

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

**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 Jackie Simpson-Tyda at 8.45am, and Derek Adams and Frances Aylen at 10.30am.

**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.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>8.45am: StF 455 361 347</b> <b>10.30am: StF 1 476 703 663 615</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>8.45am: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20</b> <b>10.30am: Luke 19: 41-48 Jonah 4</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>

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 Anne Dunbar in memory of her parents, her husband Stephen, and her grandson Chris.



Our next **Messy Church** is on **Saturday 1st March**. The theme for that day is **LENT**. Come along and enjoy the activities, followed by a sumptuous family tea.

To book your place, please send an email to [amc22messychurch@gmail.com](mailto:amc22messychurch@gmail.com) by Thursday 27th February. Hope to see some of you there. Margaret.

**Avondale Care Home, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury**

**Avondale Lunch Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.** There is no charge for Lunch Club. The Lunch Club is also in partnership with Community Impact Bucks. If you would like to go along, all you need to do is register your interest in coming to these events so that we can expect you.

Contact: Taylor Caterer, Client Services Manager 01296 438000



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.



**CHANGE OF DATE: the scheduled Circuit Day on March 1<sup>st</sup> has been postponed and will now take place on May 17th. Details to follow soon.**



## SPRING-CLEANING DAY

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Come and join us for an hour or two, or whatever time you can spare that day, helping to make OUR Church premises spick and span!

More details later!

**Please note that the Weekly Notice Sheet for next Sunday 23rd February, will be printed early morning on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 1.30pm**

**At St Mary the Virgin, St Mary's Square, Aylesbury.**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARDS**

Our sisters from the Cook Islands have spent the last few years deepening into the theme: "I Made You Wonderful," based on Psalm 139:1-18.

The 2025 programme invites us into the knowledge that each one of us was made with care and love by God. When we can receive this profound truth, everything in our life changes and we begin to radiate and shine from within. We also learn how to treat every other person as made wonderful by God.

The Worship Service invites us to notice aspects of our divinely created bodies that we often take for granted. The scripture reading from Psalms 139:1-18 is woven together with stories of three women from the Cook Islands. We come to understand that God knows us, is always with us, and made us unique and special.

The service leads us to offer prayers of adoration and thanksgiving to our Creator, followed by prayers of confession and longing. Finally, the prayers of intercession guide us to ask God for wisdom, courage and healing, that our world would come to treat all people as "fearfully and wonderfully made."

The Bible Study prompts dialogue around Psalm 139, particularly focusing on the relationship between God and each one of us. The study looks at 3 sections of Psalm 139, each with a different focus: verses 1-6 (God knows us), verses 7-12 (God is with us), and 13-18 (God made us wonderful).



**Please join us if you can at this service  
to celebrate the Cook Islands.**

**The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical  
Christian initiative, and all are welcome.**

**[Full details can be accessed on the  
Circuit Website News Item.]**

In July 2025 our Granddaughter, Ruby, is undertaking a trip to India, where, amongst other things, she'll be trekking in the Himalayas and undertaking a Community initiative in an Indian school.

Part of the scheme is to raise funds herself to pay for this trip.

On **Saturday, 1st March** we have a fundraising **Quiz Night at Wendover Memorial Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.** **Tickets are £10 per person**, bring your own nibbles but there will be drinks available to buy.

Teams of 8 but don't worry if you can't get a team, we'll make sure you're sat with others! If you are interested, please contact David or Julianne Wilderspin on 01296 626065/ 07765511249 / 07551166196.





## Prayer

*'Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.'*

Luke 18:1 NKJV

A PhD student at Princeton University once walked into Albert Einstein's office and asked, 'What is there left in the world for original dissertation research?' The brilliant scientist replied, 'Find out about prayer.'

Einstein wasn't the only person who was curious about prayer.

Jesus taught about it, and the reason was because the disciples asked Him to. They may not have desired to write dissertations on it, but they wanted to know how to pray. It's the only time in the Bible where one person clearly teaches another person how to pray, and all because of a request from the disciples.

'Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray"' (Luke 11:1 NIV).

The disciples had been observing Jesus as He prayed. Apparently, the way He prayed was so distinct from the way they prayed that they said, 'Show us how to pray the way you pray.'

Before Jesus fed the multitude supernaturally, or selected His twelve disciples, or calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee, He took time to pray. And the results of His prayers were so amazing that the disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

Prayer is not primarily about telling God what you need; it's about getting closer to God. As one pastor writes: 'It's almost as if God is saying, "Don't bring me your shopping list. I already know what's on it. We will deal with that later. Bring me your heart. Bring me your love. Bring me your undivided attention."'

Prayer is not mainly about getting things *from* the Lord; it's about spending time *with* the Lord.

**Source:** *The Word for Today*, a daily devotional, produced free of charge by United Christian Broadcasters. For your regular quarterly copy write to UCB at:

**United Christian Broadcasters, Westport Road, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF, or email [ucb@ucb.co.uk](mailto:ucb@ucb.co.uk) or telephone 01782 911 000.**

Or you can read them online at <https://www.ucb.co.uk/read> .

As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift would be appreciated from time to time.



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### WHITCHURCH

Dear All, This Sunday, 16 February, it is the turn of Whitchurch to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. Karen shares her story with us of how she has been helped and guided in her work as a nurse, and the inspiration she has received when times have been difficult. Please pray for our brothers and sisters at Whitchurch this Sunday, and also people like Karen who work in caring professions with total commitment and such dedication.

Pete.



*During my career as a paediatric oncology outreach nurse, there were many, many, many times I needed more help than the doctors and professionals could give me.*

*Like the times when the medical teams could only offer palliative and terminal care for a child. Families were left facing the inevitable, being so frightened and scared of the news they had received.*

*Each family is unique, each child is unique, and their individual needs are unique. Their fear is theirs, and theirs alone.*

*That family become your most important priority.*

*Making contact with them and building a relationship based on trust, all needs to be achieved as quickly as possible.*

*That first meeting and conversation with them will be the key to the door you need constant access to, enabling you to be able to give the care they all need. No pressure!*

*During that first meeting it would be so easy to get it 'wrong'; your beliefs and opinions need to be way down the list of priorities, and sometimes it is extremely hard to keep from expressing them.*

*'That family in front of you', their beliefs, their opinions, their fears, their concerns become the priority.*

*Every time that first meeting was in my diary, I would silently, and sometimes not so silently pray for help, and guidance; I knew I could not do it without God's help.*

*He gave me strength and confidence to knock the door for the first time. If He was by my side, the right words would be said. He would help me make a horrible experience for them into a less painful one, by helping me to hear what their needs were, so I could hopefully meet them.*

*A wise and kind man once said to me, "Listening is an art easily taught but not always learnt."*

*(Listen is an anagram of silent).*

*Thank you, Lord, for always being there, and listening when I needed you most.*

*Karen*



**2025 marks Karibuni Children's 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wycombeswan.co.uk)) or by telephone (0343 310 0060).**



### **CHURCH READINGS: March – May 2025.**

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 – **unless you are new to reading the lesson**), 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:** *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](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)



#### **Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	17 Feb	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	18 Feb	9.30am	Chair Yoga
<b>Frid</b>	21 Feb	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Miss Jane Knight.**

**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)**



At Aylesbury Methodist Church we strive to be a good example of a church community - this is fuelled by the active participation of many volunteers.

Would you like to become more involved, perhaps by using the skills you might have, to contribute to the life of our Church and help it to thrive?

Working with others on some of the many tasks helps us to meet, and get to know other people, whether we are new to the church or have been coming for some time.

Your interests might be singing or playing a musical instrument; sewing or craftwork; greeting and chatting to people who can be a bit lonely; making and serving tea and coffee; arranging flowers; cleaning; using a computer; fundraising; reading the lesson on a Sunday or becoming a church or communion steward; simple DIY; admin tasks .....

Over the next few months, during our Sunday services, we shall hear a little more about the different groups, and the tasks available that you might be interested in.

There are so many ways we can begin to feel a part of the Church, and to support the work done by AMC at the same time.

