

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson**

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

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 Derek Adams.

**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 51 407 382 409 658
Readings	Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29
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.**



## Family News

We heard last week that Stuart Prendergast has died after a long illness. A service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held here on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm**, followed by a 'farewell' tea in the Main Hall.

Please pray for Ann, Graeme and Andrew, and all the family, at this sad time.

**On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



The total for our recent collection for Christian Aid Week was **£339**. This will be boosted by a further **£41.75** from those who completed GiftAid envelopes, bringing the final total to **£380.75**. Many thanks for your generosity!

**Our next Messy Church is on Saturday, 7th June from 3.45 – 6.00pm.** To help



us with catering please email [amc22messychurch@gmail.com](mailto:amc22messychurch@gmail.com) by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



Hello family and friends, I am doing a 5km fundraising sponsor walk on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/edith-awadzi-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015) Edith.

On **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**, we shall celebrate **MHA SUNDAY**, (instead of 8<sup>th</sup> June), with a short video about their valuable work, followed by a retiring collection at the end of the service. There will be a collection envelope in your notice sheet that week, and, if you are able, please complete the Gift Aid declaration, which allows the charity to claim back the tax paid on your donation, at no extra cost to you.



As you know, **2025 marks Karibuni Children's thirtieth anniversary** and we are marking this milestone by organising a number of celebratory events throughout the year. *Next month we shall be holding a Celebration Weekend at Aylesbury Methodist Church, with a presentation and African Meal on Saturday 21st June and a Thanksgiving Service at 10:30am on Sunday 22nd June.* We have limited capacity for the African meal planned for Saturday 21st June. If you wish to join us for the meal, please call 01296 614887, or email [office@karibuni.org.uk](mailto:office@karibuni.org.uk). With many thanks, John Cotton.

#### **CHURCH READINGS: June - August 2025.**

A new sheet is now 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 – **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.



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THE CLERIC'



**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](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)



#### **Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	26 May	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	27 May	9.30am	Chair Yoga
<b>Thurs</b>	29 May	From 1.45pm	Blood Donor sessions

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**10.30am: Family Communion Service  
led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

<b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>
<b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>
<b>Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through)</b>
<b>Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)</b>



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### PRINCES RISBOROUGH

Dear All,

This Sunday, 25 May, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Princes Risborough, and Judith shares her experiences of growing up in a Christian environment with us. Please pray for the lovely people at Princes Risborough this week, and also remember in your prayers those who guided us through our growing years and pointed the way towards a loving relationship with Jesus.



(If anyone would like to follow up on Judith's thoughts on 'exploring the context of books in the Bible', there is an excellent opportunity each week to join Richard Atkinson's Bible study on Zoom, either on Tuesday evenings or Thursday afternoons). Pete.

I have been with the Methodist Church since childhood, and I know I owe the many folk who gave their time and energy to encourage and enthuse us when we were children, teenagers and young adults.

I have always appreciated the church's strong promotion of social justice, but a transformational time for me as an adult was the sharing of more recent theologies by Biblical scholars, which explored the context of the books in the Bible and took us back to the core of Jesus' teaching. They suggested that we take the Bible seriously, but not always literally.

Anyone remember John Robinson's 'Honest to God'? and various other progressive writers on theology, whom I eagerly devoured and discussed with like minds in the church fellowship.

I found this inspiring and liberating, making it a joy to try to follow the Christian path to God, whilst acknowledging that other religions have validity for their cultures too.

Judith Gerrard.



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Karibuni Children

## Celebration Weekend

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Doors open from 4pm  
Meet the team, Presentation  
and Q&A session from 5pm  
African Meal\* from 6:30pm

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Thanksgiving Service  
from 10:30am

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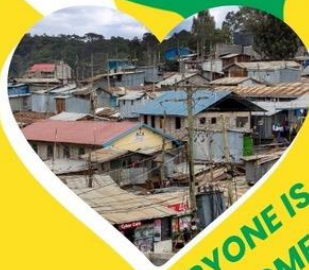
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\*If you wish to join us for the African meal, please email [office@karibuni.org.uk](mailto:office@karibuni.org.uk) or call 01296 614887, as we have limited capacity for catering,

No tickets required – all donations go directly to Karibuni Children

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