

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**10.30am: Harvest Service led by  
Mr Nick Aylen.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Gill Marks.

**Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.  
(Oat milk now available. Please ask.)**

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>StF 130    102    122    306    353</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<b>Luke 8: 4-15</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Organist Derrick Matthews and AMC Worship Band</b>
<b>Streaming</b>	<b>To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.</b>

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.

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.**



**Fire Practice Evacuation on a Sunday morning:** For a few Sundays, (as happened last week 21<sup>st</sup> September), the procedure and the relevant exits and assembly points for a fire alarm and building evacuation will be explained to the congregation by John Miskin during the service, so that everyone knows how to leave the building safely.

Special regard needs to be taken of those less able, especially those with walking aids, ensuring that their 'walkers' are parked during the service in a place best suited to evacuation for each individual, and that they do this regularly in future.

**J TEAM.** We need a few helpers for J Team to be an extra pair of hands on a Sunday morning.

You would not need to prepare anything or to lead a session, but just be there to help the leader of our younger group when necessary.

I am hoping to set up a rota if we have enough volunteers, so that you would only be needed occasionally.

Please contact Vivienne Kemp if you think you can help in this way.

(01296 399315 / 07771 798282).

Ruth Watkins has a spare copy of the **Methodist Prayer Book**, if anyone is interested in having it. £4.40.

We have had some sad news this week from Christchurch, Thame. **Mary Higgs** died in the JR hospital in Oxford last Wednesday. It was unexpected but very peaceful with her son at her side. She was the leader of the worship group for a time and of course took part in many services in the circuit.

The funeral takes place on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, Family and friends at OXFORD Crematorium 1pm, followed by a Thanksgiving service in Christchurch at 2.30 pm. Refreshments in the hall downstairs afterwards.

A huge thank you to everyone who made cakes or attended the event at *Florence Nightingale* a week last Friday. Holly, my granddaughter who hopes to raise £4000 for the Hospice over the year, entertained by singing numbers from various musicals in the afternoon and then in the evening a Quiz was organised. In all, a fantastic **£700** was raised for the Hospice through these two events. Thank you to everyone who contributed or attended these events. Cake boxes to be collected will be available in the Hall after service this Sunday. Pauline.



**Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade** are working really hard to recruit more members. Everyone aged 5 - 18 is welcome to come along to have fun, do crafts, activities, games and badges. We'd really appreciate it if you could invite friends along too.



Girls' Brigade is on Mondays: 6.15pm - 7.30pm (all ages).

Email: [gb1staylesbury@outlook.com](mailto:gb1staylesbury@outlook.com)

Boys' Brigade is on Tuesdays: 6.00pm - 7:15pm (ages 5 - 11),  
7.15pm - 9.00pm (ages 11 - 18).

Email: [1staylesburyboysbrigade@gmail.com](mailto:1staylesburyboysbrigade@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

**Would you like to have church flowers arranged by the AMC Flower Team for your personal dedication?**

Contributions start from £25 to cover the cost of the flowers and accessories. Special requests of particular flowers/colours may cost more.

Foliage is usually supplied from our own gardens at no cost to the contributor.

If you'd like to know more, please speak to either Melanie, Ruby or Edith.



## **COME & JOIN THE TEAM!**

The Flower Team are keen to have new folks join us on a Friday morning between 9 - 11am.

Maybe on an occasional basis, a regular commitment, or for decorating the church for special events.

Whatever suits you.

**If you love flowers and plant material, this could be for you!**

No experience necessary, learn a new skill!

Melanie (AMC Flower Lead)



## CIRCUIT NEWS

**Circuit Prayer Gathering:** The new Circuit Prayer Gathering will commence on **Thursday, October 2nd at 10.30am**. It will be on zoom.

If anyone would like to attend, please could they let Richard Atkinson have their email address, so that he can send out the invitation.

**Big Sing:** I have now received responses to the question of the timing of a Big Sing in the Advent Christmas. The date that looks the most promising is **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.30am**. No one has highlighted this as a difficult date, so before we confirm this, can any churches for whom this date presents a clash let Richard Atkinson know as soon as possible, please



STEWKLEY METHODIST CHURCH

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 5th October 2025

10.30am Service with Rev Arthur  
Cowburn

Chapel open from 3.30pm for viewing  
of harvest decorations and cream tea  
costing £3

Harvest Songs of Praise at 6pm  
hymns voted for by congregation

Please join us for any of these services





We are delighted to announce that the  
**AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE**  
will open here on **Saturday, 25th October,**  
**between 09.30 and 12.30.**

*Thereafter, it will open every 4th Saturday of the month,  
except August and December.*

The repair cafe will be a partnership between this church and the growing, international not-for-profit repair cafe movement, whose aim is to repair more and throw away less.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Peter Green.  
Tel. 01296 424653. E: [peterb.green@ntlworld.com](mailto:peterb.green@ntlworld.com).

**A reminder that the Annual Karibuni Quiz Supper takes place on  
Saturday 11th October at 7pm.**

Many of us have supported this really enjoyable event in the past, and this year, for the first time, it will be held here at AMC.

Our own Steve and Viv Kemp will be running the Quiz.

Tickets, priced at £15, include a Fish and Chip supper (with a veggie or sausage alternative) and can be obtained through Karibuni's website, or by calling Genevieve at Karibuni's Stoke Mandeville office (01296 614887).



Well folks, it's that time of year again where we turn our thoughts towards Christmas and to this year's launch of the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal. Leaflets are now available in the Welcome Space, so please pick one up and fill a shoebox for our annual appeal. If you haven't

done one before, then now is the time to get started. **All filled boxes NEED to be with me by the 7th November.** As usual, I'm happy to receive monetary donations which I will then use to fill a shoebox on your behalf. HAPPY SHOEBOX FILLING. Many thanks, Margaret Miskin

If you'd like to read more about the appeal and the people who receive the shoeboxes, have a look at the website. There are ideas and patterns to make small gifts and toys to put in your shoebox, too!

**<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2025/>**

## **SECRET SANTA SUNDAY**

It has been increasingly difficult in recent years to find local organisations who are able to collect toys and gifts to distribute to local children, so, this year, in place of the Toy Service on 7<sup>th</sup> **December**, we shall be supporting the Action for Children Secret Santa Appeal with our own ‘**Secret Santa Sunday**’.

Special Secret Santa envelopes will be given out a couple of weeks before, (with extras available for those who miss them). Then on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we shall ask you to return your envelope with your donation. If possible, we ask you to complete the Gift Aid information, as this makes a huge difference to the amount collected for the children, at no extra cost to us.



*Each year, we ask people to be a charity Secret Santa for a vulnerable child with Action for Children by donating*

*to our **Secret Santa Appeal**.*

*Because, for vulnerable children across the UK,*

*Christmas is anything but magical.*

*No stockings. No presents. No festive food - maybe no food at all. Their first memories of Christmas could be going to bed hungry, being too cold to sleep, and losing all hope when Santa doesn't come.*

**But you could help change that. Your gift could help a vulnerable child feel the magic of Christmas.**

*Being a Secret Santa means you could buy a child the essentials of warm clothes, a hot meal, or a special present just for them. They'll know Santa has remembered them - but they won't know that Santa is you!*



**SOS. October 11<sup>th</sup>.** On Tour! This evening, we will support the **Quiz Night held at AMC to fundraise for Karibuni Children in this their 30<sup>th</sup> year!** [See posters]. Hopefully we can field a couple of tables. Lynn will co-ordinate; call her on 420817.



## Reasons to be thankful

*'Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you.'*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

Breathing is a complicated process. It requires physiological precision, and the average person takes about twenty-three thousand breaths a day. And while we're inclined to thank God for everything that takes our breath away, maybe we should also thank Him for all of our other breaths.

In 2000, Pastor Ed Dobson was diagnosed with motor neurone disease, a degenerative disease with no known cause or cure. Sharing his ongoing struggle to be thankful while living with an incurable condition, Dobson writes:

'There are many things for which I am **not** grateful! I can no longer button... my shirt. I can no longer put on a heavy jacket... [or] raise my right hand above my head. I can no longer write... [or] eat with my right hand. I eat with my left hand, and now even that is becoming a challenge.

And over time... these challenges will get worse... *So what in the world do I have to be grateful for?*

*So much.* Lord, thank you for waking me up this morning... that I can still turn over in bed... that I can still get out of bed... that I can walk to the bathroom... that I can still brush my teeth... that I can still eat breakfast... that I can still dress myself... that I can still drive my car... that I can still walk... Thank you that I can still talk...

The list goes on... I have learned... to focus on what I *can* do, not on what I can't do. I have learned to be grateful for the small things in life and for the many things I can still do.'

### What do you have to be thankful for?

**'Give thanks in all circumstances.'**

**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](mailto: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: [rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)

***Note: Prayer Group has stopped meeting for the summer, and will begin again in early October.***



**Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.** Currently, the need is for: UHT milk, tinned meat, fish & fruit. Sponge/rice puddings, small jars coffee, long life juices, pasta sauce, tinned meals (eg chilli, curries). Tinned soups, jam & spreads, toiletries, also washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods.



#### **Next Week**

<b>Mon</b>	29 Sept	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	30 Sept	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade
<b>Thurs</b>	2 Oct	10.00am From 12.45pm	Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group Blood donor sessions
<b>Frid</b>	3 Oct	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

<b>The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards</b>
<b>First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens</b>
<b>Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through)</b>
<b>Duty Manager (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)</b>