 2021, Sleydo' was arrested during one of these raids, with nearly 30 other defenders. Along with two other defenders, she was later found guilty of “criminal contempt” for allegedly disobeying the injunction order to stay away from pipeline construction sites, despite being on her ancestral territory. The land defenders have made an application to the BCSC stating that their human rights were violated by police during the raids. Their future depends on the outcome of the application. If unsuccessful, they face prison.

SEND YOUR MESSAGES OF SUPPORT to show the Wet'suwet'en Nation land defenders that you support them in their fight to protect their ancestral lands.

Wet'suwet'en Nation
c/o Amnesty International Canada
312 Laurier Avenue East
Ottawa ON K1N 1H9
Canada

Sleydo'



DANG DINH BACH, Viet Nam

Environmental justice lawyer Dang Dinh Bach has dedicated his life to improving the health and livelihoods of people in Viet Nam and protecting them from the threats of pollution and climate change.

His organization, the Law and Policy of Sustainable Development Research Center (LPSD) was the first in Viet Nam to take legal action against the government and corporations for serious environmental and public health violations. The illegal disposal of pesticides and the increased risk of cancer caused by industrial pollution are just some of the issues they have fought against. The organization's work is crucial. Through their public campaigns and training, they raise awareness and help communities understand their rights, empowering them to confront powerful economic and political interests to protect their social, economic and environmental well-being.

But on 24 June 2021, Bach was arrested. His newborn son was just two weeks old. Bach was put in prison. LPSD was forced to close. Bach was charged with "tax evasion" and later sentenced to five years in prison following a trial which UN experts considered unfair. The court refused to hear Bach's defence, and the prosecutor failed to disclose evidence. His wife was not allowed to attend her husband's "public" trials.

Since 2021, at least five environmental and climate justice advocates have been charged with tax evasion, a tactic used by the Vietnamese authorities to silence the growing movement of activists calling on the government to protect the environment.

Bach should be allowed to continue his work to support the communities he cares deeply about. Instead, he is locked up and forced to endure poor prison conditions. His health has deteriorated, and he has been harassed by prison officers. He has not seen his young son since his arrest.

KEEP BACH'S HOPE ALIVE

Let Bach know he is not alone by sending your messages, letters, cards and drawings of friendship and hope.

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Viet Nam





'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHEDDINGTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 17 November, it is the turn of Cheddington to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Cathy offers us some images of the changing scenes of life as we move towards the colder months, and prepare for the excitement of Advent. Cathy also is encouraging us to look at how we can share Jesus this year, getting actively involved in offering his 'Good News' to all those we meet. So, as you consider a gift to give your friends this year, how about offering Jesus - what a gift! Pete.



It is a beautiful, dry, sunny autumn day in Cheddington as I type this update, with a wonderful view from my window over the end of the Ridgeway Path, highlighting Pitstone Hill and Ivinghoe Beacon. The leaves are already starting to fall, but most of the trees still have enough leaves on them, and show off the autumn colours that we all love so much. In addition to this the clocks have yet to go back an hour.

However, by the time you read this, I am all too aware that we will have had Remembrance Sunday and will be well into the month of November, and, for many, much of the colour and warmth will have gone from their lives. The clocks will now have gone back and the hours of daylight will be much shorter, when the darkness of those nights, for many, will seem to drag on for ever. Fears of 'What shall we do for Christmas?' will be emerging and 'What shall we buy?'

Year upon year many of us think these thoughts and find it difficult to remember the beauty of the Spring and Summer months. We often focus upon the negative and remember those of our friends and family who are no longer around to love and support us.

Yet there is One who is always around, and always supports us if only we will look up, ignoring those grey skies, bare trees and what seems like endless hours of darkness. We know deep down that Christmas is more than a hot dinner and presents around the tree.

Can we possibly bring a present to Jesus on Christmas Day? It might be the joy of knowing that, during these cold, often cheerless days, we have managed to

encourage someone to learn about the welcoming arms of the Saviour, and the love that he continues to pour out to us even when we are at our lowest.

Our journey through life goes on despite the ups and downs, and the enveloping arms of the Saviour will always be there to pick us up and hold us securely. Blessings, Cathy.



Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank

Currently, the need is for: *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, and toiletries, also 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	18 Nov	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	19 Nov	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	21 Nov	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	22 Nov	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 24th November 2024

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)