

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 26th July 2026

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris.

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

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 102 8 727 419 676
Readings	Genesis 2: 4-15 Matthew 6: 24-34
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 Nick and Frances Aylen
to celebrate their 40th Wedding anniversary.**



Last Sunday, we celebrated ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY and there were collecting envelopes in your notice sheets. **If you haven't received one, there are more in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.** 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.

Envelopes can be returned today or next Sunday.

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.



Many thanks to all those who passed on their thoughts about the trial of having a space to greet fellow worshippers on a Sunday.

As we would expect, opinions varied, with equal-sized groups saying '**NO**' and '**LETS DO IT EVERY WEEK**'. The overwhelming majority of respondents, though, see benefit in doing it '**OCCASIONALLY**'.



I have successfully completed the Midnight Walk 2026 and raised combined JustGiving and Cash donations of **£805.00** for **Florence Nightingale Hospice**.

My heartfelt thanks to those who supported me and made donations for the good cause. Edith

J Team will take its summer break from this Sunday, and will resume on 6th September.

Ailsa Kemp will be marrying Michael Barns at AMC on Friday 21st August. The ceremony starts at 2pm, and any church friends would be more than welcome at the ceremony. Vivienne and Steve Kemp.





STEP OUT AND DO IT!

'Be strong and courageous!'

Joshua 1:9 NLT

When God told Joshua, 'Be strong and courageous,' the word **be** really means **become**. It's not like a computer in which you enter a password and 'hey, presto!' you're courageous. Courage is a quality you grow into. Like filling bigger shoes, the more you walk in them, the more comfortable they become. Joshua had already been to the Promised Land. He knew there were seven nations to be conquered. He was well aware of the problems he'd have to face. So, God said:

- 1) 'Do not be afraid of those nations, for the Lord...is among you, and he is a great and awesome God' (Deut. 7:21 NLT). The job you're about to take on may look more like a battlefield than a bed of roses, but God will be with you. He will give you solutions for the problems and strength for the battles.
- 2) 'The Lord your God will drive those nations out ahead of you' (Deut. 7:22 NLT). God will go ahead of you and arrange everything. He will help you make the right connections and provide you with the needed resources.
- 3) 'The Lord...will drive those nations out...little by little. You will not clear them away all at once' (v. 22 NLT). God works in us one area at a time. Life's not one big battle; it's a series of small daily struggles required to defeat the enemies that stand in your way.

Twenty-three chapters later, God was **still** telling Israel to be courageous. Courage is like oxygen; you can't survive without it.

It's not the absence of fear; it's the conquest of it. Courage means doing it *afraid*, until you conquer your fear.

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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: *Tinned veg (not potatoes), Tinned Fish, Instant Mash.* 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	27 July	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	28 July	9.30am	Chair Yoga

Sunday 2nd August 2026

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Hayford Ofori-Attah.**

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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