

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 14th September 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Neville.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Frances Ayles.

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 30 811 254 470 440 443
Readings	1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10
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 Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship, and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

J TEAM. We need a few helpers for J Team to be an extra pair of hands on a Sunday morning.

You would not need to prepare anything or to lead a session, but just be there to help the leader of our younger group when necessary.

I am hoping to set up a rota if we have enough volunteers, so that you would only be needed occasionally.

Please contact Vivienne Kemp if you think you can help in this way. (01296 399315 / 07771 798282).

Many thanks to everyone who comes through to the rear hall after our Sunday morning service for coffee. John and I do the first Sunday of the month and I'm delighted to tell you that **we raised £202 for Christian Aid and also £202 for Action for Children.** It means a lot to these charities to receive a substantial donation. Margaret Miskin.



We are delighted to announce that the
AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE
will open here on **Saturday, 25th October,**
between 09.30 and 12.30.

*Thereafter, it will open every 4th Saturday of the month,
except August and December.*

The repair cafe will be a partnership between this church and the growing, international not-for-profit repair cafe movement, whose aim is to repair more and throw away less.

If you come along to the Welcome Coffee Bar on **Saturday 20th September for 10.30am**, Philippa Tipper, who has helped set up other repair cafes in the Milton Keynes area, will be here to answer questions and finalise our plans. If you want to experience a repair cafe, the Aston Clinton one meets at St Michael's church from 9am to noon next Saturday 13th September.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Peter Green. Tel. 01296 424653. E: peterb.green@ntlworld.com.

HARVEST Service Sunday 28th September. We shall be collecting items for the Whitechapel Mission as usual this year. A double-sided list of items which are needed (and not needed) is on the back 2 pages. Further copies will be available from the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.

Saturday 11th October 2025
Karibuni Children Supper Quiz
7.00pm at AMC
(see poster on notice boards)



Well folks, it's that time of year again where we turn our thoughts towards Christmas and to this year's launch of the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal. Leaflets are now available in the Welcome Space, so please pick one up and fill a shoebox for our annual appeal. If you haven't

done one before, then now is the time to get started. All filled boxes NEED to be with me by the 7th November. As usual, I'm happy to receive monetary donations which I will then use to fill a shoebox on your behalf. HAPPY SHOEBOX FILLING. Many thanks, Margaret Miskin

THANK YOU

Claire and Ben were delighted to see so many Church friends at their wedding on 30th August. Thank you to Fred, Richard and all those involved in the ceremony for your help and support. The music and singing were wonderful – thank you Derrick, choir members, singers (and the guest musicians).

The church looked beautiful thanks to Melanie and her team who gave so much time to preparing flowers and producing lovely arrangements.

Thank you to Gill and her team and all cake makers for the much-appreciated refreshments after the service.

The rest of the day went very well, but for me personally, the wedding ceremony was the most important part. Thank you for helping to make it special. Pat Starr.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE. Please will users of the church check that all windows are closed before they leave? A pigeon (or even a couple) has got in through an open window in the Church gallery and has been flying around the church. Shirley.



MUSICALS AFTERNOON TEA: 3.00 - 5.00 pm

and QUIZ: 6.00 - 8.00pm

on Friday 19th September

Raising money for Florence Nightingale Hospice.

On Friday 19th September, Holly Jones (Pauline Noble's granddaughter) is hosting two fundraising events for Florence Nightingale Hospice in memory of her grandfather, Tony Noble.

At 3pm, there will be an **AFTERNOON TEA** with songs from your favourite musicals, performed by Holly. **Entry is £8** which includes tea, coffee and plenty of cake!

At 6pm, there will be a **QUIZ NIGHT** with other games. Again, tickets will be **£8, but discounts are offered** for people who come in pre-arranged teams. There is the option to pay by cash or card.

Both events are being held at Florence Nightingale Hospice's Conference Suite (Walton Lodge, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP21 7TA). If you would like any further details, please email Holly at hollyrj2000@gmail.com

For those of you who may not know, Holly is a graduate from the world-renowned Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts and is a professional actor, singer, writer and director. She has just become the British champion of the One Act Drama Festival 2025. Locally, Holly has performed several times at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, but also was selected by the council to perform at the grand opening of The Exchange in 2019. Further afield, she has also sung in London's West End several times. She is really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 19th.



To help costs, if anyone would be willing to bake a cake, please give your name to Pauline Noble (01296 484940).

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	15 Sept	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm 7.30pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub Leadership Team meeting
Tues	16 Sept	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	18 Sept	10.00am From 12.45pm	Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	19 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 21st September 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 - (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)

YOUR LIFE IS A LETTER

'We...are being transformed into his image.'

2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV



You have probably heard the old saying about doctors and their prescriptions, 'They can read writing, but they can't write reading.' A letter must be easily read and understood. Incomprehensible writing distorts the message and discourages the reader. The purpose of a letter is to convey the writer's thoughts. When it doesn't, the reader stops reading or fails to get the message. And since 'you are like a letter written by Christ' (v. 3 CEV), here are some common distortions you need to avoid:

- 1) *Dishonesty on the job.* That includes things like inflating your expenses, stealing company time, and taking home items you think won't be missed.
- 2) *A bad attitude.* For example, resentment when a friend, fellow worker, or boss asks you at an inconvenient time to help them and go the extra mile.
- 3) *Substandard work reflected in shoddy products and services.*
- 4) *Unreliability and inconsistency.* Can you be counted on to be where you're supposed to be and to fulfil your obligations?
- 5) *Being a killjoy.* Christians who lack a sense of humour and act like they are joy-impaired hurt the cause of Christ instead of helping it.
- 6) *Touchiness.* How do people 'read' you? Do you wear your feelings on your sleeve? Are you easily upset? Do you overreact to unintended offences?
- 7) *Temper tantrums.* Are you crabby, grumpy, and complaining when things don't go your way?
- 8) *Self-righteousness.* This can make you speak in supercilious, religious tones that turn people off.

Remember, you're '*known and read by everyone*' (v. 2 NIV), so make sure your attitude and conduct reflect well on your faith and your Lord.

Source: *The Word for Today*, a daily devotional, produced free of charge by United Christian Broadcasters. For your regular quarterly copy write to UCB at:

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