

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 16th August 2026

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

6.00pm: 'BIG SING' at Haddenham

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda at 8.45am, and Andy Gilbert and Charles Fiadzeawu at 10.30am.

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	8.45am: StF 595 585 596 10.30am: StF 82 544 545 660 418
Readings	8.45am: 1 Cor 11: 23-34 10.45am: Mark 1: 16-20 Philippians 3: 1-21
Organist	8.45am and 10.30am: 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 Doris Moore,
 in loving memory of Eric and Graham.**

**J Team is currently taking its summer break,
and will resume on 6th September.**

Olwen Darlington's funeral will take place on Tuesday 25th August 2026, 10.00 am at Bierton Crematorium.

No flowers, please, but donations can be made in Olwen's memory to Save the Children via Dignity Funerals <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/26-07-2026-olwen-mary-darlington/>

For those who cannot attend, there will be a live stream -

<https://watch.obitus.com/login/d9s9gt>

Username: bidu1514 Password: 563930

I am sure that some of you will already have heard, but I am sorry to have to tell you of the passing of **Bob Earl the organist at Whitchurch**. His funeral will take place on Monday 24th August, 11.00am at Whitchurch followed by Cremation at, I think, Watermead in Aylesbury.

I know you will hold our folk at Whitchurch in your prayers. Richard.



At our recent Action for Children Sunday, the collection amounted to **£295.00**. Of this amount, £170.00 was gift aided, bringing the final total to **£337.50**. Many thanks to all who contributed.

New Wi-Fi account in operation

The Community Centre has a new Wi-Fi account. The details are displayed on the office noticeboard by the shredder/under the office clock so that those with access to the office can note the details. You can also request it by email. The old Wi-Fi account, Vodafone BOF637, is no longer in service.

Please would the congregation make sure that hymn books and bibles are returned to the bible rests under the seats after the service. Thank you.



Many, many, thanks to everyone who supported our open day for Breast Cancer Now, either by joining us on the day or giving us a donation. **So far, we have raised £650**, but still have a raffle for the quilt going on until mid-September, so final

amount not yet known. We were blessed again this year with good weather so everyone was able to sit outside, making life so much easier.

Thanks again for your support. Gill and Lynn.

Vale of Aylesbury Circuit: 'Big Sing' Service

This evening: Sunday 16th August, 6.00 pm

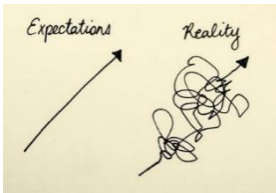
at Haddenham Methodist Church, High Street, Haddenham, HP17 8ES

Led by Rev Richard Atkinson and Rev Heegon Moon

Theme: 'Being a Loving community', Romans 12:9-21

All welcome!

Street parking, as well as at The Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd.



HAVE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

'He knew what was in each person.'

John 2:25 NIV

Here are three areas in which you must learn to have realistic expectations:

- 1) ***You must have realistic expectations of yourself.*** When you do things poorly you usually feel bad. That sets in motion a never-ending cycle of reaching for things that are out of reach, hoping to prove something you don't have to prove in the first place. You think you should be able to do what others do, yet if you are not similarly gifted you cannot excel in it. You don't need to prove anything! Just obey God, and allow Him to take care of your reputation. As long as you expect to excel outside your gifting and calling, you will always end up disappointed.
- 2) ***You must have realistic expectations in your relationships with others.*** To make yourself responsible for someone else's happiness, or them for yours, leads to a life of frustration. Abraham Lincoln said, 'Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.' If people don't have the right outlook in life, you, and a hundred others like you, won't make them happy.
- 3) ***You must have realistic expectations concerning life.*** Jesus said, 'In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world' (John 16:33 NKJV). As long as you're in this world you'll have problems. Nobody gets a free pass. But don't worry; the Lord's got everything under control. Just learn to be realistic. You will always have to deal with unpleasant situations, stubborn problems and difficult people. But **YOUR** attitude (not theirs) is what determines whether or not you enjoy life.

Source: The Word for Today, a daily devotional, produced free of charge by United Christian Broadcasters.

Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

Currently, the greatest need is for: Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life UHT Milk, 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 meeting is taking a break for the Summer, and will meet again in due course.

Next Week

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

Mon	17 August	6.30 – 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	18 August	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Thurs	20 August	From 12.45pm	Blood Donor sessions

Sunday 23rd August 2026

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Nick Aylen.

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)