

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

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

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Elaine Hope and Gill Nord.

**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 443 404 277 442 345
Readings	Romans 5: 6-11 Mark 8:27 – 9:1
Organist	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.**



**On this 10th anniversary, the flowers this week are in memory of  
Toby Noble (Gramps). As a family we shall celebrate his life together with  
many happy memories. Pauline and all the family.**

## **FAMILY NEWS**

We were saddened to hear last week that George Winlow had passed away. George had been a very loyal worshipper at this Church for several years and had recently decided that due to age and ill health he would not be able to attend Church any more. His funeral service will be held in our Church on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.

We have also just heard that Jean Hamlin passed away on Friday, in the Hospice, after a short illness. Jean had worshipped regularly at AMC for many years, and our prayers are with her family.

**Fire Practice Evacuation on a Sunday morning:** For a few Sundays, 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. This will prepare us for a practice in the near future, one Sunday morning.

**A reminder that cars should NOT be double parked in our car park.**

**This is the access/escape route, especially for wheelchairs, prams, and those with walking aids.**

**This Wednesday, 8th October,** is lunch club again., We will be serving up Cottage Pie and greens at 12.30pm, so if you would like to join us please sign up on the list in the back coffee bar or give Gill a call on 01296 748659 so we know how many to cater for. Looking forward to seeing you all.



**Harvest:** Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Whitechapel Mission last Sunday, and thanks to everyone who helped lay the items out in front of a beautifully decorated Communion table. *Normally the gifts are collected the following day, but this year they will not go to the Mission until **Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>**, so anyone who missed last week's collection can still donate; either goods, or cash if you prefer.* Contact me on 01296 485087. Ruth Watkins.



**Whitechapel**  
**Mission**

**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**, £4.40, if anyone is interested in having it. 01296 485087.



**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

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

Email: 1staylesburyboysbrigade@gmail.com

Father of Creation,  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
You made a world of wonder,  
A world that takes our breath away. You declared it to be good.  
We take our place within the choir of Creation,  
Within the dance of biodiversity,  
The rich tapestry of life.  
The Lord's name is to be praised.

Taken from prayer 17, Jon Swales

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/>

## DO YOU LOVE ARTS & CRAFTS?

This group is starting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Room 4 upstairs. Do come along – All Welcome!



# DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVITY WITH ART & CRAFT PLUS SEWING



Come and explore the joy of art and craft in a friendly, welcoming space.

Whether you're a beginner or already love being creative, this session is for **YOU**.

**. Relax . Create . Connect . Discover New Skills**



Starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025

**11 weeks during Term Time**

**12:00pm - 2:00pm**

**01296 432769**

**£10**

**per person  
per Term**



**Aylesbury Methodist Church & Centre,  
Buckingham St, Aylesbury HP20 2NQ**



**- All materials will be provided**

**- No experience needed - just bring your curiosity**

**- Meet New people & share creative moments**



## **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)

### **A reminder that the Annual Karibuni Quiz Supper takes place NEXT 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).

**SOS. October 11th. On Tour! This evening, we will support the Quiz Night held at AMC to fundraise for Karibuni Children in this their 30th year!**

[See above, and posters on notice boards].

Hopefully we can field a couple of tables.

Lynn will co-ordinate; call her on 420817.



## AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE

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.

***See detailed leaflet inside this notice sheet***

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



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/>**

You have not lived today until you  
have done something for someone  
who can never repay you.

John Bunyan





## How to become generous

*'Life is not measured by how much you own.'*

Luke 12:15 NLT

If you want to become a generous person, do these:

1) *Be grateful for whatever you have.* Generosity rises out of contentment; it doesn't come from obtaining more. John D. Rockefeller admitted, 'I have made millions, but they have brought me no happiness.'

It's an inside job; if you're not content with a little, you probably won't be content with a lot. And if you're ungenerous with a little, you won't abruptly change when you become wealthy.

2) *Don't allow the desire for possessions to control you.* Jesus said, 'Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own' (v. 15 NLT). Author Richard Foster writes, 'Owning things is an obsession in our culture. If we own it, we feel we can control it; and if we can control it, we feel it will give us more pleasure. The idea is an illusion.' If you want to take control of your heart, don't let your possessions take control of you.

3) *Regard money as a resource.* The first time popular French author Dominique Lapierre went to India to conduct research for a new book, he rode in a Rolls-Royce he had just bought with a book advance. While there, he learned what he needed for his book *The City of Joy*.

But he also encountered something else: a passion to help the poor. And that discovery transformed his life. Until his death in December 2022, he distributed his time between writing, fundraising, and giving time and money to help people. His attitude can be summarised by these words on the back of his business card: **'All that is not given is lost.'**

**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>	6 Oct	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	7 Oct	2.00pm 6.00pm	Banner Group Boys' Brigade
<b>Wed</b>	8 Oct	12.00 noon 12.30pm	Art & Craft Group Lunch Club
<b>Thurs</b>	9 Oct	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group
<b>Frid</b>	10 Oct	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
<b>Sat</b>	11 Oct	7.00pm	Karibuni Supper Quiz

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion  
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 (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)</b>