

WELCOME TO

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Sunday 21st September 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 Gill Marks at 8.45am, and Elaine Hope and Derek Adams at 10.30am.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.
(Oat milk now available. Please ask.)

Hymns	8.45am: StF 689 546 459 10.30am: StF: 20 59 545 703 566
Readings	8.45am: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 10.30am: Amos 8: 4-7 Timothy 2: 1-7
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.

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.

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.



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).

NEXT SUNDAY: HARVEST SERVICE

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) was on the back 2 pages of last week's notice sheet.



Further copies are available from the display cabinet
in the Welcome Space.

As some of you will be aware, Pete Honeyball, one of our local preachers, has recently undergone major surgery, which means that we have had to look to reassign the appointments he is due to take on the Circuit plan. This is complicated by the fact that Pete has a dispensation to preside at communion, and some changes have been necessary to ensure that all our churches have communion once a month. To help with this, Nick Aylen will now be taking the Harvest service on September 28th to allow Richard to go to Thame and lead a communion service.

Pete is recovering well from the surgery but it will be a while before he is able to resume his preaching ministry.

Ruth Watkins has a spare copy of the **Methodist Prayer Book**, if anyone is interested in having it. £4.40.



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

Saturday 11th October 2025
Karibuni Children Supper Quiz
7.00pm at AMC

(see poster on notice boards and on a later page)



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

If you'd like to read more about the appeal and the people who receive the shoeboxes, have a look at the website. There are ideas and patterns to make small gifts and toys to put in your shoebox, too!

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2025/>

SECRET SANTA SUNDAY



It has been increasingly difficult in recent years to find local organisations who are able to collect toys and gifts to distribute to local children, so, this year, in place of the Toy Service on 7th **December**, we shall be supporting the Action for Children Secret Santa Appeal with our own '**Secret Santa Sunday**'.

Special Secret Santa envelopes will be given out a couple of weeks before, (with extras available for those who miss them). Then on Sunday 7th December, we shall ask you to return your envelope with your donation. If possible, we ask you to complete the Gift Aid information, as this makes a huge difference to the amount collected for the children, at no extra cost to us.



*Each year, we ask people to be a charity
Secret Santa for a vulnerable child with
Action for Children by donating to our
Secret Santa Appeal.*



*Because, for vulnerable children across the UK,
Christmas is anything but magical.*

*No stockings. No presents. No festive food - maybe no food at all.
Their first memories of Christmas could be going to bed hungry, being
too cold to sleep, and losing all hope when Santa doesn't come.*

**But you could help change that. Your gift could help a vulnerable
child feel the magic of Christmas.**

*Being a Secret Santa means you could buy a child the essentials of warm
clothes, a hot meal, or a special present just for them. They'll know
Santa has remembered them - but they won't know that Santa is you!*

**A reminder that the Annual Karibuni Quiz Supper takes place on
Saturday 11th October at 7pm.**

Many of us have supported this really enjoyable event in the past, and this year, for the first time, it will be held here at AMC.

Our own Steve and Viv Kemp will be running the Quiz.

Tickets, priced at £15, include a Fish and Chip supper (with a veggie or sausage alternative) and can be obtained through Karibuni's website, or by calling Genevieve at Karibuni's Stoke Mandeville office (01296 614887).



The poster features a central graphic with the Karibuni Children logo (a stylized figure with arms raised) above the word "Quiz" in large blue letters, with "Supper" written in red cursive below it. Two large red question marks flank the central text. Below the central text is a lightbulb with a brain inside. Surrounding the central text are four starburst shapes: a yellow one for "FISH AND CHIP SUPPER", a green one for "£15 PER PERSON", a red one for "7PM SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025", and a blue one for "AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH STREET, AYLESBURY, HP20 2NQ".

Join us for our annual Quiz evening with Fish and Chip supper (or veggie burger alternative)

Proceeds will go directly towards supporting some of Kenya's most deprived communities

For tickets and more information please visit our shop on our website or call the office

www.karibuni.org.uk/shop

01296 614887  office@karibuni.org.uk

Please bring your own soft drinks. Tea & coffee will be provided - sadly, no alcohol is permitted on the premises.

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CIRCUIT NEWS

1. Circuit Prayer Gathering

The circuit staff would like to invite anyone in the circuit who would wish to join them for prayer on a Thursday morning at 10:30.

We will meet by Zoom and anyone interested would need to advise one of the ministers, so that the relevant invitation can be sent. The aim is for the gathering to last for half an hour, and that initially the staff will leave with the hope that others in time might be interested in taking a turn.

If this timing does not work, please let us know, and if there appears to be sufficient demand we will see if we can offer an alternative, perhaps in an evening.

2. Big Sing

After the success of this new initiative, the plan for next summer is to hold five big singing services, starting in May and running through to September, following something of the same format we have used this year.

Questions have been asked about the possibility of holding an Advent or Christmas Big Sing. We appreciate that driving in winter at night is not always a pleasant experience, so the suggestion is that we might hold a Big Sing on a Saturday morning. It would be really helpful if we could gain an idea of whether there was sufficient interest for this to happen. The idea would be a service at 10:30. It would also be helpful to know if any churches have events planned for any Saturdays in late November and early December so that we do not clash.

Many thanks.

Blessings,

Richard



ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR MISTAKES AND SHORTCOMINGS

'Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.'

James 5:16 NKJV

We all make mistakes, misjudge issues, and mess up at some point. We're all human. The truth is that mistakes are one of the major ways in which we learn and get wiser. But because of our fear of being criticised or losing face, we often attempt to hide our mistakes.

The only real calamity about mistakes is if you don't learn something from them. Failing to admit a mistake blocks the path to growth.

Listen to the words of the Lord when He admonished the Israelites to learn from their mistakes: 'Jeremiah, say to the people, "This is what the Lord says: 'When people fall down, don't they get up again? When they discover they're on the wrong road, don't they turn back?'"' (Jeremiah 8:4 NLT).

It's a relief to you and an inspiration to others when you can acknowledge your mistakes without being defined or derailed by them. Circumstances and other people may have swayed our decisions, but in the end, we are each responsible for what we do.

When we make a mistake, the action we take is – our choice. The best approach for dealing with your mistake is to accept complete responsibility, learn from it, decide how not to repeat it, and go on. Interestingly, other people will connect with you more, and even respect you more, when you are able to acknowledge your weaknesses. And it sets them free to do the same thing.

Humility is one of the attributes that people esteem in others; pride is hated – even by other proud people.

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:

United Christian Broadcasters, Westport Road, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF, or email ucb@ucb.co.uk or telephone **01782 911 000**.

Or you can read them online at <https://www.ucb.co.uk/read>

As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift would be appreciated from time to time.

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	22 Sept	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	23 Sept	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade
Thurs	25 Sept	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group
Frid	26 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 28th September 2025

10.30am: Harvest Service led by Mr Nick Aylen.

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)