

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 12th July 2026

10.30am: Family Service led by Mr Peter Honeyball

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 Vicky 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 24 440 78 242 487
Readings	Luke 15: 11 – 32
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 Worship Band will lead you in your preparation for worship, and the words will be shown on the screen. Please join in.

NEXT Sunday, 19th July, we shall be celebrating
ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY.



There will be a short video about their work, followed by a retiring collection after the service, and collecting envelopes will be in your notice sheets.

Please complete the Gift Aid details on the reverse if you pay tax, so that the charity can claim back an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

**BREAST
CANCER
NOW**

We will again this year be holding our open day for Breast Cancer Now. It's on **Friday 7th August at 10 Chesterfield Close, Stone HP178PY**. Tea, coffee and cake will be served between **10am and 12 noon, then again between 2pm and 4pm**. There will be a couple of craft stalls as well as a Tombola so come along and bring your friends; all are welcome. Thanks, Gill and Lynn.

Message from Derek and Karen, Wild Gardeners:



In September we would like to put up a few bird boxes and insect hotels in our Wild Garden. If anyone has any such items lying around, we would be pleased to make use of them. Or perhaps someone fancies having a go at making one? (Summer holiday project for bored teenagers?) Please pass said items

to Karen Crussell or Derek Adams if you are able to help, and we will get them up. Many thanks.



Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

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





SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

'I thought about my ways.'

Psalm 119:59 NKJV

The serving pathway. On the serving pathway, you find God's presence seems most tangible when you're helping others. You identify with the words of Jesus: 'Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these...you did *it* to Me' (Matthew 25:40 NKJV). And you may find that you are uncomfortable in a setting where you don't have a role to play or a service to perform.

An example of this would be Dorcas, whom the Bible says 'was full of good works and charitable deeds' (Acts 9:36 NKJV). Gladys Aylward could be considered a more recent counterpart to Dorcas. A humble housemaid from London, she didn't let hardship or rejection by a missionary society silence Christ's call on her life. In China, she cared for orphaned children, protected the vulnerable, and faced danger to help people in need. Her life was marked by humble service, obedience, and joy in serving God.

President Jimmy Carter has probably inspired more people as an ex-president than he did while he was in office because of his passion for servanthood through such channels as Habitat for Humanity.

People on this pathway find that if they're just attending church but have no place to serve, God begins to feel distant. They need to be 'plugged in'.

Two dangers faced if you are in the serving pathway are:

- 1) You will be tempted to judge others who don't seem to be serving as much as you do.
- 2) You can get caught up in being God's servant and forget that you're His beloved and redeemed child. Hence you have to stretch, by learning to receive love as well as to offer it.

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.

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: rbydarku@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	13 July	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	14 July	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	16 July	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	17 July	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 19th July 2026 **Action for Children Sunday**



8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 (Viv Kemp: 01296 399315 Mobile: 07771 798282)