

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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



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

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Gill Marks and Charles Fiadzeawu.

**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 355 263 264 265 276
Readings	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Matthew 21: 1-11
Organist	Derrick Matthews
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.**

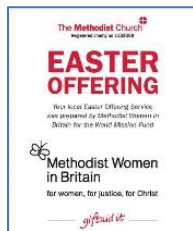


**The flowers this week are given by Beatie Francis for Everton's Birthday,  
and in memory of her two lovely Daughters and Friends.**

## **AMC Offering Envelopes for the year beginning 12 April.**

The new offering envelopes are in the Welcome Space. Please take yours and also anyone else's who are not at church but who you could deliver to. Many thanks, David Neville.

**EASTER OFFERING.** Today you will have received an envelope for the Easter Offering; this offering has been made since the 1880s when women gave an Easter penny. The money forms a large part of the **Methodist World Church fund** - for more information do look online using the words in bold above.



Please return the envelope into the collection plate over the next couple of Sundays. Many thanks.

## **Update of Pastoral Records.**

*If you've not yet completed one of the cream forms, for us to update our pastoral records, you can find some in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space. We need your current address, telephone numbers and email addresses. The forms can 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.*

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April - MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6.30pm Holy Communion & Meal**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April - GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00am Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> April - **EASTER DAY**: 9.00am: Easter Breakfast (pre-book)**

**10.30am: Easter Day Communion service**



**Don't forget to bring your spring flowers to decorate the cross!**

**Maundy Thursday** If you would like to take part, a menu is now available in the Welcome Space for you to complete and return asap.

## **Easter Sunday Breakfast**

A full English Breakfast\* cooked by the SOS team has become an established part of our Easter tradition, and this year is no different; it's a mixture of food and fellowship to start this wonderful day of celebration. As in previous years, with your help we will be raising funds for the Whitechapel Mission. Tickets are priced at £7.00 and are on sale during Lent at AMC or ring Lynn or Derek on 420817 to book your place. \* a vegetarian option is available.



## Introduction to Green Christian Thursday 16 April 2026 7-8pm

Want to know who we are, what we do and how to get involved? Green Christian is, we hope, a friendly and welcoming community of people who are simply trying to respond to God's call on us all to "tend and care" God's world.

You are invited to a one hour Zoom meet-up on 16 April. The plan is to introduce ourselves, to briefly explain what Green Christian is and does and how you can get involved, and then have a bit of time to chat in breakout groups with a member of the board so you can talk about where you are in your eco-Christian journey (should you wish to) and ask questions.

The event is for [Green Christian members](#), but also for anyone interested in joining us.

**A number of the Green Christian magazines can be found in the display stand in the Welcome Space.**

The theme for this year's **World Day of Prayer Service** was '*I will give you rest, come*', and an enjoyable service was held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Aylesbury. 31 people from different churches across Aylesbury attended and just over £200 was collected as an offering on the day.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards.

The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria brought us a powerful invitation drawn from *Matthew 11:28-30*. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offered profound insights into finding rest in God.



Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens – shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair – the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

The theme was beautifully expressed with the Worship Service featuring a playlet about a young girl named Chioma and stories of three Nigerian women: Beatrice, Jato,



and Blessing. Their experiences revealed how God provides rest through community support, faith, and hope.

The Country Background provided comprehensive information about Nigeria's history, culture, and contemporary challenges, with special attention to the achievements and struggles of Nigerian women. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine



provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness.  
May we learn to embody Jesus' invitation: 'Come to me, all you who are weary.'  
Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.

The wonderful WDP banner was made by the very talented AMC banner group.

*Jackie Simpson-Tyda*

*WDP Representative, AMC*

## **THE SECOND BEATITUDE**

*'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'*

Matthew 5:4 NKJV

Jesus was not necessarily speaking about mourning the loss of a loved one, but that those who mourn over their sins will receive God's comfort. When you weep over your sins and the trouble they brought to yourself and to others, you put yourself in a position to receive God's forgiveness.

True repentance does not focus on self. It's not morbid or despairing; it doesn't come from false humility or from wallowing in self-pity. It is acknowledging openly, plainly, and simply that you need God's mercy and grace.

As long as you delight in your sins, try to justify them, or blame others for them, you cannot be forgiven. It is only when you pray, 'I confess that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words, and my actions' that you put yourself into a position to be cleansed of your sin. The Bible says, 'If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:8-9 NKJV). And in that is your comfort!

It is God's forgiveness that produces genuine joy and comfort in your souls. It is God's forgiveness that heals your deep inner wounds, and that restores you to intimacy with your heavenly Father.

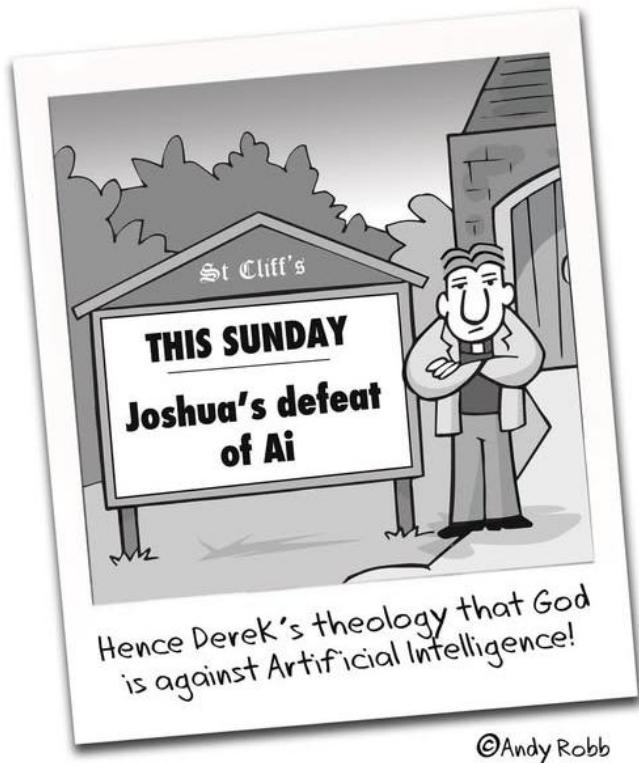
David said: 'I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone' (Psalm 32:5 NLT).

**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.



Karibuni Children

Last year Karibuni Children put on a number of events to mark the charity's thirtieth anniversary. One was a charity concert at Wycombe Swan Theatre featuring the LP Swing Orchestra. Their programme, entitled '100 years of Big Bands', involved a range of familiar big band musical numbers and songs.

This concert was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and a **follow-up concert at Wycombe Swan Theatre has been booked for Sunday 31st May at 3pm.**

Tickets can be booked online <https://trafalgartickets.com/wycombe-swan-theatre/en-GB/event/music/another-100-years-of-big-bands-tickets> or by telephone (0343 310 0060).

**Seat prices** - Standard: £36.50, Under 16 / Student / Over 60: £33.50.

## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

A poem for Palm Sunday

They shouted with praises, reaching the sky,  
Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by.  
Crying, "Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!  
He comes to us today, great joy He doth bring."

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way,  
Making a clear path for Him to travel that day.  
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,  
Their day had come, God answered prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant,  
From joyful noise, to a mob's hate-filled rant.  
From Hosanna, hosanna, as when He was praised;  
To crucify Him! Crucify Him, as their anger blazed!

In disbelief we might question why they turned?  
But maybe the question is, "What have we learned?"

Written by Loyd C Taylor, SR.

March 29, 2015

**Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.**

*Currently, the greatest need is for: **Tinned or Packet Custard, Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Strong Carrier Bags.***  
**But all donations are welcome.** Toiletries, washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods are always needed.



**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)

**Next Week**

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

<b>Mon</b>	30 March	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	31 March	9.30am 10.45am	Chair Yoga Prayer Group
<b>Thurs</b>	2 April	From 1pm 6.30pm	Blood Donor sessions Maundy Thursday Communion & meal
<b>Frid</b>	3 April	10.00am	Good Friday Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**10.30am: Easter Day Communion Service  
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 must not 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)**