

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 6th April 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
Gill Marks and Elaine Hope.

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 346 489 331 345 593 548
Readings	Philippians 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1-8
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 memory of the late Kofi Nkromah-Marfoh, from Beatrice Nkromah-Marfoh and the entire family.

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

I have been informed of the sad passing of Lou Quant on Sunday, 30th March. Lou, along with her husband Mick, were former members of AMC. Margaret Miskin.



Waddesdon Methodist Hall.

EASTER TABLE TOP SALE.

Saturday 12th April, 10am - 4pm.

Teas and coffees, cake stall, art and craft stalls and raffles.

£5 to hire a table. Contact Barbara 01296651417 or Ali 07484749146

Easter Offering: Next week, **Palm Sunday**, you will receive an offering envelope for the work of the World Church in your notice sheet. This is an important part of the funds for the overseas work with Mission Partners and the work they are trying to achieve. Please think prayerfully what you might be able to give. Thank you.



This Wednesday 9th April will once again be Lunch Club. At 12.30 we will be serving up a creamy chicken and mushroom casserole, greens and new potatoes. Please put your name on the list in the back coffee bar if you think you will be able to join. All are welcome but it's good to know numbers. Many thanks; see you Wednesday. Gill Marks 01296 748659.

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.

The **TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP** will not be meeting for the foreseeable future. The three members at the last meeting sadly voted to discontinue, due to the decline in membership because of the natural progression of time, and other commitments. Rev Richard Atkinson is fully aware of our decision and has suggested a new and more suitable formula: perhaps a tea afternoon in the Welcome Space? And perhaps on a different date or time. Please be encouraged to put your suggestions to him, and volunteers are welcome!

VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2025

Monday 30th June to Friday 4th 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 are being 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 by 12th April.**

PETE and JANE HONEYBALL 07703 174 656

Email: peter.honeyball@btinternet.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

17th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6.30pm Holy Communion & Meal
(see below)

18th April - GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00am Service

20th 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!

Maundy Thursday If you would like to take part, there are some menus in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space. **Please complete a form** with your name and choices, and give it to Richard or one of the stewards.

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.





'GOOD NEWS' FROM AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Dear All,



This Sunday, 6 April, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Aylesbury, and Peter shares his thoughts on the words of a poem that challenged him recently. Words, from perhaps a book, a poem or even a song, can sometimes strike a chord in our heads and set thoughts in motion that have the power to stimulate us and open our minds to all sorts of new ideas. This week please pray for the work at Aylesbury, that the Spirit may continue to move hearts and minds, and give thanks for all those who provide us with such a rich heritage of the written word, from the Scriptures through to paperbacks that inspire, guide and reveal life's story.

Pete.

Since becoming a Christian and member of the Methodist Church in my early teens, I have heard a lot of sermons! A common theme has been holding Jesus Christ as a role model with a challenge to follow his example more closely in the way we lead our lives.

I felt the same challenge at a recent funeral of a friend, when a poem was read that I had never heard before. Yet it was written in 1996, has had over 50 million views of an online video version, spawned a best-selling book, and influenced lots of lives. The poem was called 'The Dash' and last year, (2024), the author, Linda Ellis, wrote an updated version which can be found on her website. But here is the original version I heard at the funeral. I wonder if you will find it challenges you, as it continues to challenge me?

Peter Green.

The Dash by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.
He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth.
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?

www.LindaEllis.life



CHURCH READINGS: March – May 2025.

There is still 1 date available (11th May) on the Reading Rota 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 needed – **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.

PARKING REMINDER: 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.



WALKING THE WAY OF REASONABLE
ENTHUSIASM

WE ASK THAT YOU SHARE A READING, HYMN,
IMAGE OR MEMORY THAT EXCITES YOUR FAITH

17th May 10am-3pm

Fairford Leys Church, Hampden Square, HP19 7HT

Please bring your own lunch

The purpose of the IGNITE Circuit Day is to try to rekindle something of the enthusiasm, the excitement of faith. **It is a day for anyone and everyone** not just for particular officials, and our hope is that a good number from around the circuit will come and share, and then take something back of what they've experienced into the lives of their particular fellowship.

You will see that we are inviting everyone to bring with them something, be it a memory, a hymn, a song, a Bible passage, an item which speaks to a time, experience or thought which excited their faith, and then to share some of this with a small group. So, it could be someone remembering a time when they were in the midst of a large Methodist congregation where there was a full-blooded rendition of 'And Can it Be'. It could be something very personal; the important thing is that people have the freedom to bring something that they are happy to share with others.

The rest of the day will include reflections, suggestions and conversations about how we can cultivate enthusiasm and use it as a tool to help bring a developing dynamic within the life of each church. Your minister will have more details if you want them, but our hope is that as many as possible come and share in this day.

There will be more information coming through after Easter



ELLESBOROUGH SILVER BAND SPRING CONCERT

**Saturday 17th May
3:00 - 5:00 pm**

An afternoon of *live music* from stage and screen



No ticket required
Donations welcome on the door
Interval refreshments available
Proceeds split between the band
and the church

Aylesbury Methodist
Church & Centre

**Buckingham St,
Aylesbury HP20 2NQ**

SOPRANO SOLO

FLUGEL SOLO

TROMBONE FEATURE

TUBA SOLO




Do come along to an enjoyable afternoon of music from Stage & Screen from our excellent Ellesborough Silver Band! They never disappoint!!

We shall need a few volunteers to help to usher people in, collect donations at the door, and serve refreshments during the break, Also offers of donations of home-made cake, please. Please let Shirley know if you can offer help. Thank you.

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	7 April	6.30 - 8.00pm 7.30pm	Food Hub Leadership Team meeting
Tues	8 April	9.30am 2.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group
Wed	9 April	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Frid	11 April	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 13th April 2025

**10.30am: Family Service 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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)