

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 12th October 2025

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
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 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.)

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 530 15 343 337 35 407
Readings	John 5: 19-27 Revelation 22: 1-5
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.



**There will be a retiring collection for the Benevolent Fund
after the service this morning. The bowls will be clearly marked.**

FAMILY NEWS

A reminder that **George Winlow's funeral service** will be held in our Church tomorrow, **Monday, 13th October at 11am**. *His family would very much welcome all who would like come along.*

Jean Hamlin's funeral will take place at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium, Watermead, on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 10.30am**. At Jean's request, it will be conducted by the Reverend Malcolm Rothwell who is a past minister from her previous church.

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.

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).

On the afternoon of **October 26th at 4.00pm**, there is to be a special service at Waddesdon to mark **Heather Stutchbury completing 30 years as their senior steward**. Do come along to mark this special occasion.

There is to be a new gathering for prayer within the circuit, beginning on Thursday, November 6th at 10.30am. Initially it should be guided by members of the circuit staff, in the hope that others might become involved in time. The former will be the responsibility of the person leading the particular session and it will last for up to 30 minutes. As it is for the whole circuit, it will be happening on Zoom. *If you are interested in receiving details, please let your minister know as soon as possible.*

At the next meeting of the Church Council on Thursday, 6th November, one of the items under discussion will relate to the fact that all churches are being asked to discuss the possible benefits of merging church councils.

This is to alleviate something of the burden of finding office holders, and to allow more discussion for the ongoing work of God in individual congregations. *If anyone would be interested in sharing in this conversation, Richard can provide them with the necessary documents.*



Saturday 1st November, 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
Ellesborough Silver Band Saturday Afternoon Concert
at The Church on Fairford Leys.
50% of the profits going to Karibuni Children.
No ticket will be required; donations on the door.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In four weeks' time, on **9th November**,
it is Remembrance Sunday.



Most of us wear a **Red** poppy - a Symbol of

Remembrance and Hope, to commemorate the people who sacrificed their lives in the First World War, and conflicts following that war.

You might **also** like to wear a **White** poppy for **Peace**:

- *Remembrance of **ALL** victims of war, including both civilians and members of the armed forces. We remember people of all nationalities. We remember those killed in wars happening now, as well as in the past. We also remember those who are often excluded from the mainstream, such as refugees and victims of colonial conflicts.*
- *A Challenge to war & militarism and attempts to glorify or celebrate war.*
- *A Commitment to peace and to seeking non-violent solutions to conflict. By drawing attention to the devastating human cost of war, white poppies highlight the urgency of our ongoing struggle for peace.*

I shall have some available in the Welcome Space, before the service, on **26th October and 2nd November**, if you would like to buy one. **£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union).** Jennie Torpey



SHOEBOX APPEAL

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/>

	   		
AYLESBURY WELCOME REPAIR CAFE			
Aylesbury Methodist Church, Buckingham St. HP20 2NQ Every 4 th Saturday except August & December at 09.30-12.30			
OPENING SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER			
E mail: awelcomerepaircafe@gmail.com			
			

Dear Repairers, Fixers, Friends, Helpers,

Welcome! The Aylesbury Welcome Repair Cafe is being launched on
Saturday, 25th October, 9.30-12.30
at Aylesbury Methodist Church & Centre.

We are holding a pre-Repair Cafe session to say 'hello', put faces to names, have a chat through how we think it will work, and take on board any ideas and suggestions that you may have.

We do hope you can join us on Saturday, 18th October at 10.30am
in the Welcome Cafe in the front of the Church building. We'll have coffee, and then have a tour of the hall and the suggested process for the following weekend's first repair session.

**All are welcome - please do invite any other interested folk;
the more the merrier.**

We welcome fixers and repairers in electrical, mechanical, electronic, textile, ceramic, bikes, jewellery and darning, as well as all-rounders in gluing, taping, stapling and more.

We'd like to have a team of welcoming hosts to act as registration and triage crew, and some good 'runners' to keep the whole process flowing.

Chatty, helpful and all round good community vibes are the order of the day.

Please let me know if you can make it. If you are unable to join us this time but are still keen to take part, do stay in contact - send me your best details for me to contact you: name, email address, mobile phone number or landline. Whichever you feel most comfortable sharing.

Please also state what you would like to do in the Repair Café:
what kind of repairs you can offer; or registration duties;
or teas and coffees; setting up, chatting etc.

***Many thanks for your interest thus far; I look forward to meeting you on
Saturday 18th October and/or Sat 25th October.***

All the best,

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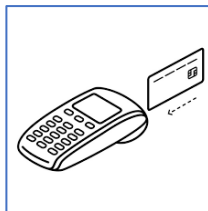
Peter Green: (for AMC-specific queries) - 01296 424653

peterb.green@ntlworld.com

AMC'S NEW CARD READER

AMC have purchased a card reader (quaintly called a Digital Collection Plate (DCP)) to enable payments to be made to the Church's bank account by a debit or credit card.

A generous donation has been received towards the initial cost.



The DCP can be used at services, as well as other activities of the Church, such as coffee sales, lunches and other events.

It has been programmed to identify 6 different scenarios or 'funds' as follows.

1. General Fund (Sunday services)
2. Office (Letting fees, etc)
3. Coffee sales (Coffee bar and after-service coffees)
4. Repair Cafe
5. Badminton Club
6. Events (Concerts, monthly lunches, funerals etc)

Once the DCP has been set to the appropriate fund, the user can either select one of 6 preset amounts (£2, £3, £4, £5, £10 or £20) or type in the desired amount. Then the user can swipe their card.

Where the DCP is used on Sundays, it will be for the use of visitors or new members. Regular members of the congregation usually make their contribution by either a regular bank standing order or the envelope system.

The DCP will be kept in the Office where it can be kept charged.

I will receive a monthly summary of the payments, grouped by fund and with a date and amount. In this way I will be able to identify the source of the payment and record it accordingly.

I envisage the introduction of the DCP will be a gradual one and determined by each organisation. Also, I am sure that where it is used, there will be a mixture of cash and card payments for the foreseeable future.

Steve Kemp has helped me considerably with this and any questions can be answered by him or myself.

Roger Kirk, Church Treasurer. Tel 01296415312.

Email kirk_roger@yahoo.co.uk



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

PRINCES RISBOROUGH



The focus of our prayers this Sunday, 12 October, is on Princes Risborough, and David shares his journey with us. For most of us, our journey with Christ is not a Damascus Road experience, but a gradual understanding or realization of the love of God. Please pray this week for all the lovely folk at Princes Risborough and also for those who journey along, searching for the love of Christ.

Jane.

My connection with the Methodist Church commenced in my early days in a small village seven miles north west of Banbury. The village had a strong Methodist community and I attended each Sunday service with my parents. Sunday school was in the morning and I remember doing the Scripture exams. One of my duties at the service was to pump air for the organ.

My real beginning into the Christian faith came when we had a team from Cliff College visit the village for a week. From this visit, it increased my understanding of the message within the Bible and the love of God.

From this point my Christian life grew. I became a King's Messenger, helping taking reading services in the Banbury circuit.

My journey of faith continued when I married and moved to Risborough in 1970, to share in the fellowship and witness of the Church here in Risborough and share in many aspects of the Church life and fellowship.

Looking back over the years, my faith has been increased by the fellowship and the message of the Church, and the infinite way that the hand of God has guided me through good and bad times of life.

God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform.

David Robbins.

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



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

Mon	13 Oct	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	14 Oct	2.00pm 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Wed	15 Oct	12.00 noon	Art & Craft Group
Thurs	16 Oct	10.00am From 1.45pm	Sunbeams Baby and Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	17 Oct	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 19th October 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rt Rev Andrew Shergold.

The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards
First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens
Fire doors are not to 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)