

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 3rd August 2025

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Elaine Hope and Derek Adams.

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 20 78 94 'Here is love vast as the ocean' 'I stand in the presence of Jesus'
Readings	1 Corinthians 11: 23-34
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.



There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund this morning, after the service. The bowls will be clearly marked.



This Wednesday, 6th August, is Lunch Club. We will be serving up Jacket potato, various fillings and salad at 12.30pm in the hall. Fillings will include Coronation Chicken, Tuna, Cheese and beans, and more, so please come along and join us for lunch and a chatter. All are welcome, but we would love to know numbers, so either put your name on the list in Hall coffee bar or give Gill a call on 01296 748659. gillmarks54@gmail.com. Thanks. Gill.



**Marilyn and Nick Storer are participating in
Get Fit Fundraising Fortnight 2025**

Saturday 9th August 2025 to Saturday 23rd August 2025

This is a virtual relay raising money for Parkinson's UK Aylesbury Branch. If you are happy to support them then you may donate via:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/aylesbury-branch-parkinsons-uk-1>

Thank You.

S.O.S. Saturday, August 16th

Our friends Mel and Mike have moved to Winslow, and tonight we will visit their new home for a relaxed evening in their garden. Starting at 7pm with a faith supper; please call them on 07747 021780.

Invitation to a wedding

Claire Starr will be marrying Ben Cuddihee on

Saturday 30th 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.



I have some spare tickets on a coach outing to **Hatfield House on Friday 12th September**. The coach will leave Whitehill at 9.00am, then on to Bedgrove for 9.15am, returning back into Aylesbury for around 5.15pm. The cost is £23 which includes a tip for the driver. If you would like to join us, please let Gill Marks know as soon as possible. Gill Marks 01296 758659.



COME & JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A LEISURELY AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST
from 2.30pm.

at the home of Elaine & Kevin Hardern,
82 Wendover Road, Aylesbury, HP21 9NJ

Sit/Natter/Eat/Enjoy a few Games/Raffle

**Entry by Donation towards the work of
ACTION FOR CHILDREN**



We do need numbers for catering, so **please sign the sheet that Pauline has in the Welcome Space, or phone / email Pauline or Jennie** so we know you are able to come.

Pauline: 61paulinenoble@gmail.com (01296 484940)

Jennie: jennietorpey@gmail.com (01296 581414)

Parking available at the Tennis Club – a few doors along.
A few spaces will be available in Elaine & Kevin's driveway
for those with poor mobility.

If any of you are likely to have any home/garden produce or plants you are willing to donate for us to sell at the Afternoon Tea, please let us know.

The Circuit Preaching Plan for September to November 2025
is now available in the Welcome Space.

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

Note: Prayer Group has stopped meeting for the summer, and will begin again in early October.

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	4 Aug	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	5 Aug	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Wed	6 Aug	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Frid	8 Aug	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 10th August 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Arthur Sara.

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 (Kevin Hardern 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

KARIBUNI CHILDREN



Karibuni Children

Dear All,

This Sunday, 3 August, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Karibuni Children, a charity that is very special to us in this circuit. It is wonderful to know that our efforts in supporting this brilliant organisation are resulting in real results, as George Mwabu was able to say when he visited, because he had seen at first hand that support at work in the lives of youngsters that he knew. Please pray for all the many people who have worked to enable this scheme to function, and pray for the young people that they may acquire the skills to create better lives for themselves and those around them. Pete.

Good News from Karibuni Children

As you know, 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Circuit-supported charity, Karibuni Children, being founded by Corinne Murphy.

With help from loyal supporters, be they individuals or churches throughout the UK, the charity has come so far and achieved so much since then.

To mark this milestone, in June we had a Karibuni weekend at Aylesbury Methodist Church, with a presentation and delicious African themed meal on Saturday 21st June, followed by a very well attended and joyful thanksgiving service, involving folk from many Circuit churches, on Sunday 22nd June.

The weekend was completed by Cream Teas and a Barn Service at Swanbourne later the same day. We are most grateful to the folk at AMC and Swanbourne for all they did to make that weekend such a success, which included raising well over £2,000 for Karibuni Children.

Throughout, we had the company of George Mwabu, who runs the children's project which Karibuni Children supports in Tharaka, a semi-arid region north east of Nairobi. When he visited Swanbourne Methodist church for a cream tea, George was delighted to see that the walls featured news of Karibuni's work in Kenya, and even more so when he spotted that one item featured a boy named Samuel who had been sponsored by Karibuni Children through the Tharaka project. Samuel had come from a very challenging background, but

George was able to tell us that he has achieved much in his education and is about to complete a course leading to a Diploma in Agriculture.

How wonderful that George was able to see for himself how one of our Circuit churches supports projects such as the one he runs, and for the folk at Swanbourne to hear at first hand how young Samuel's life has been transformed with money given to Karibuni Children!

God truly moves in a mysterious way, given that, via George Mwabu, he connected a village chapel in rural Buckinghamshire with a children's project located in a fairly remote part of rural Kenya. It was indeed wonderful to see the joy on the faces of Frankie Fisher and George when they both realised how God had brought them together. Joy and John

When others 'don't get it'

'People who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them.' 1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT

When you share your faith with someone and they don't seem to 'get it', don't be disappointed, don't be upset, and don't be impatient. In Scripture, God's Word is referred to as 'seed' (Luke 8:11), so that makes you a sower. Yes, we would all like to sow and then reap as quickly as possible. But sowing and reaping each have their own season.

When the finger of God began to write King Belshazzar's fate on the walls of his palace and none of his wise men could interpret it, they called for Daniel the prophet. Up until then he was basically persona non grata. But Daniel was ready when his time came, and you must be too. Here are two Scriptures you must keep in mind when you share your faith with someone:

1) 'People who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them...for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means' (1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT).

2) 'If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way' (1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT).

God has called you to share the truth of His Word with others, but only the Spirit of God can help them to 'get it'.

You have not been called to convince, convict, convert, or change anybody, but to sow the seed of God's Word each opportunity you get and to leave the rest to God's Spirit. And when you do your part, you can trust God to do His part.

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