

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 4th May 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 Frances Aylen.

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 312 295 296 306 20 313
Readings	Revelation 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19
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 Leah
in loving memory of Michael Clark.**

Some of you will have already heard the sad news that Anne Hanson's Mum, Audrey Sargent, has died. Richard will be leading her funeral service on Tuesday 6th May, 2pm at Berton Crematorium. All are welcome. Please remember Anne, Alfons and all the family in your prayers.



We are celebrating Christian Aid Sunday **TODAY** with a short video. It shows the Alta Verapaz region in Guatemala where the people's lives and livelihoods are very badly affected by climate change, and how Christian Aid is able to help the community to cope with the resulting drought, for their crops, drinking water and products to sell. **There will be a retiring collection for their vital work at the end of the service this morning.** You will find a collection envelope 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. The envelopes can also be handed in over the next couple of weeks, and there are spare envelopes in the display cabinet.

Please give as generously as you are able.

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 Magaret 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

Gemma Collis, (Roy's granddaughter), has become an ambassador for the charity '**Ickle Pickles**' which supports *premature baby units* up and down the country. Gemma's own story, from being a premature baby herself, (born at 29 weeks and weighing just 2lb 1oz), and her remarkable journey to become a four-time Paralympian and celebrated Wheelchair Fencer for Great Britain, has already have appeared in the Bucks Herald and can also be found on their website: <https://www.icklepickles.org/news/Paralympian-Gemma-Collis-Joins-Ickle-Pickles-as-New-Ambassador>. Some of you may like to offer some support. Her sister Zoe is forming a team to do a sponsored 28km 'Incubator Push', on 7th June.

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 9

Had a chat with the Old Boy today! 🎉🎉 He sounds, as always, in good spirits, but reports that rain is forecast for the next 3 days, and tomorrow he will be walking with rucksack as he is changing accommodation, so may be a bit less chirpy after that. He started the day heading for Stoer. It took, I think, 5 lifts and one bus journey to get him there - many thanks to all concerned, especially the bus driver who handed him £10 to be paid in to CRUK! This will be done on Derek's return. A note is kept of any donations received, and I will total them for the three charities and pay the money in.

While I am on the subject, - a word of advice, I think that Justgiving have put their fees up rather a lot since Derek started in 2022, and the initial sum they add to your donation, is unreasonable, in my opinion.

However, it is possible to reduce this amount - there is a 'slide' to the right of the page, which will show below it a means of reducing the % paid, or even choosing your own amount, so please look carefully when donating.

Also, if you are eligible, do please Gift Aid.

Back to today's walk. So, from Stoer a beautiful coastal walk of approx 12 miles. Again, beautiful scenery every step of the way. I did not get the name of wherever he walked to, I am afraid, but he had just the one lift to get him back to Inchnadamph.

Hungry now, he hitched again to Ullapool, which I think is the nearest source of eateries - and one last visit to the Chippy! After leaving the chippy, before he even had chance to hitch, a car pulled up alongside and the driver said "Derek, where are you going?" It was Neil, who Derek met earlier in the week. He swiftly offered to drive Derek back to Ullapool, about 25 miles, even though he had had no plans to go there. What a ★. Thank you very much Neil. Derek certainly meets some lovely people on his adventures.

Today's photos show:

- Derek enjoying coffee and a sausage roll with Janet at her lonely coastal post above the Stoer Lighthouse.
- A croft - entitled by Derek, "Perfect for a retired couple" - he never gives up, does he?
- A stunning beach and sea view....maybe I could be tempted after all. 🤔
- A landward view, again beautiful country. Entitled by Derek "John Muir would be very pleased." The John Muir Trust are dedicated to the

conservation, protection and restoration of the UK's wild places, for the benefit of all. Have a Google - a great organisation.
That's all for tonight, Folks. Goodnight, all.



Leg 9, Day 10.

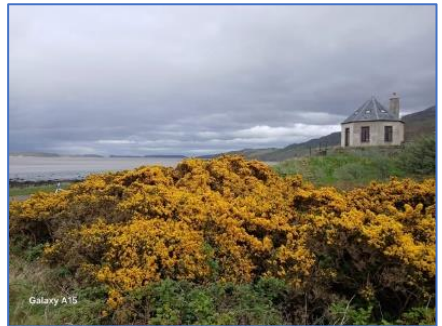
After the hard walk yesterday, followed by a good night's sleep, Derek enjoyed a far more relaxing day today, and hopefully recharged his batteries a little. Discovering the nearest Church is about 25 miles away, he decided instead to go for a stroll of approx a mere 5 miles, around Loch Tongue.

This was on the causeway, not 'route 500' - he will have to face that again for a relatively short time tomorrow. Along his way he met Tom, Sarah and their three dogs, also enjoying this beautiful wild area.

The Kyle of Tongue Hostel and Campsite where Derek is currently staying, caters well for all of its guests, with an onsite cafe. There are currently around 25 campervan homes on the campsite, all hoping to complete the North Scotland Route 500 circuit. This circuit is unbelievably popular with tourists, but rather less so with the locals. Today's photos:

- These feet were made for walking! The boots were made by Hoggs of Fife.

- The Kyle of Tongue – and yet another superb possibility for a retired couple!!! The nearest Sainsbury's, just over 100 miles away in Inverness!
- Sunderland? More like the Inca Trail in Peru, only 16,000 feet nearer to sea level.
- At last, fresh water en route!



Leg 9, day....11?

Hello all! Hard to keep track of what day we are at with the sporadic communication, but the good news is the auld fella has had a good day and is sounding in great spirits! I put it down to all the great people he is meeting, that stuff really makes his day.

Derek has covered about 14 miles today, to the east of the Kyle of Tongue around the Bettyhill area. See the pictures below for the views to the South across Caithness. At times today he saw no people for miles, which might seem a bit daunting to some but to our intrepid explorer he finds it very peaceful and calming.

Also wonderful is all the wildlife he gets to see and hear. The area seems to have a lot of cuckoos! (At least that's what they sound like; any locals, please correct us if it is a similar sounding bird!). Lots of other birds too, and today, stoats and deer. Later in the day - as he connected up with the road he needed to hitch back on - he met some cattle. They didn't seem perturbed by the traffic on the 500 road and were pleased to mingle with the bearded stranger who was happy to spend time with them, much to the amusement of the passers-by! (Not that he let them 'pass by' while the cattle were on the road!). One such traveller on her own travels from Northern Ireland, pulled over to enjoy the moment and subsequently offered Derek a lift back to his digs before re-joining her friend in Thurso; thank you Debbie!

He's currently staying at the Tongue Hostel, which is reminding him of the Franklin Hotel in Deadwood, South Dakota, bringing back happy memories of a previous expedition a few years back.



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

THE CHURCH ON FAIRFORD LEYS

Dear All,

This Sunday, 4 May, Fairford Leys is the focus of our Circuit Prayers, and Lorraine shares with us exciting news about the work being undertaken there.

It is important to recognise the presence, inspirational leadership and the work of the Holy Spirit amongst us, and the Church at Fairford Leys does just that. The Church on Fairford Leys is a Local Ecumenical Partnership between the Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Church denominations. Please pray for the fellowship and the work at Fairford Leys this week, and pray that we may recognise the gifts of the Spirit at work throughout our circuit as we strive to serve our living Lord. Pete



As 2025 moves rapidly through its 2nd quarter we have so much to praise God for in Fairford Leys Church.

Our youth work is going from strength to strength. The youth café and meetings, started last year, with the leadership from Tara Zimmerman from St Mary's, Aylesbury and volunteers from Fairford Leys, has grown to such a number that we have had to start a waiting list!

Wednesday Fellowship has also grown in number and continues to be a blessing to those who attend. There have been a number of answers to prayer for those in this fellowship.

Wednesday Lunch Club continues to offer a place for a friendly chat and hot meal to help with limiting isolation and loneliness. Currently we have 13 regular attendees and 5 faithful volunteers.

Saturday morning tea, coffee and cake is also very well attended and we are blessed to have 4 volunteers to run this once-a-month commitment.

Our recently re-formed music group is also adding a fresh complimentary addition to Sunday morning worship.

The next 3 months see Reverend Anthony Howells off on sabbatical. We pray that he will return refreshed and have a Blessed time whilst reflecting on and exploring AI and IT in the church. Please pray for the visiting clergy and Church Elders that are covering Sunday and Wednesday Services while Anthony is off.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings from Lorraine Durand,

The Church on Fairford Leys



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!

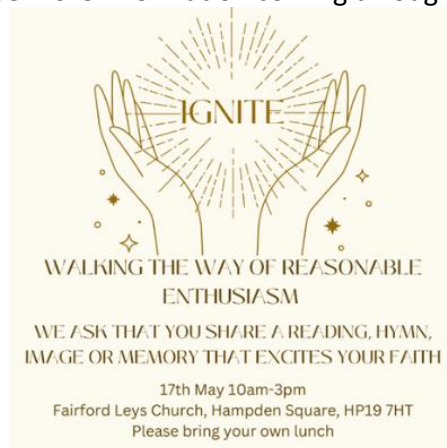
Saturday 17th May, 10am - 3pm: Circuit Day 'IGNITE'
at Fairford Leys Church, Hampden Square, HP19 7HT

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, **11.15am-12.30pm**, 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

Tues	6 May	9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Wed	7 May	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Thurs	8 May	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	9 May	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 11th May 2025

10.30am: Family Reader Service led by Mrs Louise 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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)