

WELCOME TO

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Sunday 10th August 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Arthur Sara.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Gill and Trevor Nord.

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 137 449 254 416 340
Readings	Genesis 18 : 1 – 10a Colossians 1 : 15 – 28
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 Mary Parker.

**‘Remembering Robin with love,
from Mary, James and John.’**



At our recent Church Collection in aid of Action for Children, the collection amounted to £183.65, plus £20 from the Plant Sale, making a total of **£203.65**. Of this amount, £125.00 was gift aided. Thanks to all who contributed.

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.



*We will be holding an open house and garden for Breast Cancer Now on **Friday 29th August**. Tea/ coffee and cake will be available from 10am - 12 and 2pm - 4 pm at 10 Chesterfield Close, Stone, HP17 8PY, along with some craft stalls and a tombola. Please come along and bring your friends. Many thanks, Gill and Lynn (01296 748659)*

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.

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.



The AFTERNOON TEA next Saturday 16th August has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

There are some large items of furniture for sale (sofas, table & chairs etc) which are in Pauline Latham's house, which has now been sold. If there's anything you might be interested in, Andrew Latham can give you more details of what's available, plus dimensions.

He can be contacted on 07776 197190.

We have received information about our local **SHOPMOBILITY**.

Posters will be put on the notice boards.

My name is Cathy East.

I work in Aylesbury town centre in the **Upper Hundred's car park**. We run the local **SHOPMOBILITY**, which is a free service for people needing scooters, wheelchairs and other mobility aids to use around the town centre, for **FREE**. We also hire out Travel Scooters and Wheelchairs for longer-term hire: overnight, for use at home after hospital treatment, holidays, coach trips etc, for a small fee.

We are a non-profit organisation, as even long-term hire does not cover maintenance fees. We can also give advice to our ability. We can give training to anyone who has not used equipment before and fears doing so.

It is for all ages, and anyone with mobility needs. I find that because we are hidden in a car park many do not know we are here offering this service to our community and beyond. The website link is:

<https://www.shopmobilityuk.org/centres/view/aylesbury/>

Cathy.

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	11 Aug	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	12 Aug	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Frid	15 Aug	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 17th August 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

FAIRTRADE



Dear All,

This Sunday, 10 August, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Fairtrade and we hear Rod's story as he shares his passion for the creation of a fairer world. We all have skills and talents in many different areas, but wherever our interests or those skills lie, we are all capable of supporting the ideals of Fairtrade, and making a difference in a world that many find so hard and hostile. Please pray for all those who are struggling in this world, and for those who strive for justice on their behalf, that the love of Jesus may prevail and poverty may be erased.

Pete.

Firstly, thank you to Lindsay and Neville for preparing the last two Fairtrade Good News contributions. It was encouraging to hear about how they involve themselves in some of the many aspects of social justice, including Fairtrade, and empowering people through ethical approaches to finances.

Feeling powerless can be an uncomfortable experience, as can seeing others face the same experience. The latter may be behind why I hear so many say they no longer watch News reports. It can be a tough watch to see people's anguish, discomfort and need. However, those in troubled circumstances are unlikely to have anything like an off button to switch. Without the involvement of others' awareness and practical actions, nothing changes and benefit does not happen, or is postponed.

The creation of Fairtrade back in the 1970s was stimulated by Christians who not only saw a need but proffered a solution, giving opportunities for self-help and providing means to change circumstances. I am so pleased they stepped out, took a risk and prompted change.

I spent my working life in a career which came out of the Temperance Movement and had many ties with Methodism. There was a focus on social justice, encouraging care and mindfulness between and for others, as well as encouraging socially-appropriate behaviours. I did this with the background of being brought up in a Christian family and being 'churched' as a child. That was not the case for many of my colleagues.

In many ways, it is not surprising that my 40yr working career and 30yr 'hobby' of Fairtrade have stemmed from the same drive for justice and, potentially from some of the guiding principles of my parents about 'helping out/sharing with others' and recognising the difference between 'need' and 'want'. One pointed mantra I saw in use during my working career was 'If you don't change, nothing changes'!

As I have mentioned in a past contribution, Jesus was very good at noticing what was happening around him, taking action and providing for needs, regardless of social standing or nationality. May we too remain observant to situations around us, and pray for strength to give or receive as our situation requires, to whoever needs it.

We remember all involved with Foodbanks and all involved in actions that empower the exploited and those less powerful.

We also bring to mind those who struggle to maintain hope or the sense that others have a care for them.

As with the Good Samaritan, may we be able to show that practical action has its place.

Rod

Lord God,
In the fields of the poor,
Even when abundant fruits ripen,
Injustice sweeps them away,
And families hunger.
Help us to share
The fruits of Your bounty,
So that all Your family may benefit
From Your gracious gifts.

[Based on Proverbs 13:23]