

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion  
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 Frances Aylen and Sue Kirk.

**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 3 59 H&Ps 158 260 585 503
Readings	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36
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.**



**There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund after the service this morning. The bowl will be marked.**



We will be serving up Beef Clobber **this Wednesday 5th March** in the hall at 12.30pm. Please put your name on the list if you would like to join us for this social lunch gathering. All are welcome to this lunch and we look forward to welcoming you. Gill Marks 01296 748659.

**Every other Monday in the coffee bar**, between 10am and 12 noon, we have some lovely ladies who come in for a knit and natter; it's a really friendly atmosphere that we thought could be shared.

If anyone would like to join us with their knitting, crochet or craft, or even just for a chat over a cuppa and cake, we would love to see you. It's a great way to spend a Monday morning and their next meeting is on the 3rd of March. We look forward to seeing you. Lynn and Gill.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm: TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat!

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Please ring the bell for Room 4, to be met in the reception area.

For more information, contact Coral Soulsby: 01296 707298.

**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.



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.





## 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!



## 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.



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.]

**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>	3 March	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	4 March	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Tuesday Fellowship Boys' Brigade
<b>Wed</b>	5 March	12.30pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thurs</b>	6 March	10.00am From 12.45pm 7.30pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions Church Council meeting
<b>Frid</b>	7 March	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**10.30am: Family Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

<b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>
<b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>
<b>Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through</b>
<b>Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)</b>



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 2 March, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on our young people. Emma shares her story with us; a story that shows she is a real champion for all young people, with a hunger to ensure that every child knows they are loved and wanted. Please pray for Emma this Sunday and for all who work for an inclusive, caring society, that the love of Jesus may be present in every precious young life.

Pete.

*Faith for me was not something that I stumbled upon or found unexpectedly; neither do I have an inspirational story to share of a life-affirming calling. Rather, mine is one of an unshifting, unfaltering feeling of belonging to God's family, and a compelling aspiration to live my life through Him. It would, of course, be remiss of me, to fail to acknowledge, that my faith had, indeed, been nurtured through my family's own path trod in faith; and consequently, of their unwavering love, kindness and compassion towards others and their steadfast spirituality.*

*As children, our Mother urged us further, to be kind and share what we had, especially with those that she suggested were perhaps less fortunate. Less fortunate, wasn't deemed as those, necessarily, with fewer belongings or food, but rather those who appeared to be less happy, and perhaps in need of compassion, friendship and love, to feel welcomed and ultimately have a sense of belonging.*

*My Grandma would often share the passages Mark 10:13-16 and Matthew 18:1-5, of Jesus welcoming, wholeheartedly, the children, despite the rebuke of his closest friends.*

*These passages, exemplified themselves in my mind, when my Mother became a Foster Carer. Despite already having my three siblings and me, she had a constant bounty of selfless love to share. Our home was always filled with children who desperately needed to be loved, and to ultimately feel the safety of belonging, which she gave willingly and wholly with God's grace alongside, to that fact, I am sure.*

*I witnessed this need of belonging in the children too, within the Sunday School that I attended as a child, and then at The Shell Group as a teenager; within children, that were seemingly very happy, well looked after and clearly loved.*

*I see this same basic need in the children of our churches today.*

*Sadly, for all the 'connectivity of the world' today, there seems to me to be an even greater fracturing and often a loneliness to our society. Children need to feel they belong; we are wired to be social creatures and be around others, this is an innate, irreducible need of all people. Our interactions, as children, develop not only our self-awareness and social skills, but also our ability to be kind, generous and empathetic, and therefore the best people that we can be, just as God intended us to be; in His image.*

*I have recently been blessed with the Circuit assignment of Children's Work Enabler. I have felt God's hand, generously guiding me to this role, a role for which I truly believe, I have been in 'training' for, my whole life.*

*Through Him, I have an unrelinquishing desire to serve the children within our communities; to share with them the power of God's bountiful love and grace, and allow them, through his generosity, that human necessity of belonging to something truly great.*

*Lord God, I ask you to be at my side and within our congregations, to actively welcome and encourage all children, to become a part of and ultimately feel, that they truly belong, to our church family and its surrounding communities. Amen.*

*Emma.*



### **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.