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.

WELCOME TO

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 6th July 2025

10.30am: Service of Holy Communion 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 Frances Aylen and Elaine Hope.

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

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 388 505 498 255 595 494 | | |
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| Readings | Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11 | | |
| 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.

The flowers this week are given by Jackie and Kaz to celebrate their 8th Wedding Anniversary.

FAMILY NEWS: We heard the sad news, last Sunday, that Gerry Challenger has died. Please remember Michele and all the family in your prayers.

<u>CHURCH MEETING</u>: <u>TODAY</u>, we will hold a brief church meeting after the service. <u>Please stay on for it if you can!</u> 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.

<u>Non-Dairy Milk:</u> 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.



BB/GB Presentation & Awards Evening THIS COMING 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.



This Wednesday, 9th July, will be lunch club. Please come and join us for fish pie, seasonal vegetables and new potatoes, at 12.30pm in the hall. All are welcome, but we would like to know numbers, so please either sign up on the list in the coffee bar or give Gill Marks a call on 01296 748659.

(If you don't eat fish, let us know and we will provide an alternative). Look forward to seeing you there.

SOS. July 12th: Quoting Nancy Sinatra's 'These boots are made for walking', we are going to have an amble on the walkways around the Waddesdon Estate near Stone, taking in the views of the countryside. Starting at 6pm and ending at the home of Gill and Steve Marks, where jacket potatoes await your choice of faith fillings. *To join in call 748659*

[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 and 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.]



NEXT 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!!

<u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> We shall be holding an <u>AFTERNOON TEA</u> in aid of Action for Children on <u>Saturday 16th August</u> at the home of Elaine and Kevin Hardern. Further details soon.





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

Maureen's daughter, Erica 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.

Louise and her family on 19th July

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

WHITCHURCH

Dear All, This Sunday, 6 July, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Whitchurch. We have often been told that God has a job for each one of us, a job for which only we are equipped by the Holy Spirit, a job that only we can do. So, I asked Karen how she felt God had influenced and guided her life and how He had equipped her, and Karen shares that calling and journey with us now.



Please pray for the lovely people at Whitchurch and for all those people who have to make difficult decisions in life about which direction to go in, a direction that is not always one they wish to go in. But they listen to God and step out in faith.

Pete.

I had a career I loved and I truly believed I would be in for the rest of my working life.

A lovely home I had put my heart and soul into over the years. Surrounded by friendly and supportive neighbours

My husband and I had many friends around us who had supported us throughout some pretty awful times, and continued to do so.

We were as happy and content as anyone could be.

What was I thinking?

Where was my thinking taking me?

What was my heart telling me?

What was God asking of me?

We as a family had seen our Mum and younger Brother pass away in just over a year. Dad was struggling!

Jim and I prayed together and decided there was only one thing to do.

We both resigned from our jobs, (not an easy move on my part).

We put our home on the market and started packing.

4 months later we said our goodbyes and moved in with Dad 100 miles away from friends and familiarity and my beloved job.

We both felt God was asking us to put my family first.

Neither of us regretted one minute and felt we had made the right decision. God knows what he is doing.

That was 16 years ago and during that time Dad has joined Mum and Dave, and Jim has joined his Mum.

I am hoping and praying that God will guide me to wherever and whatever He feels I should do now.

Right now, I am not sure, but as my parents always said,

He works in mysterious ways!!!! But will let you know what he wants when you least expect it.

I pray he will.

Karen.

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.'

God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.

Rt Revd Nicholas Baines Bishop of Leeds www.greenchristian.org.uk





Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

'Big Sing' Service

Sunday 20th July, 6.00 pm

at Cheddington

Methodist Church

5 The Green, Cheddington, LU7 oRJ



Theme: 'We Believe'

Colossians 1: 15-20

Community Hymn Singing from 5.45pm.

All welcome!

'ALL TIMES'- Prayers for Everyday by David Jenkins

Many will remember David, who was the Superintendent Minister of the Aylesbury Circuit for 10 years before moving to Reading in 2014 to continue his Ministry part time. He has now written a Prayer Book entitled 'All Times'.

The cost to purchase a complete copy is £5.

If you would like to purchase a copy, please would you:

1. Write a cheque for £5.00 payable to D.G.

JENKINS

2. <u>Together with your name, phone</u> <u>number and Circuit Church attended</u>, send this to AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH, BUCKINGHAM STREET

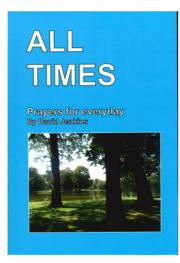
AYLESBURY, HP20 2NQ, for the Attention of Pauline Noble

- 3. The final date for receiving orders will be **July 31**st, when we will order the appropriate number of Prayer Books from David, and, when collected, will distribute accordingly to each church for collection.
- 4. Any queries, phone Pauline on 01296 484940.

There is a sample of a few pages of the book on the notice boards.



'Derek the Cleric'



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

Next Week

| Mon | 7 July | 6.15pm | Girls' Brigade |
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| | | 6.30 – 8.00pm | Food Hub |
| Tues | 8 July | 9.30am | Chair Yoga |
| | | 2.00pm | Banner Group |
| | | 6.00pm | Boys' Brigade |
| Wed | 9 July | 12.30pm | Lunch Club |
| Thurs | 10 July | 10.00am | Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group |
| | | From 1.45pm | Blood Donor sessions |
| Frid | 11 July | 2.30pm | Friday Feathers Badminton Club |

Sunday 13th July 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.



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)