

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 Frances Aylen at 8.45am, and Elaine Hope and Derek Adams at the 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 494 20 459</b> <b>10.30am: StF 335 372 481 495 287</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>8.45am: Psalm 46</b> <b>10.30am: Genesis 15: 1-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17 – 4:1</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.**





SPRING-CLEANING DAY  
NEXT Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Any time between 9am and 2pm

Please 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!

*Do bring along your favourite cleaning materials if you prefer!*

**SOS: Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>:** We're actually one day early but we are going to celebrate the Hindu Indian New Year with a visit to the Raj Bhuj Indian Restaurant in Stone. As you may imagine our 7 o'clock table will need to be booked in advance so please call our co-ordinator, Paul Ingram on 07884 471419 if you'd like to join us. *SOS is a group of people, some regular Church goers', others who are not; it makes no difference, all are welcome. Meeting together at each other's homes sharing a faith supper, sometimes there's a theme to base food around, other times not. The evenings usually start at 7.00pm and finish when the last person goes home; all you need to do is call the host to say that you're coming.*

**PARKING:** As parking becomes increasingly difficult on Sunday mornings, please may we remind you all that the **Church car park** needs to be reserved for the Minister, the Organist and those who have mobility issues.

**PARKING:** You may have noticed a further planning application notice for development of Elsinore House next to the Church.

The ref is: **25/00312/APP** and is for the extension upwards of 2 additional floors to create 13 flats on a 3rd + 4th floor.

It also involves the loss of some 30 exg on-site car parking spaces, with the provision of only one disabled and one visitor space for the 13 flats.

In view of the increasing difficulties of parking in this area of the town I have lodged my own objection to the development, based on this fact and what I consider to be a significant over-development of the site, which would additionally create a building quite out of keeping with this part of town.

**For reference, 2 previous applications are: 24/00386/APP and 20/02678/APP, and I would commend any AMC member to log their own comments on the Planning website.** Paul Ingram.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** The new collection envelopes for 2025 are available from the Welcome Space. Please take yours and any that you are able to take for those not attending church. Many thanks, David Neville.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

17th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6.30pm Holy Communion & Meal  
(details to come)

18<sup>th</sup> April - GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00am Service

20<sup>th</sup> April - **EASTER DAY:** 8.15am: Holy Communion service  
9.00am: Easter Breakfast (pre-book)  
10.30am: Easter Day service



Don't forget to bring your spring flowers to decorate the cross!



### Easter Sunday Breakfast

A Full English Breakfast\* cooked by the SOS team is the way we have been starting our celebration for many years, and today is no different. **Tickets £6 each** on sale during Lent or ring Lynn or Derek to book your place on 420817. A fundraiser for Whitechapel Mission. \* a vegetarian option is available.



***Do you still have one of the little Home Collecting Boxes that hasn't been handed in to be counted recently?***

If so, please either give your box to Pauline Noble or Jennie Torpey for us to open and count, or bring the contents to church

in a plastic bag, **clearly marked with your name.** 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.



**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)



**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.

**Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	17 March	6.15pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	18 March	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
<b>Thurs</b>	20 March	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Frid</b>	21 March	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club
<b>Sat</b>	22 March	9am – 2pm 7.30pm	SPRING-CLEANING DAY Eco-church: District Environmental Policy meeting

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

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



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM KARIBUNI CHILDREN

Dear All,

This Sunday, 16 March, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Karibuni Children, an amazing charity that our circuit supports. Joy updates us on her experiences in Kenya as she visits the different projects set up by the charity to support the youngsters and help them to have a better start in life. Joy and her fellow workers at this charity are offering a lifeline to so many children who would otherwise be destined to live lives of poverty. It is amazing to see the results of this work as the youngsters are enabled to better achieve their potentials and plough back the fruits of their education into the local communities.

Please pray this week for all the staff at Karibuni Children that they may feel the warmth of our prayers as we support them in this wonderful work.

Pete.



Karibuni Children

*My own 'good news' is that I'm in Kenya visiting the projects! Kenya is desperately waiting for the March rains to start, especially as the last rains in October/November were very poor and the maize and other harvests were likewise meagre. The grass is like straw and everywhere is covered in thick dust from the parched earth and unmade roads. The car windows have to be kept shut when travelling, despite the heat, and few cars have any air conditioning! I'm not really complaining, but it is HOT!*

*That's the bad news!*

*Following the Trustees' recent whirlwind tour of the projects, I'm able to take a more leisurely visit to them all, and I've visited Limuru and Njoro projects and am now at Meru. Here, after a difficult 2024, the project is moving forward again. They have new offices in a small bungalow and are employing two alumni from the Meru Children's Home which has been closed for some years. It was good to meet them again and see them managing their lives. I met and spent some time with the new headteacher at the primary school where most of the children go, and am very impressed with his concern for the poorer children there. Most of the school population is living in poverty in the slums, not only the 6 year added to Karibuni's number!*

*Yesterday I visited the home of an 11-year-old boy who, with his brother aged 14, is cared for by his 91-year-old 'Grandma'. She is not a relative, but inherited them when their fathers had already disappeared and then their mother died. Imagine that, all grandma's!*

*One of the homes I visited in Njoro was that of Moses, who some of you will remember I told you about. One of his bow legs has now been straightened and a plate inserted. He now rushes around like a whirling dervish and is in school - another miracle? The project is going well with a new Chair and their energetic, enthusiastic and caring social worker, Esther.*

*I am being well-cared for and thoroughly spoiled and have forgotten how to clean, cook, wash my clothes - etc! The only trouble is that I'm almost being force-fed! I'll be going round the charity shops when I get back for clothes to fit me!*

*This year, incredibly, it's Karibuni's Thirty Years Anniversary - come to the Circuit weekend 21/22 June at AMC if you possibly can, and thank you for continuing to support the children in Kenya.*

*Every blessing and love from Kenya. Joy.*

## **VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2025**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

You are invited to join us (with Rev Richard Atkinson) for our 2025 holiday to Bournemouth. We will be staying at the delightful Ocean Beach Hotel and Spa. The hotel is situated on East Cliff, where there are wonderful views to the Isle of Wight and the Isle of Purbeck.

The cost of the holiday is £649.00 per person, based on a minimum number of 25 people joining the holiday. There is no single room supplement. However, we are limited to only 14 single rooms and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we receive your deposit and Booking Form. Further single rooms may be available but they will incur a supplement.

There are some details and booking forms in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space if you would like to have a look.

**If you think you'd like to go, please contact Jane and Pete Honeyball asap.**

**PETE and JANE HONEYBALL 07703 174 656**

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