

WELCOME TO

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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 26th October 2025

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Fred Ireland.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one
of our stewards, who, today, are Gill Marks 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 318 419 489 449 487
Readings	Jeremiah 14: 7-10 & 19-22 Luke18: 9-14
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.



The flowers this week are given in loving memory of Stuart Prendergast.

From Ann & family.

A REMINDER THAT:

On Sundays, the car park should be reserved for the Preacher/Minister and those with mobility problems.

ALSO: Cars should NOT be double parked in our car park at ANY time.
This is the access/escape route, especially for wheelchairs, prams, and those with walking aids.

THIS AFTERNOON, 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.



At **Chesham Methodist Church** in the half-term holiday, there is a show by the resident theatre group, Chesham Methodist Players. We are putting on a stage version of '**Alice in Wonderland**'. **Shows are on Thursday 30th October and Friday 31st October at 7.30pm, and Saturday 1st November at 3pm.**

Tickets can be booked at www.ticketsource.co.uk/players or purchased on the door, and are priced £8 for adults and £5 for children.

Dear All, **Exciting news!** Prayer is one of the most powerful tools that the Christian has at their disposal; the source of all our strength and a free gift through the work of the Holy Spirit. Everyone in the Circuit is invited to join in a new venture: a Circuit prayer group led by our Circuit staff and shared over Zoom.

We warmly commend this new group to you all and hope to see many of you there. Do pass this message on to anyone you feel may be interested.

Please see the message below from Richard Atkinson. Jane & Pete Honeyball.



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.* Blessings, Richard.

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.*

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has taken a shoebox leaflet from the Welcome Space; there are still some there if anyone has forgotten to pick one up.

All shoe boxes MUST be with me by 7th November.

I'm on holiday from 25th October till 4th November, but you can leave your filled shoeboxes in the office for me or I can pick them up when I get home. I am still happy to accept cash donations if you prefer.

Many thanks for your continued support of Link to Hope.

Margaret Miskin.



The Circuit Zoom Study Groups are always available to people wishing to join, with reflections on the Scriptures and the Christian way of living. ***One group is on a Tuesday at 7.30pm and the other on a Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm.*** They will be starting to look at the letters of John in the near future.

Anyone who is interested in joining, please let Richard Atkinson know, (contact info on the front of this notice sheet, and on the website). The groups claim no expertise; and we will seek to answer any questions, however foolish they may sound to you.

We are also happy to welcome those who might prefer to sit and listen. No pressure is put on anyone to offer thoughts and opinions. The meetings last for about an hour and there is often some preparatory reading, which might be a couple of chapters of the relevant part of the Bible.



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 two 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, **this morning and on 2nd November**, if you would like to buy one. **£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union).** Jennie Torpey

We have had a letter from the Whitechapel Mission, thanking us for “your generous donation of Harvest goods and clothing, as well as £100, which will go towards our work amongst people who have the misfortune to be homeless”.

The letter is on the notice board.

'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

STONE

Dear All,

This Sunday, 26 October, the focus of our Circuit Prayers falls on Stone, and Sue brings us up to date on some of the ways that Stone is serving Christ in the community and further afield. I am



continually impressed with what some of our smaller chapels achieve in their communities. The shoeboxes that Sue describes below bring a beam of joy and hope to families that are struggling, and the message that someone, somewhere cares enough about them to go to the trouble of filling a shoebox with gifts is heart-warming.

Please pray for the recipients of these boxes, and for the lovely people of Stone, especially when their Church Council meets soon to discuss the way forward. We pray that they will feel the love and support of the Circuit behind them. Pete.

Stone is very much involved with the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2025.

This is the 21st year of the Chapel members fronting the village appeal, and we have sent some 500 shoeboxes over that time.

This year we have filled 25 boxes, and will be delivering them to Margaret Miskin for collection early November. Each of our boxes contains something for everyone in a family – warm gloves, hats and socks, soap, flannels, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, candles and holders, not forgetting toys and playing cards with colouring books and pencils.

We add a handwritten Christmas card with 'CRICIUM FERICIT [Happy Christmas] from Stone Friends'.

*I know that many of the Circuit Churches do the same, and we are proud to be part of this loving partnership. For real inspiration, I urge everyone to access the **LINK TO HOPE** website to see the full scope of the Charity's work and the videos of the joy the Christmas boxes bring.*

And can I ask that our Circuit friends pray for our little cause here, that at our Church Council meeting in a few weeks' time we may be guided to make important decisions about the future of our witness in the village.

Blessings to all,

Sue xxx

Would any of you be interested in becoming involved with **the Christian Aid 'Restore campaign'** which launched this year? David Blackmore, from the Weston Turville Christian Aid group, has recently led a workshop for a church at Bloxham near Banbury, who are keen to meet with their local MP in response to this campaign

Having had an enjoyable and productive day with them, David is keen to see if he can repeat it in Aylesbury, with a view to using it as a vehicle for a conversation with our MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith.

Please let me know if you might be interested in taking part so that I can put you in touch with David to explore the project in more detail.

Jennie Torpey: jennietorpey@gmail.com. 07980 537117.

There are some details of the campaign below and on the next page.

The graphic is a vertical poster titled 'The Restore campaign cribsheet'. It features a red banner at the top with the title in white. Below the title, there is a stylized illustration of a landscape with a yellow sun, green hills, and a green tree. The text is arranged in a clear, readable format with bold headings and bullet points. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the Christian Aid 80th anniversary logo and a stylized illustration of a family walking towards a tree.

The Restore campaign cribsheet

The climate and debt crises are colliding to trap millions of people in poverty. These crises are a symptom of the broken systems and broken relationships of our times.

The Restore Campaign invites you to join in God's work to restore creation.

Join us to call on the UK Government to stand up to reckless polluters and greedy lenders.

What's the problem

For too long, the UK Government has backed the world's biggest polluters and greediest corporate lenders, whose reckless actions are fuelling the climate and debt crises. The UK Government has looked the other way and repeatedly backed the wealthy and powerful over people living in poverty.

The climate crisis

The climate crisis is leaving parents fighting to feed their children, crops devastated, and entire villages displaced.

Floods have destroyed communities in Nigeria. Wildfires have devoured homes in Greece. Cyclones have killed thousands in Malawi. Drought has left people hungry in South Sudan.

And in every climate disaster, people living in poverty feel its impact hardest.

The debt crisis

Over 60% of African countries spend more on debt payments than healthcare or education. These debts mean they cannot provide basic services for their citizens.

For example, in Ethiopia the government is unable to pay some doctors and teachers, meaning hospitals and schools have to close.

What's the solution?

The UK Government is uniquely placed, and morally obliged, to act. It can tax the profits of polluters like Shell and BP. It can introduce 'debt justice' laws that force private lenders to cancel or negotiate the debt of low-income countries.

This could pull millions of people out of poverty.

christian aid 80 years

The Restore campaign

You can make a difference

For 80 years, together with people like you, we've stood up and challenged those in power to make the world a more beautiful place. And we will do so again.

Because we believe in the unstoppable power of hope, and know that when we stand united, we are stronger than ever.

How can I get involved?

- 1 Sign the petition -** to call on the UK government to stand up to reckless polluters and greedy lenders.
- 2 Join us online -** we're running online webinars to share more about the campaign and explore how we can bring about change.



"Our government urgently needs money so it can deal with the climate crisis and protect citizens from economic hardship. But instead, we're trapped spending billions in debt repayments. We're in the worst debt crisis my country has seen in decades."

Precious Kalombwana is a Zambian debt activist and campaigner

Together, we can play our part in God's work to restore creation and see the flourishing of all people.



Find out more:
caid.org.uk/Restore



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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	27 Oct	From 1.45pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Blood Donor sessions Food Hub
Tues	28 Oct	9.30am	Chair Yoga
Wed	29 Oct	12.00 noon	Art & Craft Group
Thurs	30 Oct	From 1.45pm	Blood Donor sessions
Frid	31 Oct	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 2nd November 2025

**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 are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through
Duty Manager (Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 Mobile: 07785 950 702)