

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 13th April 2025

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.

10.30am: Family Service 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 Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Kaz Tyda.

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.

The Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship, and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

Hymns	StF 24 64 274 263 264 265
Readings	Matt 21: 1-11 Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Music	AMC Worship Band
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 given by Christiana and Phillip Kolade to celebrate their wedding Anniversary.

Easter Offering: This morning, you will receive an offering envelope in your notice sheet for the work of the World Church. 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. You can return your envelopes over the next couple of Sundays. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

17th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6.30pm Holy Communion & Meal

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.

CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 30TH June – 4th July. Jane and Pete Honeyball have asked us to find out if anyone else would like to join the Circuit Holiday in Bournemouth this summer. £649 per person. ***They are still short of guests to enable the holiday to go ahead, as they need a minimum of 25.*** The single rooms have now all gone, but there are plenty of twin and double rooms available if you are willing to share a room. Please get in touch asap if you might be interested. Otherwise, the holiday will have to be cancelled. There are details of the holiday in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space. Tel: 07703 174 656 Email: peter.honeyball@btinternet.com

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.

Banner Group. We need new members for Banner Group. If you like sewing and would like to know more about us, come and join us at our next meeting on 22nd April at 2pm in Room 4 upstairs. You will be very welcome. We usually meet fortnightly. Contact Brenda Horne through the Church Office. 01296 426526. Email: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk

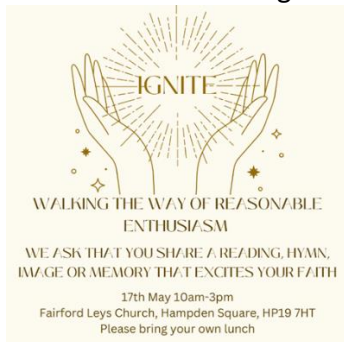
Saturday 17th May, 10am - 3pm: Circuit Day 'IGNITE'
at Fairford Leys Church, Hampden Square, HP19 7HT

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





'GOOD NEWS' FROM CHEDDINGTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 13 April, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Cheddington. Keith shares the story of the growth of his faith, and reveals how it mirrors that of so many of us, where milestones along the way are often difficult to pinpoint, but we know they are there somewhere. Please pray this week for the lovely people of Cheddington, and also for those around us who are trying to make sense of their place in what can so often be a confusing world. We give thanks for the assurance that God offers us in what are difficult times for so many today. Pete.



As in so many reality TV shows, be it dancing or cooking or even building a house, the participants are always asked 'What was the journey like'?

Having been asked to put together something for the Circuit, it made me think about my own journey in faith. If I was in a reality TV show and asked the same question, I would have to reply - solid, and in many ways unspectacular.

My wife Hazel and I were both brought up in Methodist families, and, from birth, Church attendance was the norm every Sunday, usually twice and sometimes 3 times as we got older. Our fathers were both Society Stewards and even from a very early age I have known Hazel.

During those early years we did Sunday School, Scripture exams, anniversary days etc but it was not until my teenage years that I thought 'What is this religion all about?' It was then that people came into my life that I started to make sense of everything. So, slowly, I began to understand the love of God through Jesus, and started to take part in a preaching group that came out on a Sunday afternoon to take services in Herts and Bucks, including Waddesdon. It seems that I have travelled full circle as we now worship in Cheddington after a 65-year gap!

I always envied friends who could put a time and date when they had a 'Damascus Road' experience, but at a Youth weekend I listened to a prominent member of the World Council of Churches who said she felt like me, but knew in her heart the love of God and would try to express that love to all she met. That did it for me and has stayed with me till the present day.

In order to express that love I have always tried to engage with people as they come onto church premises, which in many ways is the hardest step for them to take.

In the middle Sixties I emigrated to Canada with my friend and we started to attend a church with 2,500 members but no one to run the Youth Club! So we took on the challenge to show that the love of God can manifest itself in many ways. After nearly three years I thought that I had better come home, but, before I did, I travelled around North America on a Greyhound bus and on many occasions I felt that God was with me in the most stressful of times.

After marriage in England, we worshipped in the same church in Essex for over 50 years, taking on many and varied roles, during which time we were involved in youth work and saw many of our young people find faith.

Our journey has now brought us to Hertfordshire, and through the welcoming and supportive community in Cheddington we have found a real home, where although a comparatively low membership, the love of God shines out.

Keith and Hazel Nicholls.



ECO CHURCH
WIA FOOTPATH PROJECT

ECO CHURCH MEETING:
Thursday, 22nd May at 7.30pm
Rooms 4/5 in AMC Community Centre.

The Northampton District is supporting the target of the Methodist Church to become a net zero carbon emissions Church by 2030, in recognition of the Climate Emergency and its call for the UK to achieve net zero emission well before 2050.

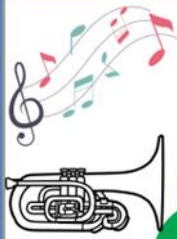
At the last Church Council meeting, it was agreed to hold an **Extra-ordinary meeting** to begin discussions to introduce an Environmental Policy and set up an 'Action for Hope' Working Group toward becoming an Eco Church

It was agreed to open this up to any of the congregation who are interested in these issues, and wish to take part.

There are copies of the document available, in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space for anyone who is interested.

Please let Jackie Simpson-Tyda, our Church Council Secretary, know if you are planning to come. 07834 780543. jackiesimpson88@gmail.com

Please do come along to the meeting to share your thoughts and ideas!



ELLESBOROUGH SILVER BAND SPRING CONCERT

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



An afternoon of **live music** from stage and screen



 **Aylesbury Methodist**
Church & Centre

Buckingham St,
Aylesbury HP20 2NQ

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



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.



Change your thoughts, and change your life

*'You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!'*

Isaiah 26:3 NLT

Your thoughts create your feelings, and your feelings dictate your approach to life. So, by changing the way you think, you can change how you feel and how you approach life. Unlike the world, which teaches you to empty your mind to achieve peace, God's way is to fill your mind with fresh, powerful, redeeming thoughts. 'You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!' It's not just about trying to blot out bad thoughts with your willpower.

If a wrong, bad, or negative thought is lodged in your mind today and you can't seem to shake it, stop trying! That won't erase it from your mind. That's like cutting a weed off at ground level rather than uprooting it; it will just grow again. What you need to do is replace that wrong destructive thought with a thought that's from God. That's the only way to deal with wrong thoughts and begin the healing process.

The apostle Paul writes: 'Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise... Then the God of peace will be with you' (Philippians 4:8-9 NLT).

Are you concerned about your health? 'Fix' your mind on this Scripture: 'He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses' (Matthew 8:17 NKJV).

Are you concerned about the future? 'Fix' your mind on this promise: 'And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed' (Deuteronomy 31:8 NKJV).

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 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.

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	14 April	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	15 April	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Thurs	17 April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Meal and Service
Frid	18 April	10.00am	Good Friday Service

Sunday 20th April 2025

EASTER DAY

8.15am: Service of Holy Communion

led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

9.00am: Easter Breakfast.

10.30am: Easter Day Service led by Mr Lafton Lee.



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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)