

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 13th September 2026

10.30am: Family Service 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 Frances Aylen 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 15 40 356 483 513 481
Readings	Romans 14: 1-9 Mark 10: 13-16
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.**



Harvest Festival 2026 will take place on Sunday 27th September and we will again be supporting the **Whitechapel Mission**. The needs of the mission never end, with an ever-rising population of homeless people. With the closure of chapels, those of us who are still able to support the Mission need to be as generous as

possible. You will find a list of the needs on a separate sheet, and please remember - **'quantity over quality'**. I can assure you that Tesco beans taste as good as any when you are hungry!

If you are not going to be here on that day, I am happy to receive gifts beforehand. Ruth Watkins 01296 485987 ruthmwatkins@aol.com



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

Sunday Coffee Bar: Thank you to all those who come to the hall for coffee after the morning service. Many charities benefit from this and I'm happy to have raised **£175 for Christian Aid** and **£175 for Action for Children** by your donations on the first Sunday of the month. It is a delight to see people mingling and chatting on a Sunday morning.

Come and join us if you haven't been before. Margaret Miskin.

Please note that there will be no notice sheet on Sunday 27th September. Please email/give any notices to a Church Steward to be read out.

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 muti-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.



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.



SOS: Saturday September 19th at the home of Gill and Steve Marks - the plan is for an early evening walk followed by jacket potatoes. *Those coming for the short walk - we will be leaving at 6.00pm, otherwise arrive at 7.00pm.* 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.

AMC's Wild Garden is nearly ready for planting!!

Thank you to all those who have already contributed their own favourite seeds to the Wild Garden. This is a request for final contributions of seeds and/or plants for our two raised beds behind the Community Centre.

The one in the corner will have wild seed and then be left to 'design' itself. The one in front will be more managed, with a designed layout, though we will follow a 'no dig' strategy for maintaining it.

We would love to have more native wild seeds of YOUR favourite wild plants. Or, indeed, if you have anything lovely (but wild) growing in your garden, some of it in a pot placed behind the church where the raised beds are, for planting would be just fantastic (labelled if possible). The beds are north-east facing with a high fence/wall around them

Wild primroses, wild daffodils (small and pale, not the tall ones most of us put in our gardens), violets, yellow celandines and dandelions all start to bloom early in Spring, followed by bluebells and wild garlic maybe. Later in the early summer we have campion, cow parsley, stitchwort, dog daisies, buttercups and maybe even foxgloves. Take your pick (but not literally, please!)

We will all learn together what grows well in our Wild Garden; these are just ideas to start with - with the caveat that I am no expert!



Please do GET INVOLVED in our church project. We'd love the encouragement and support from you all. I will put a labelled cardboard box in the Welcome Space somewhere for you to leave your NATIVE, WILD seed contributions. I will also let you know when we are planting - we

invite you all to join in. Our younger members might especially enjoy that. Thank you again for your encouragement and support.



Vale of Aylesbury Circuit

‘Big Sing’ Service

NEXT Sunday 20th September,

5.00 pm

at Weedon

Methodist Church



**8 Aston Abbots Road,
Weedon, HP22 4NH**

**Led by Rev Richard Atkinson and
Rev Noreen Daley-Lee**

**Theme: ‘Church as a Community
of Thanksgiving’**

All welcome!



PRAYER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

'Pray for one another, that you may be healed.'

James 5:16 NKJV

Christian cardiologist Dr Randolph Byrd had a great interest in knowing if prayer had a 'scientifically measurable' impact on healing.

He said, 'After much prayer, the idea of what to do came to me.' Over a ten-month period, a computer assigned 393 patients in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital to one of two groups. The first group was prayed for by home prayer groups. The second group was not remembered in prayer.

The home prayer groups were from various Christian denominations. They were given only the first names of the patients and brief descriptions of their diagnoses and conditions. They were prayed for each day.

The prayed-for patients differed from those not prayed for in these ways:

- 1) They were five times less likely to need antibiotics.
- 2) They were three times less likely to develop fluid in the lungs.
- 3) None required an artificial airway attached to a ventilator.
- 4) Fewer died.

If the technique being studied had been a new drug or procedure, it would have been heralded as a breakthrough. Even Dr William Nolan, the author of a book denouncing faith healing, said, 'It sounds like this study will stand up to scrutiny ... Maybe we doctors ought to be writing on our order sheets, "Pray three times a day."'

In the Old Testament, we read: *"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,"* says the Lord' (Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV).

In the New Testament, James wrote: *'The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up ... Pray for one another, that you may be healed'* (James 5:15-16 NKJV).

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.

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.

Don't forget your donations for the Alesbury Foodbank.

Currently, the greatest need is for: Long Life Fruit Juice, Pasta Hoops in Tomato Sauce, 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	14 Sept	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	15 Sept	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	17 Sept	9.30am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	18 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 20th September 2026

10.30am: Service of Holy Communion 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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960 815)



Whitechapel Mission

TINNED/DRY FOOD

(Quantity, not quality, is important, so 'own label' supermarket brands are fine.)

We cannot use	We have enough	We need help!	We are desperate!
Home cooked food End of life food Out of date food Open packaging	Tea/T-bags Rice Pasta Jam Soup Tinned Veg Tinned Fruit Tinned Meat Tinned Fish	Peanut Butter Bottled Water Tinned Fruit Salt Black Ground Pepper Porridge	Cornflakes Weetabix Any cereal Ketchup Instant Hot Chocolate Nutella/Choc Nut Spread/Chocolate Spread Plum Tomatoes and Chopped Tomatoes Baked Beans Sugar Coffee Brown Sauce Honey

TOILETRIES

Quantity, not quality, is important, so 'own label' supermarket brands are fine.

We cannot use	We have enough	We need help!	We are desperate!
Sanitary products Bubble Bath Hair Conditioner Nappies	Talc Combs Soap Ladies' Make-up Wet Wipes Toothpaste	Body Lotion Body Wash Hand Cream Moisturiser Shampoo Toothbrushes	Razors Spray Deodorant Roll-on Deodorant Shower Gel Shaving Foam

[PLEASE TURN OVER FOR MORE ITEMS!]

COLLECTION FOR WHITECHAPEL MISSION

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

CLOTHING

(Clothing and towels can be second-hand, but must be in a good, clean condition.)

(We do not operate charity shops! Anything donated to the Whitechapel Mission will be given directly to people in need.)

We cannot use	We have enough	We need help!	We are desperate!
Babies' clothing	Trousers 36" waist and above	Winter Jackets	Underpants
Children's clothing	Light Sweaters	Winter Coats	Boxers
Duvets	Shirts	Baseball Caps	Jeans 28-36"
Pillows	Knickers & Bras	Woollen Gloves	Trousers 28-34"
Quilts/Blankets	Suits	Woollen Hats	Small Rucksacks
Coat Hangers	Padded Shirts	Woollen Scarves	Men's Trainers
Sheets, duvet covers	Women's Clothing	T-Shirts	Men's Shoes
Pillow cases		Jumpers	
		Hand Towels	
		Bath Towels	
		Socks	

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: NO CURRENT NEEDS. Our work is with people sleeping on the streets of London. 90% of our guests each day are male. We cannot use: crockery, cutlery, kitchen goods, curtains, any other household items.

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE MONEY INSTEAD: See Whitechapel website [<https://whitechapel.org.uk/support/donate>], eg.

- You can donate by BACS or Direct: Bank Name: Barclays Bank Plc. Account Name: Whitechapel Mission
Account Number: 80967807. Sort Code: 20-57-06
- You can also donate direct online or via Paypal, and other ways.

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