

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 6th September 2026

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Hayford Ofori-Attah.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Frances Aylen at 8.45am, and Charles Fiadzeawu and Andy Gilbert 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 69 645 671 10.30am: StF 113 536 100 658 449
Readings	8.45am: Acts 2: 42-47 10.30am: Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Organist	8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker
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.



FAMILY NEWS: Geoff Short. Unfortunately, Geoff has recently had to have a spell in hospital and is now recovering slowly at home.
If you wish to visit, please phone Paula first.

Wi-Fi CORRECTION: The Community Centre has a new **additional** Wi-Fi network **TP-Link AP AEBE**. 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, VodafoneBOF637, is still in service.

There are also two networks available in the Welcome Space

A big thank you to all who sponsored my daughter Erica for **Race for Life** again this year. ***The total amount raised for Cancer Research UK is £1,569.75; a brilliant result!*** My thanks once again to Jean Taylor for her support with this. Maureen Tucker.

SOS: September 19th at the home of Gill and Steve Marks - the plan is for an early evening walk followed by jacket potatoes. Their contact number is 01296 748659.

SOS stands for 'Sometimes on Sunday' as we are a group made up of both regular Church goers and others who are not. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We get together at each other's homes with the evening based around fellowship and food. Sometimes there is a theme for the food but not always; it's more important to be there. Usually we start at 7 o'clock, and all that's needed is a call to the host.



We are always looking for help at our Boys' Brigade sessions, especially with the older boys - Company Section and Seniors.

- Anchor and Junior Sections 6:00 – 7:15pm
- Company Section and Seniors 7:15 – 9:00pm

Please consider offering a night or two a term (we run a rota) to keep our member-leader ratio correct. You wouldn't have to plan anything or necessarily take a big part in the evening's activities, but having the correct number of adults present allows us to run a session. *If we can't cover the numbers - the evening will be cancelled.*

Please contact me if you think you can help in any way
Steve Kemp, Captain, 1st Aylesbury Boys' Brigade.

07856 566 104 1staylesburyboysbrigade@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

As you may already be aware, at our last church council meeting, members voted in favour of joining a new multi-site church council with some of the other churches in the circuit.

Amongst other things, this new body will be responsible for finance. Shirley Francis, the administrator at Aylesbury, will be the bookkeeper and will keep all the records. We need one, or possibly two people to be Treasurer and have oversight of Shirley's work in this area.

What would the role(s) involve?

- In the beginning help with the setting up of a new account – the banks like a treasurer to do this.
- During the year, to oversee Shirley's bookkeeping. So, a need for occasional conversation and checks. In particular to make sure monies paid to the church nationally are paid on time.
- At year end, to be involved in producing and collating the accounts, and completing the schedules the Church nationally requires.

We do have people who are willing to help settle the appointee(s) in and offer the wisdom of experience.

The Treasurer would be a member of the new multi-site church council which we expect, after being established, might meet twice a year.

If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Richard.

The hope is, that with Shirley doing the mechanics, it will not be too time consuming.

Thank you.

Richard.



This Wednesday, 9th September, will once again be lunch club. We will be serving up a mild chilli and jacket potato at 12.30pm, so put your name on the list in the hall coffee bar if you would like to come and join us. It's a lovely friendly social event with lunch thrown in. What more could you want!

Contact details this month: Lynn on 07880 727473



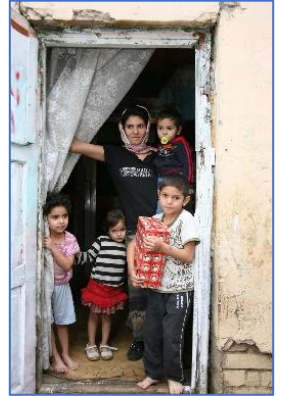
Well, the schools have gone back and there's definitely a nip in the air, and Christmas goods are starting to appear in the shops, so it's also time to launch our Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal, for either a Family or an Elderly Person.

As usual I have put leaflets in the Welcome Space area ready for you to pick one up. If you're not happy filling a shoebox then I'm happy to receive monetary donations and do one on your behalf. As a church we have supported this charity for many years and I hope that we can continue to do so. With the war still raging in Ukraine, it is vital that our shoeboxes can



reach them and their neighbouring countries to

make some families experience the joy of Christmas. Many thanks to those who have continued to support Link to Hope. If you haven't filled a shoebox before, then maybe this is your chance to join other members of the congregation and make it a better year for someone less fortunate than ourselves. Margaret Miskin.



CHURCH READINGS: September – November 2026.

If you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church from time to time, a list is in the front Welcome Space - 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.

We are aware that our Church family is made up of many different denominations, and are more than happy for you to read in your own language, as it will be displayed in English on the front screen.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of the stewards or Richard.





HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE BLESSED

'May I never forget the good things he does for me.'

Psalm 103:2 NLT

It's the bad days that help us to appreciate the good days. Without them, we'd have no comparison point. David was talking to himself one day, and he recorded his thoughts for us: *'May I never forget the good things He does for me.'*

Here are six 'good things' worth thinking about:

- 1) If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week.
- 2) If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are better off than five hundred million people in the world.
- 3) If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- 4) If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 per cent of the world.
- 5) If you have money in the bank or in your wallet, or spare change in a dish somewhere, you rank among the top 8 per cent of the world's wealthy.
- 6) If you can read this devotion, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

There is always someone who is worse off. That doesn't mean you revel in other people's misery. But it ought to heighten your Christ-like *compassion* and give you a sense of *gratitude* that spills over into thanksgiving each day.

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.

If ever we become convinced that we are pretty good Christians, Paul's list of exhortations will serve as a mirror, to show us how far we still have to go!

Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses.

In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body, and each part belongs to all the other parts.

We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us.

The person who has the gift of *prophecy* should use that gift in agreement with the faith.

Anyone who has the gift of *serving* should serve.

Anyone who has the gift of *teaching* should teach.

Whoever has the gift of *encouraging* others should encourage.

Whoever has the gift of giving to others should give freely.

Anyone who has the gift of being a *leader* should try hard when he leads.

Whoever has the gift of *showing mercy* to others should do so with joy.

Your love must be real. Hate what is evil, and hold on to what is good.

Love each other like brothers and sisters.

Give each other *more honour* than you want for yourselves.

Do not be lazy but *work hard*, serving the Lord with all your heart.

Be joyful because you have hope.

Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times.

Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes.

Wish good for those who harm you; wish them well and do not curse them.

Be happy with those who are happy, and be sad with those who are sad.

Live in peace with each other.

Do not be proud, but make friends with those who seem unimportant. Do not think how smart you are.

If someone does wrong to you, *do not pay him back* by doing wrong to him.

Try to do what everyone thinks is right.

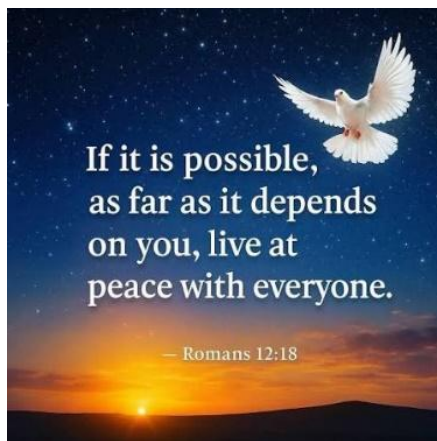
Do your best *to live in peace* with everyone.

My friends, *do not try to punish* others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: 'I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them,' says the Lord.

But you should do this: '*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink.*' Doing this will be like pouring burning coals on his head.'

Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.

Romans 12: 4-20



Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

Currently, the greatest need is for: Long Life Fruit Juice, Pasta Sauce, 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.

Next Week

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

Mon	7 Sept	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	8 Sept	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Wed	9 Sept	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Thurs	10 Sept	9.30am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	11 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 13th September 2026

10.30am: Family Service 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)