

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 26th January 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris.

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

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| Hymns | StF 73 99 (vs 1, 2, 5, 7) 624 625 440 (vs 1-5) |
| Readings | Luke 8: 22-25 Jonah 2 |
| 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 in loving and fond remembrance
of Sue Ingram, from Paul and all the family.**



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.

We have embarked on a series on Jonah.

The titles for each of the Sundays are:

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| Jan 19th | Jonah 1: The God who pursues |
| Jan 26th | Jonah 2: Out of the depths |
| Feb 2nd | Jonah 3: Mission accomplished |
| Feb 16th | Jonah 4: A mixed-up missionary |

During each week of our series on Jonah, there will be an exercise for anyone who is interested. Ideally these will involve more than one person, but could work as a solo reflection

This week's exercise is called *Praying with the Psalms*.

The invitation is to read Jonah, which, like the Psalms, is a poetic prayer to God.

Then spend time paraphrasing Jonah 2 and who you might be to answer your own experiences to the psalm that you are writing.

If doing this in a group you could then share your handiwork and discuss how God has met us in distress or how God meets others in their times of challenge.



It's time to count the money in your little Home Collecting Boxes. Please either hand in the box for us to open and count, or bring the contents to church in a plastic bag, **clearly marked with your name**. Pauline Noble or Jennie Torpey will be very pleased to receive it. Any

queries, ring Pauline on 01296 484940.

If you do not have a box and would like one at home to put in small amounts of loose change, please talk to Pauline.



CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2025.

Message from Jane and Pete Honeyball.

Gordon McCallum, our lovely Coach Driver and Tour Organizer, has come up with an offer for us for 2025:

*We will be staying at the Afton Hotel, Eastbourne, opposite the pier (same venue as last year). **The dates are Monday 14 July till Friday 18 July: 4 nights in the hotel, with breakfasts and three-course evening meals.***

Rev Richard Atkinson is hoping to accompany us.

The cost of the holiday is £609, based on a minimum number of 25 people joining the holiday.

Single rooms will again be available without a supplement, but we are limited to only 14 single rooms. Any extras will be subject to availability and would probably incur a supplement.

At this stage we need you to tell us whether you would like to join us in July. Please can you let us know if you're interested by TOMORROW, Monday, 27 January?

We'd be very grateful if you could pass this message on to your friends and ask them to ring or text if they are interested.

Anyone and everyone will be welcome to join us.

When we reckon we have enough people who would like to join us, we'll start to plan the Itinerary with Gordon and prepare the Booking Form, ready to send out to you all. We look forward very much to hearing from you.

With many blessings.

Jane & Pete Honeyball 07703 174 656



2025 marks Karibuni Children's 30th Anniversary and we shall be marking this milestone by putting on a number of events throughout the year.

One event will be a charity concert at Wycombe Swan Theatre featuring the LP Swing Orchestra and vocalists Matthew Ford and Nicola Emmanuelle. Their programme, entitled '**100 Years of Big Bands**' will involve a range of familiar big band musical numbers and songs. Profits from the event will be used to support Karibuni Children's work amongst children living in the slums of Nairobi and other places in Kenya.

The Concert takes place on Sunday 23rd March at 3:00pm and tickets can be booked online (www.wycombeswan.co.uk) or by telephone (0343 310 0060).

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

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| Mon | 27 Jan | 6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm | Girls' Brigade Food Hub |
| Tues | 28 Jan | 2.00pm 6.00pm | Banner Group Boys' Brigade |
| Thurs | 30 Jan | 10.00am | Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group |
| Frid | 31 Jan | 2.30pm | Friday Feathers – Badminton Club |
| Sat | 1 Feb | 3.45pm | Messy Church |

Sunday 2nd February 2025

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

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| 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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702) |



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHRISTCHURCH, THAME

Dear All,

This Sunday, 26 January, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Christchurch, Thame, and Alison shares her story with us. When we become a member at a church and attend it for a while, we tend to picture life at that particular church as the 'Normal'. Alternatively, worshipping at a variety of church fellowships gives you instead a sense of what 'The' church is about rather than what one particular church is about. No single church or denomination has got 'It' right, we all get different bits right, but never the whole lot. Different fellowships display God's love in different ways and so enrich all who pass through them. Please pray for all the different churches that you know that we may together offer the rich variety of God's love to all.

Pete.



Churches in my life.

I was born into a Christian family. My Christening was held in Carrs Lane Congregational Church, Birmingham. When war was declared, we went up to Glasgow to my Grandparents. Eventually we made our home in Troon, next door to Portland Parish Church of Scotland, where I went to Sunday School.

After Dad was demobbed, we returned to Birmingham, and became members of Chantry Road Presbyterian Church of England. It had a very active Scottish Congregation, with a Youth Club, Scottish dancing, Badminton and Ceilidh's. I was made a member of the Church in 1952 along with all the members of the youth club.

Went back up to Glasgow to College and attended Wellington Church of Scotland which was my Grandparents' Church. My first job was in Newcastle upon Tyne, so I went to Jesmond URC while I was there. Back briefly to Chantry Road Presbyterian Church where I was married. Then back up to Glasgow and Wellington Church.

Work took us to Wigan where we joined the Presbyterian Church, but they did not have a Sunday School for the boys so we moved to the Congregational Church. Then in 1972 the Churches joined together to make the URC (United

Reformed Church). We built a new Church and had a new Minister. I helped with the Sunday School and Pilots, and was made an Elder there. A proud moment as Grandpa and Dad were Elders.

Redundancy came, and we moved to the Bristol area, and I went to Brislington URC, and in the evening to Evensong in the Village Mission Church, as my husband was originally Church of England. Many years after my husband died, I moved to Thame and Joined Christchurch.

All these Churches have added to my Christian life in many different ways. I am still in touch with friends from several of the Churches. So I am very glad for the friendship and love they all have given me.

Alison.



You are invited to an **online Regional Gathering of Christian Aid supporters** to share with you our plans for 2025 – Christian Aid’s 80th anniversary – and respond to any comments you have. It’s also a great chance to chat with other Church Reps, Organisers and supporters from our region about your ideas and activities.

Please do join us at the **Home Counties Online Regional Gathering on Monday 3rd February at 7:30pm on Zoom.**

Join the Home Counties Regional Gathering on Zoom by clicking

<https://christian-aid-org.zoom.us/j/4620031356?pwd=SIFRRkhPTnpqK3lZekhQL1hBajc5QT09>

Meeting ID: 462 003 1356

Passcode: iD4M1A

Do you or anyone you know suffer from joint pain or long Covid-19?

The Nuffield Health on Fairford Leys has a **free 12-week course** to help you to beat the effects of these two conditions. You must attend at least eighty per cent of the 12 weeks. Tel: 01296 487627 for further information.