

WELCOME TO

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Sunday 27th April 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Shaw

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 314 348 353 489 418
Readings	John 20: 19-31 Acts 5: 27-32
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 given by Jill and Jackson Donnan,
in memory of Jill's mother.**

£500! The Maundy Thursday service raised £204 and the Easter breakfast raised £296. **This amazing amount of £500 is being donated to the Whitechapel Mission.** Thank you to everyone who supported and took part in these two Easter events.



AND A HUGE THANKYOU to those wonderful people who organised the two events, cooked, served and cleared away!!!

Easter Offering: Last Sunday, you will have received 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.

There are spare envelopes in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.



Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 3rd May, 3.45 – 6.00pm. The theme for that day is **SPRING**. Come along and enjoy the activities followed by a sumptuous family tea.

To book your place, please send an email to amc22messychurch@gmail.com by Thursday 1st May.

Hope to see some of you there. Margaret.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 is 11th – 17th May, but we shall be celebrating Christian Aid Sunday **NEXT SUNDAY on 4th May**, including a retiring collection for their vital work. There will be collection envelopes in the notice sheet, with the opportunity to complete a Gift Aid declaration, which allows the charity to claim back the tax paid on your donation, at no extra cost to you.



Wednesday 7th May will again be lunch club. We will be serving up Lasagna, salad and crusty bread at 12.30pm in the hall. All are welcome, so add your name to the list in the Sunday coffee bar so we know how many to cater for. (If you forget, please don't worry there is always plenty). Look forward to seeing you all. Gill Marks 01296 748659



SOS. May 10th. At the home of Margaret and John Miskin with the theme of **'Scotland'** - a time to explore Scottish cuisine, Tattie Scones perhaps?

Please let them know you're coming on 422919, starting at 7pm

Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

‘Big Sing for Aldersgate Sunday’



Sunday 25th May, 6.00 pm

at Waddesdon Methodist Church
78-80 High St, Waddesdon, Aylesbury HP18 0JD

Theme:

‘Walking the way of the warmed heart’

Romans 1:16-18

Celebrating John Wesley's conversion experience
on 24th May 1738.

Community hymn singing from 5.45pm.

All welcome!

Derek Treks Britain (continued)

Leg 9, day 1.

Here we go!! First official day of walking today and our intrepid explorer covered 14 miles. Not as much as he would have hoped, but he'll make up for it later on!

After a night on Skye at the excellent Skye Backpackers hostel, he made his way over to the Kyle of Loch Alsh and started his days walking. Beautiful everywhere of course, but the highlight for him today was a place called Plockton. Really beautiful (see pictures) and because it's a little bit off the beaten track, very peaceful. The village and bay have been used in tv such as Hamish Macbeth and films like The Wicker Man, but thankfully no wicker structures to be seen on this visit!

Derek had planned to stay at any the hostel tonight but couldn't find it! He took a train to where he thought it was and got off in the middle of a forest! Wandered around for a while and eventually was helped by a mountain biker called Jed, who walked with him back to his car, searched up another nearby hostel and dropped him right there (thanks Jed).

Unfortunately, this hostel was no longer operating, so he then had to hitch a lift back to the station which is where Mike and Leah and their family came to his aid in their camper van; they'd just spent a lovely few days in Scotland and were on their way back home to Hull! They dropped him back at the train station, but with a couple of hours to spare until the next train, he managed to hitch a third lift of the evening, this time with a former Scout, Donald. This star man took him all the way back to his previous night's lodgings who were happy to see him, as were some of the residents. He now plans to stay there tomorrow night as well, confident in the good will of the Scottish road users that he will be able to 'thumb' his way back without too much trouble. That's it for today! He's had a fair bit of rain but was in good spirits and pleased with his start.



Pictures include one of Robert Stevenson's first lighthouses, a lamppost on Kyleakin, and Wellington's nose mountain!



Leg 9, Day 2.

Derek spent his second night in the comfort of the Skye Backpackers Hostel before setting off again, over the Skye Bridge. Caroline, who had previously passed him on the Skye Bridge, gave him his first lift of the day to get him back to where he had finished yesterday. He was also helped along the way by 3 generations of a lovely family: Grandma, Mum and son who took him from the Kyle of Loch Alsh to Loch Carron. Beautiful scenery again today, all the better for dry weather!

Douglas and Glasgow John between them got him to today's starting point at Upper Loch Torridon. A glorious walk of approx..18 miles around this spectacular Loch, before once again relying on the generosity of motorists, both locals and tourists, who have been so generous so far on this Leg.

Gordon, well known locally took him to StrathCarron, where he enjoyed a delicious meal of bangers and mash! The 'bangers' consisting of locally sourced venison. The Old Boy is going upmarket!

Back to Skye Backpackers for the last night, he sounded upbeat (as always) having spent time with more lovely people and enjoyed a good walk, in what he described as "brisk wind all day, with sun and cloud".

Long may this last.

Leg 9, Day 3.

A late, brief report, as we lost contact with our intrepid hero due to poor signal. He did manage to call briefly this morning (Sunday), and send the following photos, but it was indeed brief, and the photos must do most of the talking, I'm afraid.



The photos show: Derek and surrounding hills with a Coastguard helicopter taking part in a Mountain Rescue Team exercise.



Gairloch Bay. And I believe that this is the Hostel in the forest that Derek failed to find the previous day. Clearly no longer in business. 😏 A wise decision, to return to the Skye Backpackers.

Leg 9, Days 4,5 & 6, in brief - hopefully more detail to follow in time.

I have just had a quick conversation with Derek. I actually phoned the Hostel where he is staying just to make sure he had checked in OK, and he was back there, I think before visiting Lochinver RNLI.

This report is going to be a bit garbled I am afraid; he was pouring info out faster than I can write!

On Monday he returned to Ullapool where he walked around the Loch, (which I think is Loch Broom), and back to the coast. Loch Broom is a large natural harbour, and Ullapool's port is important regionally with Caledonian MacBrayne ferries operating out of there. He then walked on to the Assynt mountains. He describes Assynt as beautiful, wild and remote, about the same size as Buckinghamshire, but with a population of little more than 1k - more stags than people on the moors.

At the heart of Assynt is the Inchnadamph Lodge, with genial hosts Sharon and Gavin, and this is where our man is based for the next few days. Inchnadamph Lodge plays the part of a community centre for locals, and a gathering place for visitors, who trickle down from the hills in the evening to gather there - it sounds wonderful.

Derek, being Derek, has already made himself at home, and has apparently been offered a job, by the ex-Minister Alasdair - if he can persuade me to move there with him. How far to the nearest Sainsbury's, I wonder?



He has sent me photos apparently taken this morning, including one of two new friends, met today. At Loch Assynt, I believe.



Leg 9, Day 7.

St George's Day, and no word from our dashing hero. He's obviously dashing here, and dashing there still! Hopefully safe and settled in for the night now with his friends at Inchnadamph. He did send me 2 photos last night however, I had been hoping for a brief



report to accompany them, but for now the photos are of a map of his location for this week, and, what he describes as "two old Scouts" - Derek and new Pict friend Courie on the Lifeboat at Lochinver.

Just to remind everyone of the fundraising Derek is trying to achieve: £10,000 to be divided across his chosen three charities: RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution), BHF (British Heart Foundation) and CRUK (Cancer Research UK).

Any donation to get him closer to his target is very much appreciated.

<https://justgiving.com/team/DEREKtreksBRITAIN>

or donations can be given direct to Derek's wife, Sue.

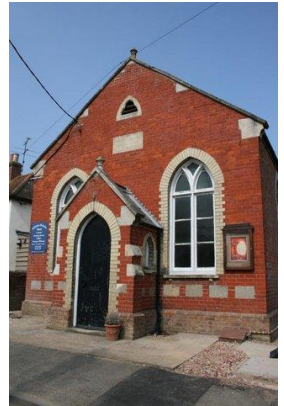


'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CUDDINGTON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 27 April, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Cuddington. We join Colin and Margaret as they share their story of how God has worked in their lives, and the joy they have found within the scriptures. As we celebrate our risen Lord this week, please pray for the lovely fellowship in Cuddington, and pray that we may also rediscover the joy of reading God's word, and recognise His presence in our lives. Pete.



I am writing this article on Easter Sunday. I am not at Church as Colin is unwell and so life is rather hectic at the moment.

As we celebrated our Diamond Wedding - 60 years - and looked back on that day, 26th September 1964 and gave thanks, I saw God's hand on our lives and God's faithfulness to us and our family during that time. God never fails us whether the journey is rough or smooth. The Bible has always been central to our lives and the yardstick to live by.

When you open the book of Psalms there is so much to guide us. Everyone knows Psalm 23 but did you know that God's names are enshrined in the verses? In Colin's Bible, he has written them by each verse. Psalm 24, God as the King of Glory. Just 2 examples of the wealth of information about God our Heavenly Father. Things happen in our lives which are so often difficult to understand, and, during our 60 years together, tragedies happen and we question as to why, but we have discovered the truth of the Bible - that God is always there.

We have discovered over the years that saying: 'the family that prays together stays together'. Prayer is not confined to Sundays in Church, but, as we meet together to pray in the week and bring everything to God in prayer, we not only worship and bring our questions to God but we become

closer to God and each other. Spending that time the Holy Spirit leads us as to God's plan individually and as a Church.

I look over the years when God has been working at Cuddington and we have seen many lives touched and changed. Our numbers may be small at the moment but we still see lives being touched by the Power of God. We praise Him for the Afternoon Service on the first Sunday in the month, which is an open service and all can share their experiences. We thank Rev Heegon Moon for his vision, help and support. Please pray for us. As we look further afield to our communities, nationally, internationally, and worldwide, then the Word of God, prayer and worship come together and we see that we can make a difference whatever age we are, and see changes in our society. All things are possible with God!

Margaret and Colin Watts



ECO CHURCH
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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!

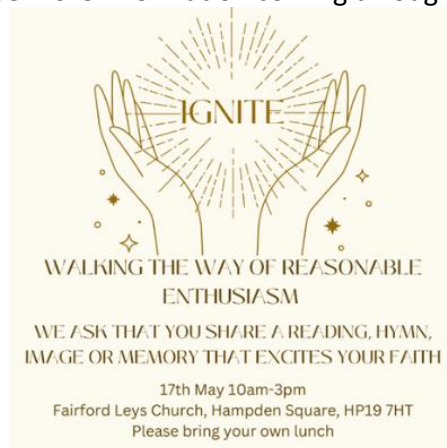
Saturday 17th May, 10am - 3pm: Circuit Day 'IGNITE'
at Fairford Leys Church, Hampden Square, HP19 7HT

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





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.*

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	28 April	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	29 April	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	1 May	All Day	Polling Day
Frid	2 May	10.00am	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
Sat	3 May	3.45pm	Messy Church

**Sunday 4th May 2025**

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
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)