

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Peter Honeyball.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Gill Marks and Jackie Simpson-Tyda.

**Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.  
(Oat milk now available)**

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 24 481 608 712 503
Readings	Galatians 5: 1, 13 – 25 Luke 9: 51 - 62
Organist	William Parker
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 can now confirm the date for the funeral of Beatrice Grant as Friday July 4th at 11.00am, here at AMC.



### Invitation to a wedding

Claire Starr will be marrying Ben Cuddihee on 30<sup>th</sup> August. The wedding ceremony is at this church at 12 noon. Rev Richard Atkinson will be conducting the ceremony together with Rev Fred Ireland. There will be light refreshments in the hall after the ceremony.

Claire grew up in Aylesbury Methodist Church (she first attended when she was only a week old!) and is delighted to be able to get married in the Church, amongst family, friends and church friends she has known over the years.

*Claire, Ben, Pat & David warmly invite you to join us on this very special day.*

**Non-Dairy Milk:** *Please note that oat milk will now be available for your tea/coffee in both the Welcome Space coffee bar, and in the Hall after the Sunday service. Please ask for this when ordering your hot drink.*

**CHURCH MEETING:** **NEXT SUNDAY, July 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.*

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.

I have successfully completed the 5km walk and have raised **£569.00** for Florence Nightingale Hospice. Thank you all very much for your support and encouragement. God bless. Edith



**Our next Messy Church is NEXT Saturday, 5th July from 3.45 – 6.00pm.** To help us with catering please email [amc22messychurch@gmail.com](mailto:amc22messychurch@gmail.com) by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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.



## **BB/GB Presentation & Awards Evening**

**Tuesday 8th July.**

Boys' and Girls' Brigades are pleased to invite all members of the congregation, family and friends to our annual Presentation & Awards Evening to be held in the church at 6.15pm on Tuesday 8th July.



Please come and support the young people and their leaders as we celebrate this year's achievements. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to chat! Steve Kemp.



### **Sunday 13th July is ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY.**

There will be a retiring collection after the service, and collecting envelopes will be in your notice sheets. Please complete the Gift Aid details on the reverse if you pay tax, so that the charity can claim back an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

**MANY THANKS** to all of you who put loose change in the little collecting boxes. The total for this year from you at AMC was **£359.28!!** See how those coins add up!!



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

**Once again, my daughter Erica is running in Race for Life - for the 18<sup>th</sup> time! raising money for Cancer Research UK on 13<sup>th</sup> 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>



## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### WEEDON

Dear All

This Sunday, 29 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Weedon, and Sarah shares her vision with us. When we think of serving God, we usually turn to our churches and the roles we have within them, but Sarah reminds us that what God really wants is for us to go outside our buildings and into the communities and byways and offer God's love to everyone we meet. I asked Sarah in what way she felt God was calling her to serve Him, and she shares that calling with us now. Please pray for the lovely fellowship at Weedon, and for all those who are seeking to serve God in the way He is leading them, wherever He sends them.

Pete.



#### ***What God Is Calling Me to Do***

*I've recently finished professional work as a solicitor and I find myself in a new season of life — one filled with quiet moments, community ties, and the space to listen more closely to what God is asking of me.*

*Living in a small village since adulthood has always grounded me. When you work from home or look after family locally you become embroiled in the goings on around you and get to meet people from all walks of life and experiences - young and old. I'm always interested in how villagers have got to where they are, what their own interests are and what their views are on life. Being involved with the Methodist Chapel and our parish church at Hardwick, as well as being a parish councillor, has deepened my sense of responsibility and connection to those around me. I believe God is calling me to serve my community with renewed purpose — not just through decisions and meetings, but through the quiet rhythms of village life - presence, kindness, and practical love.*

*Though I've stepped away from professional life, I haven't stepped away from the vocation of serving others. I carry the skills and experiences from my career into this new chapter, where justice, compassion, and wisdom are needed in*

*different but equally important ways. Believe me when I say it is much more satisfying than the structured duties of legal work!*

*Whether it's helping a neighbour, supporting community events, or being a steady voice in local matters, I feel God is inviting me to be His hands and feet here — to reflect His care and commitment in the very heart of village life.*

*Sarah.*

**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.'

'Derek the Cleric'





Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

# **‘Big Sing’ Service**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00 pm**

**at Cheddington  
Methodist Church**

**5 The Green,  
Cheddington, LU7 0RJ**



**Theme: ‘We Believe’**

**Colossians 1: 15-20**

***Community Hymn Singing from 5.45pm.***

**All welcome!**

# Don't look at Christians, look at Christ

*'Lord, what about him?'*

John 21:21 NIV



One day Peter looked at John and asked Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus answered... 'What is that to you? You must follow me' (v. 22 NIV).

*When others disappoint you,  
remember that you have disappointed others.  
When others give you bad advice,  
remember that you have given others bad advice.*

There is only one person who won't disappoint you and will always point you in the right direction. **Jesus.**

**He doesn't merely know the way, He is the way.** 'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV).

When you follow even the best of Christians, they will sometimes cause you to stumble or be confused. But when you follow Jesus, He will illuminate every step you take.

Christ's own disciples would have disappointed you. Peter was racially biased and sometimes honoured Jews over Gentiles. James and John wanted to call down fire from heaven on those in a village that refused overnight accommodation to Jesus and His disciples. Thomas doubted the truth of the resurrection and said, 'Unless I feel the imprint of the nails in His hands, I will not believe He is alive' (see John 20:25).

Yes, people will disappoint you. But Jesus won't. That's why the Bible says, 'Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith' (Heb 12:1-2 NIV). The only people who can let you down are the people you lean on. So, the word for today is – ***lean less on people and more on Jesus.***

**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](mailto: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.

**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)



**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, toiletries, also washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods.



### Next Week

<b>Mon</b>	30 June	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	1 July	9.30am 10.45am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
<b>Thurs</b>	3 July	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
<b>Frid</b>	4 July	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
<b>Sat</b>	5 July	3.45pm	MESSY CHURCH

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion  
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>