

WELCOME TO

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Sunday 18th May 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Carina Shergold.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Elaine Hope at 8.45am, and Derek Adams and Gill Marks at 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.

Hymns	8.45am: StF 13 615 503 10.30am: StF 82 391 385 397 404
Readings	8.45am: John 13: 31-35 10.30am: Acts 11: 1-18 Rev 21: 1-6
Organist	8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker
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 the Sara family
with fond memories of Chris's parents.**

Family News:

On Sunday 1st June we will celebrate the baptism of **Ewurakua Amoah**. Kwasi and Dorcas would like to invite the church family to stay on after the service and join them for lunch. You will all be very welcome!



Our next Messy Church is on Saturday, 7th June from 3.45 – 6.00pm. To help us with catering please email amc22messychurch@gmail.com by Thursday 5th June to let us know if you and your children are coming along. Would be lovely to see some new faces. Come along and make some MESS! Margaret.



ECO CHURCH MEETING:

This coming 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!

Sunday 1st JUNE: Please note that there will be **no notice sheet** for that Sunday. If you have any notices, please email them or give them to the stewards before the service.

Sorry - I originally put 25th May!!!!

Next Sunday evening, May 25th, we will be marking Aldersgate Sunday with a Circuit Service at Waddesdon at 6pm with some community hymn singing from about 5.45. (see poster on next page)

The service is focused on the idea of being a people of warmed hearts following the example of John Wesley.

All are welcome for a good sing and a celebration of our Methodist heritage and thoughts on how we live this out today.

DETAILS FOR PARKING ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICEBOARDS. PLEASE LET JENNIE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM EMAILED TO YOU. jennietorpey@gmail.com



Hello family and friends, I am doing a 5km fundraising sponsor walk on the 13th of June at 6.30pm in Waddesdon in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice. Please sponsor me for a good cause. See the attached link. I have a sponsor form

available. I've created a fundraising team on JustGiving, and I'd like you to join. Check out my page and join: https://www.justgiving.com/page/edith-awadzi-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015
Edith.

Derek Treks Britain (continued)

The Man is safely home! 🎉🎉 Arrived last weekend.

He is well, although he does have badly cracked heels, and complaining knee joints! Not surprising after the 4,257 miles he has walked!! Heaven knows just how many miles he covered with his hitching back and forth to accommodation - he didn't add that up.

We have not checked the latest total of money raised for RNLI, British Heart Foundation, or Cancer Research UK; will do so and update. Sue.

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.

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!



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Dear All,

Something different this week! We are grateful to Heegon as he offers his thoughts on the gospel of St Luke. It is very helpful to know what lies behind the words when we read passages like the gospel of Luke. It adds to our understanding and enables us to make sense of the obscure bits as well as seeing the wider picture. Do enjoy and share this article from Heegon and pray for a wider understanding of the good news of Jesus throughout our circuit.

Also on this Sunday, 18 May, we pray for the work and the workers at North Marston that they may be empowered to share and celebrate the good news of Jesus with all, in their fellowship and community.

Pete.

The Gospel of Luke

The Gospel of Luke stands out as the most comprehensive account of Jesus' life among the four gospels. It is unique in that it is the only gospel to have a sequel, the Book of Acts. Together, these two works form a significant part of the story of Christianity's beginnings. Both are addressed to a man named Theophilus and written with the same purpose: to demonstrate how God's plan unfolds through the life, ministry, and followers of Jesus Christ.

Luke carefully compiled his gospel from reliable, first-hand sources, striving to present an accurate and truthful account of the events in Palestine during Jesus' lifetime. He is not merely a biographer; his overarching goal is to reveal the truth of Jesus' mission. Through Luke's writing, we see Jesus as the Saviour of all humanity — His coming a pivotal event in history.

Luke's gospel offers a particularly human portrayal of Jesus. It reflects Luke's compassion for people, especially the marginalised — the sick, the poor, women, children, and social outcasts. While each gospel has its unique emphasis, it has been said that Matthew's keynote is royalty, Mark's is power, John's is love, and Luke's is compassion and joy. The Gospel of Luke overflows with joy as it shows how God's love transforms human lives.

Purpose of the Gospel

Luke's purpose is twofold:

- 1. To present an accurate, orderly account of Jesus' life.*
- 2. To present Christ as the perfect human and Saviour of the world.*

About the Author

Luke was a physician (Colossians 4:14), a Greek, and a Gentile Christian. He is the only known Gentile author in the New Testament. A close companion and friend of the Apostle Paul, Luke wrote both the Gospel of Luke and Acts, which together provide a seamless narrative of Jesus' ministry and the early church.

To Whom It Was Written

The Gospel was addressed to Theophilus, whose name means "lover of God" Gentiles. It was also written for all people everywhere who seek to understand God's work through Jesus.

Date and Setting

Luke likely wrote his gospel around AD 60, possibly from Rome or during Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea.

Key Verse

"Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.'" (Luke 19:9-10).

Key Figures and Locations

Key People: Jesus, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, the disciples, Herod the Great, Pilate, and Mary Magdalene.

Key Places: Bethlehem, Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem.

Special Features of Luke's Gospel

- Luke's gospel is the most comprehensive of the four, showing a broad vocabulary and educated diction.*
- It frequently references angels, prayer, and miraculous events.*
- Luke places a strong emphasis on Jesus' relationships with people, especially the marginalised.*
- It contains inspired hymns and praises, and gives significant attention to women.*
- A large portion of Luke's gospel (9:51–18:35) is unique and not found in the other gospels.*

The Miracle of Miracles

Every birth is a miracle, and every child is a gift from God. Yet, nearly 20 centuries ago, a miraculous birth changed the course of history. A baby was born — not just any child, but the Son of God. While all the gospels tell of this event, Dr. Luke, as though he were an attending physician, provides the most detailed account of Jesus' birth. With a divine Father and a human mother, Jesus entered history as God in the flesh.

Key Passages and Stories

Here are some of the best-known stories and key moments from Luke's gospel:

- *The Births of John and Jesus (Ch. 1-2)*
- *Mary's Song (The Magnificat) (1:46-56)*
- *Simeon's Praise (Nunc Dimittis) (2:29-32)*
- *The Boy Jesus in the Temple (2:41-50)*
- *Jesus' Teachings and Miracles (Ch. 4-13)*
- *The Sermon in the Synagogue (4:16-22)*
- *The Good Samaritan (10:25-37)*
- *Martha and Mary (10:38-42)*
- *The Lost Sheep (15:4-6)*
- *The Prodigal Son (15:11-32)*
- *Zacchaeus' Transformation (19:1-10)*
- *Jesus' Last Week and Crucifixion (Ch. 22-24)*
- *The Road to Emmaus (24:13-35)*
- *The Ascension of Jesus (24:50-53)*

Luke's gospel gives us an unparalleled look at Jesus' life and mission. It portrays a Saviour who meets people where they are — loving, healing, and transforming lives. As you read, let the joy and compassion of Christ fill your heart and inspire your walk with Him.

(from Life Application Study Bible, The New Lion Handbook to the Bible)

Heegon

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, 10.45am-12 noon, 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	19 May	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	20 May	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	22 May	10.00am 7.30pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Church Council Meeting
Frid	23 May	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 25th May 2025

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**5.45 for 6.00pm: Big Sing for Aldersgate Sunday
at Waddesdon Methodist Church**

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)