

WELCOME TO

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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.

Sunday 8th June 2025

**10.30am: Family Communion 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.

Hymns	StF 6 2 SoF 12 385 397 369 477
Readings	Acts 2: 1-13 Romans 8: 14-17
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 donated by the Harderns and Mortimers in remembrance of Bruce Hardern, his wife Peggy, and Ian. Love you.



NEXT Sunday, 15th June, we shall celebrate **MHA SUNDAY**, 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 cost to you.



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.

SOS. Saturday 14th June: Garden Games. At the home of Vi and Paul we will gather to play some garden games, weather allowing, and share our faith salad supper. **Starting a bit earlier, 5pm**; please let our hosts know you're coming on 07884 471419

SOS is a group of people: some regular Church goers, others who are not, it makes no difference, all are welcome. Meeting together at each other's homes, sharing a faith supper; sometimes there's a theme to base food around, other times not. The evenings usually start at 7:00pm and finish when the last person goes home; all you need to do is call the host to say that you're coming.

Might a couple of you be able to volunteer to move some chairs back from Room 7 to Rooms 4/5 **every 1st and 3rd Sunday**, either before or after Church? Apparently, they are left there by Child Contact Centre, and then Pat from Virtus Care has to move them by herself on a Monday morning before the centre users arrive. Please let Shirley know if you can offer. Many thanks.

PARKING! We have received a complaint from one of the residents of the building next door that someone from the church parked in his space.

*Please note that there is **no parking allowed next door**. It is a private car park for the residents, and others who pay for the spaces.*

A reminder, also, that on a Sunday **the few spaces in our own car park** are to be reserved for the minister/preacher and those with mobility difficulties.



Join us for an African meal on Saturday 21st June as part of Karibuni Children's Celebration Weekend

As you may already know, 2025 marks Karibuni Children's 30th anniversary and there will be a Celebration weekend at Aylesbury Methodist Church later this month.

On Saturday 21st June there will be a presentation at 5pm, followed by an African meal prepared by members of the church.

We now have confirmation that George Mwabu, who manages one of the largest projects we support, at Tharaka, 150 miles north east of Nairobi, will be joining us that evening. George will be able to give a first-hand insight into what is being achieved with children from the poorest of backgrounds.

We have asked those who would like to stay for the meal to let us know. We have had several bookings from folk at AMC, but hope that more people will be able to join us for this very special event.

If you would like to come, please let us know, either by email office@karibuni.org.uk or by calling us on 01296 614887.

With many thanks, John Cotton.



Karibuni Children
Celebration Weekend

Saturday 21st June

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

Sunday 22nd June

Thanksgiving Service
from 10:30am

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

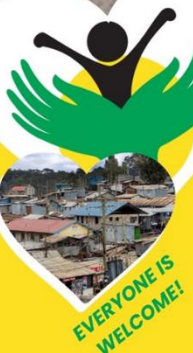
Buckingham Street, Aylesbury,
Bucks, HP20 2NQ

*If you wish to join us for the African meal, please email 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

www.karibuni.org.uk

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'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STEWCKLEY

Dear All,

Last Sunday, 1 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers was on Stewckley, and Linda shares her wonderful journey of faith with us. Please remember the lovely fellowship at Stewckley in your prayers, and pray also for those who have been 'Pulled away' from God, that they may be 'Pulled back' again by the love we offer, that they may share our joy in our risen Lord!
Pete.



Whilst I cannot say I have had a moment when I became a Christian, it has always been there in my heart. From a child at Sunday School to now as an elderly lady. During my late teens and twenties, I pulled away but my faith by then was deep and I was pulled back. During the good and bad times in my life the Lord has always been there by my side to help me through.

Over the years I have visited many Chapels in this country, Canada and Australia, and the one thing they all have in common is a warmth of welcome, peace and tranquillity. Still, today, when I walk into Chapel, I find that peace which cannot be found elsewhere. Talking, praying and listening to the Lord has given me a life of contentment, joy and peace.

Linda Jones.



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STONE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 8 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Stone, and Hayford shares the story of his journey of faith with us. I am sure many of us will associate with Hayford's 'mask' where we behave differently in different situations; we may have



found it difficult to project a 'Christian' presence whilst out with the boys (or girls!). When we think of ministering to people, we rarely consider the image of Christ that we project in our daily lives, but often that is the only part of us that most people around us will get to see. Please pray for the lovely fellowship at Stone this week and also for those of us who find it difficult to openly profess our faith on all occasions.

Pete.

As far as I can remember, my life has been church-based, but, notwithstanding my active involvement in the church, I had not fully surrendered my life to Christ. I wore a mask for most of my life, because in church I was on my best behaviour but during the week my lifestyle wasn't any different from my friends; I participated in all the mischief carried out by them.

It all changed in 1974 when I opened the door of my heart for Christ to come into my life. This was at an Easter House Party organised by the Scripture Union. Shortly after that conversion experience, I became a member of the Methodist Church. The local church I attended nurtured my faith through Bible-based preaching and fellowship groups (class meetings) where we met to pray and study the scriptures. We embarked on outreaches (camp meetings) to share the Good News with others. I soon qualified as an accredited local preacher.

In 1985 while studying for a postgraduate degree in Economics at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow), I was employed by Woodlands Methodist Church as a lay pastor to offer care and support to overseas university students in the city. Just about a year into the role, the Methodist Conference gave me the green light to train for the ministry. I received my ministerial training at Wesley House (Cambridge) after which I served in four circuits before sitting down in 2018.

I am grateful to the institutions and people who have aided and supported me to travel this far in my spiritual journey. I thank the Catholic Church which sowed in me the seed of Christianity, the Scripture Union which reawakened my faith and the Methodist Church which has nurtured my faith over the years. The lion's share of my gratitude goes to God, who in Christ has given me newness of life, a new family (the church) and a divine presence (Holy Spirit) that enables me to persevere despite the challenges life throws at me.
Hayford.



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.

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



‘Derek the Cleric’





YOU CAN LEARN TO LOVE

*‘Don’t look out only for your own interests,
but take an interest in others, too.’*

Philippians 2:4 NLT

You can learn to love by thinking loving thoughts. By focusing on the other person’s needs, pains, difficulties, goals, and desires, not just your own.

The old saying goes, ‘It’s easier to understand someone when you walk a mile in their shoes.’ Hurting people tend to hurt other people. If someone is hurting you, that person may be doing so because they are hurting. How can you love them? By looking beyond their faults and seeing their needs.

The least lovable people are often those who need love the most.

The people we would prefer to ignore are the very ones who need huge doses of love. If a person can’t find love, they will seek attention. And if they can’t obtain positive attention, they will work at attracting negative attention. Unintentionally they are saying, ‘I will be noticed, one way or another.’

Make love the master of your will, not the slave of your emotions. We can’t change our *feelings*, but we can change our *thoughts*.

When we change how we think about someone, we will steadily change our feelings about that person. When, rather than thinking about a person’s faults, we start thinking about their needs, it will change the way we feel.

You say, ‘If I act lovingly towards someone I don’t even like, wouldn’t that be hypocritical?’ No, it’s called ‘loving by faith’. When you love by faith, you *act* yourself into *feeling* the right way towards that person. Try it and find out for yourself!

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.*



Next Week

Mon	9 June	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	10 June	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Wed	11 June	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Thurs	12 June	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	13 June	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club



Sunday 15th June 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris.

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)