

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: Family Service led by Mr Steve Kemp.

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

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 and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

Hymns	StF 25 536 594 563 397
Readings	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Organist	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 in loving memory of Larry Hudson snr and Nettie Hudson, never far from our thoughts and always in our hearts.

From the Hudson family.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the death of **Elizabeth Wilson**, our senior Local Preacher, who was accredited in 1959.

There is to be a service of Thanksgiving at Chinnor on Thursday January 16th at Noon, when there will be a chance to celebrate Elizabeth's example of faith.

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that **Mr. Robert King** died on the 20th December 2024. He had a long and active relationship with the Aylesbury Methodist Church, and I am sure that there are members of your congregation who knew Robert and I would therefore be grateful if you could let anyone who knew Robert know of his passing.

A funeral has been arranged for 2pm on the 21st January 2025 at Bierton crematorium. Anyone who wishes to come to pay their respects are more than welcome. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me on 07905741427. Thank You, Sally Ralph (Daughter of Rob!)



The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 1st of February from 3.45pm till 6pm**. The theme will be Abraham and Sarah with lots of activities associated with the story.

To ensure that we have enough food for tea, could you possibly email: amc22messychurch@gmail.com by Thursday 30th January.

If you haven't been before, now is the time to come along at the start of a new year. Margaret Miskin.

Christmas Walk and Lunch: the donations in aid of Karibuni Children amounted to **£205**. Many thanks to the 23 people who had a soup & sweet lunch and the 17 people who made the walk. Roger and Kevin.

The Northampton District, of which we are a part, is looking for people aged 18 to 30 who might be interested in going on a cultural exchange to southern India for 12 days in the January of 2026.

All costs would be met while in India, but any participants would have to find funding for their air fare, inoculations, etc. If anyone might be interested, please could they talk to Richard as soon as possible

There are still a number of uncollected Christmas cards in a small box on the counter in the Welcome Space. Please have a look.



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STONE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 12 January, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Stone, and Jenny shares her memories of her journey of faith.

Sometimes we feel that we are alone in our faith and we journey in isolation, but that is never the case, as Jenny has found.

Please pray this Sunday for all those who, sometimes unknown to us, journey alongside us through life.

Pete.



I was fortunate that my mother and grandmother were Christians and went to Church regularly. My earliest memories are of going to Church with Granny to watch baptisms. Growing up in London, I went to a large Methodist Church that had a Brownie Pack. We had sports days and Christmas parties.

When we moved to Harlow in the Fifties, we joined the Baptist Church that is still strong today.

I did not marry in Church but when I had my two children my husband wanted them Christened in Church and was supportive in coming to Church with the children.

He was also supportive when I did my nursing training. I have found my faith helped me in my 41 years working for the NHS. A lot of the staff I worked with had a strong Christian faith. We used to pray for our patients.

I thank God for my life and the inspirational people I have met on my journey with Christ.

Jenny

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	13 Jan	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	14 Jan	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	16 Jan	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	17 Jan	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 19th January 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Neville.

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)