

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.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Steve Kemp.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Andy Gilbert.

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.

The Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship, and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

Hymns	StF 415 404 693 706 663
Readings	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
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 flowers this week are given by Anne Dunbar in memory of her parents, her husband Stephen, and her grandson Chris.

FAMILY NEWS

Sadly, we have to report that Carol Chanell's Mother - Rita Adams - passed peacefully away last week. Rita's funeral will take place at Watermead Crematorium at 10.30am on Friday 20th February, and all will be welcome. We send our love and condolences to Carol and all the family at this difficult time.

Pat Powell is now residing in Cuttlebrook Hall Care Home in Thame, and sends her best wishes to friends at AMC. She would welcome visitors, but please contact Chris Sara (07515 472 825) initially as she's co-ordinating visits - too many people are a bit overwhelming!!



It's time for Lunch Club again! The next one will be on **Wednesday 11th February** when we will be dishing up Cottage Pie and vegetables at **12.30pm** in the church hall.

If you are coming, please put your name on the list in the coffee bar in the hall or give Gill a call on 01296 748659.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



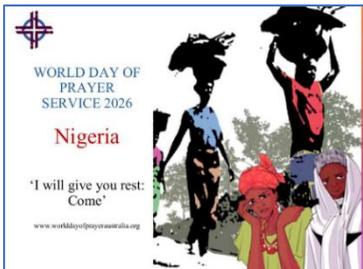
It's now time to count the money in your little Home Collecting Boxes. Please either hand in the box for us to open, or bring the contents to church in a plastic bag, **clearly marked with your name**, for us to count. Pauline Noble and Jennie Torpey will be very pleased to receive it. Any queries, ring Pauline 01296 484940 or Jennie 01296 581414.



If you do not have a box and would like one at home to put in small amounts of loose change, please ask Pauline.

Update of Pastoral Records. For the next few Sundays, we shall be giving out cream forms, and asking you to complete and return them, so that we can update our pastoral records with current address, telephone numbers and email addresses. A sealed box will be available on Sundays for you to put them in. They can also be given to Richard or one of the Church Stewards. The information will be private and stored on a password-protected computer, and paper copies destroyed.

Spare forms can be found in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.



This year's **World Day of Prayer Service** is themed '*I will give you rest, come*' and has been written by the women of Nigeria. There will be a service taking place at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church on the Stoke Road in Aylesbury at 1.30 pm on Friday 6th March.**

ALL ARE WELCOME, and it would be lovely to see as any many of you there that can make it. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



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Galatians 6:4 MSG

Paul wrote: 'Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life' (vv. 4-5).

Jesus was insistent on this. After the resurrection, He appeared to some of His followers. He gave Peter a specific pastoral assignment that included great sacrifice. Peter responded by pointing at John and asking, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to live until I come back, that is not your business. You follow me" (John 21:21-22 NCV). In other words, stay focused on your own assignment.

A little boy named Adam wanted to be like his friend Bob. Adam loved the way Bob walked and talked. Bob, however, wanted to be like Charlie. Something about Charlie's stride and accent intrigued him. Charlie, on the other hand, was impressed with Danny. Charlie wanted to look and sound like him. Danny, of all things, had a hero as well: Adam. He wanted to be just like Adam. So, Adam was imitating Bob, who was imitating Charlie, who was imitating Danny, who was imitating Adam.

It turns out that all Adam needed to do was to be himself!

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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



Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank. Currently, the greatest need is for: Tinned Meat, Long Life Fruit Juice and Soup; also, Long-life UHT milk and Custard, Tinned Vegetables (but not Potatoes), Teabags (40 or 80), Table sauces, eg Ketchup, brown sauce. But all donations are welcome. Toiletries, washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods are always needed.

Next Week

Mon	9 Feb	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	10 Feb	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Wed	11 Feb	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Thurs	12 Feb	10.30am From 12.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	13 Feb	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 15th February 2026

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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)