

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 17th August 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

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 Frances Aylen at 8.45am, and Gill and Steve Marks at 10.30am.

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	8.45am: StF 513 747 661 10.30am: StF 82 51 594 495 317
Readings	8.45am: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2 10.30am: Genesis 18: 20-32 Colossians 2: 6-15 Luke 11: 1-13
Organist	8.45am Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker
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 Doris Moore,
in loving memory of Eric and Graham.**

We were sorry to hear that Eve Howes has died. Eve was a member of AMC when Peter Lemmon was our Minister. She was also for many years the Christian Aid Secretary and worked very hard for it, at a time when there was a Christian Aid Committee, which organised two Jumble Sales, as well as House to House and Town Centre Collections every year. Eve's funeral is on Friday, 29th August at 2.00 p.m. at Bierton Crematorium.

A BIG THANKYOU to all those who sponsored my daughter Erica for Race for Life (Cancer Research UK) on 13 July. We raised the grand sum of **£962.00, plus Gift Aid of £181.75** making a total of **£1,143.75 ...**

A very good effort on a very hot day!

Maureen Tucker: 01296 486619, 07790 581197



*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*

2 - 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.



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.

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. **Andrew Latham is photographing the items with dimensions and suggested prices.**

If you think you might be interested, please email Andrew on:

dpasound@gmail.com and he will send you the list of items.

He can also be contacted on 07776 197190.

Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

‘BIG SING’ Service

Sunday 31st August. 6.00pm

at Chinnor Methodist Church,

62 Station Road

Chinnor OX39 4PZ.

Theme: ‘Mission & Prayer’

Jonah 1: 1-17, 3: 1-10, and 4: 1-11

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

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	18 Aug	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	19 Aug	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Thur	21 Aug	From 1.45pm	Blood Donor sessions
Frid	22 Aug	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 24th August 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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

OUR PREACHERS

Dear All,

This Sunday, 17 August, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on our Preachers, and we follow John's story as he shares his calling with us. John's story is truly inspirational and gives a glimpse into the vast array of ways that the Holy Spirit works His influence on us, in ways so diverse and subtle that we often don't recognise Him at work. We are truly blessed with the amazing variety of people who come forward week by week and lead our worship, each using the unique gifts that God has given them.

Please pray for all those who lead worship in our circuit, that they may be truly Spirit-led and faithfully deliver God's message to us. Pray also that others may hear the call to come and offer themselves for this very worthy work.

Pete.

John writes:

Next week it will be 26 years since we moved to Buckinghamshire, and it has been a privilege to serve as a Local Preacher in this area over that time. It's a privilege too to be asked to contribute to this 'good news' slot and share something of my story and how God has influenced my life.

I grew up in Cheadle, just south of Manchester, and my wonderful Mum, a fine Christian lady, took me along to the Sunday School at St. Philip's, which was a small daughter Church on our estate. Being part of that church was a big part of my life growing up. It was also a tremendous nurturing experience, and coming to know God's love for me and accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour was a gradual process. When I was confirmed at the age of 12 in 1964, it was just that – confirmation of my understanding of God's love for me and of my commitment to be a follower of Jesus.

I always joke that I married into Methodism. My wonderful wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of a Methodist Minister, Rev. Ronald Crawford, who mostly served in the Northeast of England. When we married in 1975, we first lived in Haywards Heath in Sussex and the local Anglican church on our estate was very 'high' and not what either of us were used to. So, we started going to the Methodist Church, where we were made very welcome, and the rest, as they

say, is history. Prior to moving to Wendover, we had also lived in Chesterfield and Altrincham, and Elizabeth and I served in various capacities at all of the churches, including as Sunday School Teachers, Youth Club leaders and Stewards.

When we were in the Altrincham Circuit, at Hale Methodist Church, Churches Together in Altrincham became involved in Mission '89 – a Billy Graham Mission with a difference. Whilst the mission was based in London, the use of satellite technology enabled it to be broadcast to around 200 towns and cities across the UK. I volunteered to be part of the organising committee for the Altrincham event, where my role was to oversee the finances. It was a tremendous experience to be part of that group and see God at work. One miracle was that the sports centre in Altrincham was made available to us for the whole week of the mission, enabling us to maximise attendances. In addition, all the financial needs of the mission were met. I attended most days of the mission, and saw God at work in the lives of individuals as they responded to the powerful message of God's love for them.

After the Mission was over, I was left with a strong sense that God wanted me to take a different direction in my service of him. In May 1990 we took a group of youngsters from our church to a celebration weekend at Cliff College, a Methodist training college in Derbyshire, where the end of weekend speaker (Rev Paul Smith, who was about to become Superintendent of the Altrincham Circuit), preached on John 4 v35, and invited people to come forward who felt called to be 'workers' in the fields gathering in the harvest. I had a strong sense of God wanting me to offer myself, and so began a conversation about the possibility of training for the ministry. On returning home I met with my own minister, Ian Souter, who was also a good friend. His advice to me was to "resist the call as hard as I could" – his argument being that if this really was God's will, I wouldn't be able to resist! He also explained that I would first need to train as a Local Preacher. I should have completed the training in 3 or 4 years, but in my case, it took 7, and I was eventually recognised as a fully accredited Local Preacher in April 1997. Over that time, the sense of a call to the ordained ministry diminished. Whether I resisted the call inappropriately I will only find out in the next life, but I feel strongly that God has called me to a different ministry as a Local Preacher, which remains a privilege and a joy.