

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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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 15th June 2025



8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Frances Aylen at 8.45am, and Elaine Hope and Derek Adams 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 370 391 378
	10.30am: StF 111 4 665 388 716
Readings	8.45am: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-7
	10.30am: Luke 10: 21-28 Gal 5: 13-23
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.





THIS MORNING, 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. You will find a collection envelope in your notice sheet today, 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. Your envelope can be returned over the next few weeks. Further envelopes are available in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd June at 5.00pm.
BARN SERVICE at Swanbourne Chapel, led by Rev Fred Ireland. *Teas served in the Chapel from 3.00pm.*
See poster on following page.

We have two sponsored events next month – both for Cancer Research. Please support one of them (or both?) if you are able!



Once again, my daughter Erica is running in Race for Life - for the 18th time! raising money for Cancer Research UK on 13th July.

If you wish to donate, the online link is

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ericas-race-for-life-171529183028>.

Cheques made payable to Cancer Research UK and cash are obviously acceptable. Many thanks, Maureen Tucker 01296 486619 / 07790581197.



I will be completing the Race for Life on 19th July.

We will have four generations participating; my sisters, and Fran and Jessica and I, will be

supporting my Mum as she marks 10 years since her successful treatment for Breast Cancer.

If you feel able to support us, please use this link or ask me for the paper sponsor form if you prefer. Thank you, Louise Atkinson.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/louises-race-for-life-171529185501>



Join us for an African meal NEXT 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.

NEXT 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.



Celebrating 30 years of Transforming Young Kenyan Lives

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



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

*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 Registered UK Charity No. 1044872



You are warmly invited to

Swanbourne

Barn Service

led by

Rev. Fred Ireland

5pm Sunday 22nd June

at Brises Farm, Nearton End

with Secklow Brass Music

**Teas served in
the Chapel from 3pm**

Collections in aid of

Karibuni Children

Aylesbury Festival Choir

SUMMER CONCERT

MAGIC AT THE MUSICALS

GREAT SONGS FROM POPULAR SHOWS INCLUDING LES MISÉRABLES, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, MARY POPPINS, THE SOUND OF MUSIC AND A CHORUS LINE.

WHERE:

CHURCH AT FAIRFORD LEYS
AYLESBURY, HP19 7HT

WHEN:

SATURDAY JUNE 21ST, 4PM

TICKETS:

£10 - ADULTS,
£5 - UNDER 18S
£20 - FAMILY TICKET
(2 ADULTS & 2 UNDER 16S)

Raffle & Refreshments!

Please see more information on our website: www.aylesburyfestivalchoir.weebly.com

Registered Charity Number: 297856

CHURCH MEETING: On July 6th we will hold a brief church meeting after the morning service. This is so that we can appoint new church stewards and new representatives to serve on Church Council.

In both cases there needs to be a proposal and seconder for each nomination, and these should be with Richard by July 5th.

The hope is that both the stewards and the church council are representative of the congregation. If anyone would like to know more, please talk to one of the stewards or to Richard.

MANSE VISITORS: The Northampton Methodist District is looking for people who would be willing to serve as manse visitors. This does not require any expertise but folk willing to go and look at Manses in neighbouring circuits to ensure that they are looked after and fit for purpose. There is a form to work with, and you are looking at things like the state of the decor, the suitability of accommodation, and generally making sure that the Manses are maintained and fit for purpose. The hope is that no visitors will be asked to undertake too many inspections, as each property is meant to be looked at every five years or so. Expenses will be paid. If this is something you think you may be able to help with then please contact Richard.

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. 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.

NEXT Saturday 21st April at 4pm. Aylesbury Festival Choir SUMMER CONCERT: 'MAGIG at the MUSICALS'. Church at Fairford Leys. Tickets: Adults £10, Under 18s £5, Family Ticket £20 (2 adults, 2 under-18s). See poster.



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHRISTCHURCH, THAME



Dear All,

This Sunday, 15 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Christchurch Thame, and we join Roy as he shares his early Christian years with us. It is funny the things that we remember from our childhood, the odd things that stick in our minds.

I remember just over sixty years ago, Rev Ray Lansley taking a 'Youth Service' at, I think it was Whitchurch, where he dangled a black furry spider over the edge of the pulpit. I cannot remember what the point was that he was trying to get across, but I remember the spider well! Please pray for the lovely people at Christchurch this Sunday, and pray also for all who lead our Sunday Schools and Bible study groups (like Richard's excellent groups), that they may make the love of Christ a memorable feature of many of our young people's early years.

Pete.

Some of my earliest memories are of attending Sunday School at Long Hanborough Methodist Church. I didn't enjoy going very much and I remember – I would have been about five at the time – finding 'trespasses' a very strange word. There were some good moments. After being terrified by a pantomime performance in Witney of Mother Goose, particularly by the lyrics of 'Busy doing nothing', we returned to the church and I received a Christmas present of a toy combine harvester at the church Christmas party. Other than the fact that my Dad broke my toy gavel by using it rather too enthusiastically at the Harvest Festival auction, and receiving a roomful of balloons left over from church festivities, I have little recall of my early life in the church.

The family moved to Thame in 1969 and I began attending Sunday School in the 1970s. At that time, there was a Methodist and a United Reformed Church. A small group of us used to go to Sunday School at the Methodist Church, with a variety of teachers, most notably Mrs Lloyd's husband. I remember vividly how we used to sprint to the URC building after our class for the last few minutes of the joint URC/Methodist service.

As I grew up, went away to university, and worked and lived in London, my connection with the church generally became more distant, more sporadic. I would attend services occasionally. I did not, however, lose my Christian belief (albeit one lacking certainties). When I returned to Thame, I became reconnected to Christchurch and used to attend with my father.

As I have grown older, my desire to explore faith has increased. I find it helpful to consider faith through a broader lens; I read about the subatomic world where – unlike the world of classical physics that we experience around us – there are apparently no certainties, merely waves of probability. So much of the world around us, particularly at the quantum level, is a mystery to us, and I find that immensely comforting.

In recent months I have found the discussions at Richard's Bible study meetings a thought-provoking experience, offering me a new perspective for Biblical enquiry. I hope that over the remainder of my life I will be able to continue to explore my faith.

Roy.



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



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	16 June	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	17 June	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	19 June	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	20 June	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
Sat	21 June	4.00pm	Karibuni Children Celebration

Sunday 22nd June 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship, including Thanksgiving Service for Karibuni Children, led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

5.00pm: Barn Service at Swanbourne Chapel led by Rev Fred Ireland. (Teas served from 3.00pm). See poster.

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
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