

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
AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 28th June 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 Andy Gilbert and Gill Nord.

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 403 513 727 693 662
Readings	Gen 1: 24-31 Matt 22: 15-22
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 next 'BIG SING' service will be at Princess Risborough on
Sunday 5th July at 3.00 pm. Please note the different time to previously.
[We have permission to use the car park at the Baptist Church]**

Dear AMC Family,

As you know life for us has become difficult over the past few months. It is common with a lot of people, neither of us finds it easy to admit that we need help but we have had to face up to reality. The result has left us speechless but very grateful. You have shown us so much love and understanding in so many different ways. THANK YOU. Marilyn and Nick Storer.



OFF WE GO AGAIN ... My daughter Erica is running in the '**Cancer Research Race for Life**' on **12 July** this year for the 19th year!

If you wish to donate to this very worthwhile cause, the link is:

<https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffundraise.cancerresearchuk.org%2Fpage%2Fericas-race-for-life-171529183096%3Ffrom%3Demail&data=05%7C02%7C%7C2bd62b9c8045409e454508de79c8f07f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C639082101094148472%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOiJldU1joyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sccxXmsh0lK%2FmCSwcwn1bNQJ1s12Vq2l3YqZH0KugyQ%3D&reserved=0>

Cheques made payable to Cancer Research UK, and cash, are obviously still most acceptable.

The amount we raised last year was £1,143. So here's to 2026!

Maureen Tucker: 01296 486619. 07790 581197



The latest edition of EcoCarer was enclosed in the notice sheet last Sunday.

If you missed it, spare copies and previous editions are available from the display stand in the Welcome Space.



MORE MAGIC AT THE MUSICALS

NEXT Saturday 4th July 2026, 4.00pm

***at The Church on Fairford Leys, Hampden Square,
Aylesbury, HP19 7HT***

Tickets: Adult £10.00 / Under 18s £5.00 / Family Ticket £20.00 (2 adults + children under 16) from website, choir member or on the door.



YOU CAN PULL DOWN THAT STRONGHOLD

'The weapons of our warfare are...mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.' 2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV

Just as Jericho was a stronghold in Canaan, we have strongholds in our lives. Paul wrote: 'The weapons of our warfare *are*...mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God' (vv. 4-5 NKJV). A stronghold is an 'argument' or a 'high thing' that 'exalts itself against the knowledge of God'. It is a conviction, outlook, or belief that attempts to interfere with the truth.

A stronghold is a false premise that denies God's promise. It 'sets itself up against the knowledge of God' (v. 5 NIV). It attempts to magnify the problem and minimise God's ability to solve it.

Does a stronghold have a strong hold on you? Do you speak the language of impossibility? *God could never forgive me* (the stronghold of guilt). *I could never forgive that person* (the stronghold of resentment). *Bad things always happen to me* (the stronghold of self-pity). *I have to be in charge* (the stronghold of pride). *I don't deserve to be loved* (the stronghold of rejection). *I'll never recover* (the stronghold of defeat). *I must be good, or God will reject me* (the stronghold of performance). *I'm only as good as I look* (the stronghold of appearance). *My value equals my possessions* (the stronghold of materialism).

Many Christians don't even recognise the strongholds in their lives. But you don't have to be among them. God has given you the weapons of prayer, Scripture, the Name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, fellowship, etc. And collectively, they have 'divine power to demolish'.

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.

Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

Currently, the greatest need is for: Long-life UHT Milk, Tinned veg (not potatoes), Tinned Fruit, Breakfast Cereal. But all donations are welcome. Strong Carrier Bags, Toiletries, Washing-up Liquid & Laundry Detergent pods are always needed.



CHURCH READINGS: June - August 2026. *There are still a few spaces* on the 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



Next Week

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

Mon	29 June	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	30 June	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	2 July	10.00am From 12.45pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	3 July	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 5th July 2026

10.30am: Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Richard Atkinson.
3.00pm: 'BIG SING' Circuit service at Princes Risborough

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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)