

**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.

WELCOME TO  
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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**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, this morning, are Elaine Hope and Charles Fiadzeawu at 8.45am, and Gill Marks 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.)*

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.

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| <b>Hymns</b>     | <b>8.45am: StF 134 261 81</b><br><b>10.30am: StF 455 82 545 566 615</b>  |
| <b>Readings</b>  | <b>8.45am: Matt 17: 1-13    10.30am: Micah 6: 1-8    Matt 5: 1-12</b>  |
| <b>Organist</b>  | <b>8.45am: Derrick Matthews    10.30am: David Brooker</b>  |
| <b>Streaming</b> | <b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b> |

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 in loving and fond memories  
 of Jeph and Gwen Morris, from their children.**

## FAMILY NEWS

Rita Adam's funeral will take place at Watermead Crematorium at 10.30am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!!

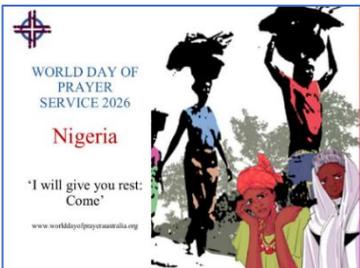


It's now time to count the money in your little Home Collecting Boxes. Please either hand in the box for us to open, or bring the contents to church in a plastic bag, **clearly marked with your name**, for us to count. Pauline Noble and Jennie Torpey will be very pleased to receive it. Any queries, ring 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PARKING:** A reminder that the limited Church car parking spaces should be left for those with poor mobility.

To ensure the way is clear for wheelchairs, etc to pass, please do not double-park, or park right up by the rear doors on the paving slabs by the fire exit.



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### KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

*'Teach us to realise the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.'*

Psalm 90:12 NLT

When he became campaign manager for President George Bush and chairman of the Republican National Committee, Lee Atwater had accomplished the two things he wanted to do by the time he was forty years of age. Then he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour. Shortly before he died, he wrote these sobering words:

*'I acquired more wealth, power and prestige than most. But you can acquire all you want and still feel empty. What power wouldn't I trade for a little more time with my family? What price wouldn't I pay for an evening with friends? It took a deadly illness to put me eye to eye with that truth, but it's a truth that the country...can learn on my dime. I lie here in my bedroom, my face swollen from steroids, my body useless... The doctors still won't answer that nagging question: how long do I have? Some nights I can't go to sleep, so fearful am I that I will never wake up again. I've come a long way since the day I told President Bush that his "kinder, gentler" theme was a nice thought, but it wouldn't win us any votes. I used to tell the President that **he** might be kinder and gentler, but I wasn't going to be. How wrong I was. There is nothing more important in life than relationships, and nothing sweeter than the human touch.'*

If you're wise, your priorities in life will be God first, your family second, and your career third.

**'Teach us to realise the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.'**

**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](mailto: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.

**CHURCH READINGS: March – May 2026.** There is a new sheet on the noticeboard, so if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church occasionally, please sign up for the week you would like to read, with just your name (no contact details – **unless you are new to reading the lesson**), and a steward will contact you during that week with the reading. If you have any questions, **or if you are joining the reading rota for the first time**, please speak to one of the stewards.

**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](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)

**Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.**  
*Currently, the greatest need is for: Tinned Meat, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables (but not Potatoes). But all donations are welcome. Toiletries, washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods are always needed.*

### Next Week

**The Coffee Bar in the Welcome Space is usually open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10am – 12 noon.**

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| <b>Mon</b>   | 16 Feb | 6.30 – 8.00pm           | Food Hub  |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 17 Feb | 9.30am<br>10.45am       | Chair Yoga<br>Prayer Group                            |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 19 Feb | 10.30am<br>From 12.45pm | Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group<br>Blood Donor sessions |
| <b>Frid</b>  | 20 Feb | 2.30pm                  | Friday Feathers Badminton Club                        |

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

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| <b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>   |
| <b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>  |
| <b>Fire doors must not be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard<br/>(Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through</b> |
| <b>Duty Manager: Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702</b>  |