

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 13th July 2025



10.30am: Family 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 Elaine Hope and Gill Marks.

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.

*The Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship,
and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.*

Hymns	StF 24 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord O my soul) 354 15 440 363
Readings	1 Corinthians 13 Romans 5: 1-8
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 "In memory of my Mother, born July 7th 1926,
and also all family members who are no longer with us."**

Geoff and Paula Short.



TODAY is ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY.

We shall have a short video about the work of Action for Children during the service this morning, and there will be a retiring collection afterwards. You will find a collecting envelope in your notice sheet. 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. Envelopes can be returned over the next couple of weeks, and further envelopes are available in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.

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



There are a few plants for sale in the Hall after the service this morning – do have a look. *Proceeds for Action for Children!* They are priced, or do make a donation.



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.



The recent collection for the work of MHA amounted to £199.00, and, with Gift Aid added by those who completed the Gift Aid details, the total will be boosted to £224.75.

Many thanks to all who contributed here or online.



Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

‘Big Sing’ Service

Sunday 20th 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!

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	14 July	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	15 July	9.30am 10.45am	Chair Yoga Prayer Group
Thurs	17 July	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	18 July	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 20th July 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Frankie Fisher.

5.45/6.00pm: Big Sing Circuit Service at Cheddington Church.

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)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

WINGRAVE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 13 July, it is the turn of Wingrave to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers. We join Gay who shares her spiritual and physical journeys with us, both in Zimbabwe and the UK. I love the way that Gay describes herself as a 'Christian', not 'Belonging' to any one denomination. How right this is, because we are all first and foremost 'Christians'; and we are not tied to any particular branch of Christianity, we are tied to Christ! Please pray for the lovely fellowship at Wingrave this Sunday, and also for all those who are 'between churches', and none, that they may find God, stand in awe of His creation, and rejoice in His love as Gay does. Pete.



My mother was an Anglican Christian and my father a professed atheist, so my family was not particularly church orientated. I remember going to Sunday school and singing joyful songs and collecting Christian stamps. However, until I was 12, religion did not feature much in my life. My mother then decided I should be confirmed and sent me to confirmation lessons - through which I mostly slept.

I was taken to church services until I was confirmed and then the family lapsed again.

However, I always believed in the existence of God. I was fortunate to grow up in Zimbabwe where I spent much of my time in the bush. I can remember always observing nature around me and being in awe of the wonder of living things. It is not hard to believe in the existence of God when you observe and understand the wonder of His creation. I studied the sciences at school and university, and my understanding of the intricacies of the processes that sustain life only increased my belief in God.

I did not invite Jesus Christ into my life until, in my 50s, an incident occurred when I was in abject despair and distress. I was praying to God for forgiveness and mercy when a deep and invading peace settled on me. I believe God, in his silence, 'spoke' to me.

This led me to attend an Alpha Course, which presented me with the evidence that Jesus was the son of God, and the truth and the way, and I invited Him into my life.

Since then, my Christian journey has moved forward and my relationship with Jesus Christ has grown steadily. I was fortunate to join a wonderful Bible study group in Zimbabwe. We became very strong together and could trust each other to share anything, good or bad. A study that we did of the 'Celebration of Discipline' particularly helped further my Christian journey.

I don't label myself as belonging to any one denomination but prefer to just call myself a Christian. I particularly enjoy attending the Methodist services in Wingrave, and the friendship of the Methodists there. I am grateful to have attended the Lent and Advent courses that they hold as they have helped my spiritual growth enormously. I appreciate and admire the Methodist outreach and the work they do for the community and for charity.
Gay.

'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. Together with your name, phone number and Circuit Church attended, 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 31st**, 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.

