

WELCOME TO
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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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 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 Victoria 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 379 385 156 382 378
Readings	Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 16: 5-15
Organist	William Parker
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. st

All children MUST be accompanied by an ADULT.



**We welcome the family and friends of Teyani Egbe-Johnson,
who is being baptised this morning.**

This applies only to members of the church congregation who were in attendance on 24th May. *Have you lost some money? I found a little money on the premises on 24th May. If you arrived home and wondered what had happened to your money, please let me know the exact amount (and the denominations - coins, £5, £10, £20, £50), and where on the premises you think you left/lost it. Please let me know by 15th June, after which it will be handed over to Roger Kirk as a contribution towards Church funds. Shirley (Church Office 01296 426526).*

Elaine Hope has recently stood down as a Church Steward and we are very grateful for her time of service. This means we are looking for a new Church Steward. If you would like to nominate someone, please gain their consent, find a seconder, and **let Richard have the details by June 15th please.**

If you're interested in becoming a Church Steward, and would like to learn more about what's involved, please talk to one of the current stewards or to Richard.



NEXT Sunday, 7th June, we shall be celebrating MHA Sunday (a week early), and we shall show a short video 'The Second Cup – Loneliness Appeal'.

"Days drift into weeks, and weeks into months. Conversations fade. Routines shrink. Without someone to talk to, loneliness can quietly take hold, affecting physical health, mental wellbeing, and a person's sense of purpose. No one should feel forgotten."

At MHA, we're working to end loneliness for older people across the UK.

Through our befriending services, we connect isolated older people with someone who listens and visits regularly. A friendly face or voice on the phone. A relationship that reminds someone they matter.

We shall have a retiring collection for their befriending services and their other work at the end of the service, and you will find an MHA envelope in your notice sheet. Please complete the Gift Aid declaration if you pay tax, so that MHA can reclaim an extra 20% of your donation at no extra cost to you.

Edith's fundraiser for the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

Hello! I am doing a 5km fundraising Midnight Walk in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, on 20th June 2026. Here's my JustGiving page, if you would like to donate: https://www.justgiving.com/page/edith-awadzi-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched

Sponsor form is available too. **Please tick the Gift Aid box if you are a taxpayer.**
Thank you. Edith.



Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 6th June**, from 3.45pm – 6.00pm. There will be crafts and games and a lovely tea. Don't forget to let us know if you are coming, by emailing amc22messychurch@gmail.com by **Thursday 4th June** so we know how many to cater for. Margaret Miskin.



THE TOUCH OF HIS HAND

'The one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.' Daniel 10:18 NKJV

In her book *A Slow and Certain Light*, Elisabeth Elliott wrote:

'When I lived in the Forest of Ecuador, I usually travelled on foot...Trails often led through streams and rivers which we had to wade, but sometimes there was a log high above the water which we had to cross. I dreaded those logs and was always tempted to take the steep, hard way down into the ravine and up the other side. But the [local guides] would say, "Just walk across, senorita," and over they would go, light-footed and confident.

'I was barefoot as they were, but it was not enough. On the log, I couldn't keep from looking down at the river below. I feared I would slip. I had never been any good at balancing myself...so my guide would stretch out a hand, and the touch of it was all I needed. I stopped worrying about slipping. I stopped looking down at the river or even the log and looked at the guide, who held my hand with only the slightest touch. When I reached the other side, I realised that if I had slipped, he would have held me. His being there, and his touch, were all I needed.'

That's all you need, too: to experience God's presence and feel His touch. Daniel wrote: 'The one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said..."Beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me"' (vv. 18-19 NKJV).

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

Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

***Currently, the greatest need is for: Long-life UHT Milk,
Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta and Rice.***

***But all donations are welcome. Strong Carrier Bags, 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



Next Week

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

Mon	1 June	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	2 June	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	4 June	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	5 June	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
Sat	6 June	3.45pm	Messy Church



Sunday 7th June 2026

10.30am: Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Richard Atlinson.

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**

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