

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 2nd November 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 Frances Aylen and Elaine Hope.

**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 691 78 736 409 592 682
Readings	Revelation 19: 1-16 Mark 12: 28-34
Organist	Derrick Matthews
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.**

The first of the new **Circuit Gatherings for Prayer** will take place **next Thursday, November 6th at 10:30 AM** via Zoom.

If you would like to be a part of this group, please let Richard Atkinson have your email details and he will ensure that you receive an invitation. The hope is that this group will meet weekly led by different people, thus involving different styles and patterns of prayer.

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.*

PLEASE NOTE there will be **NO NOTICE SHEET NEXT SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER**. Please give any messages to that day's Church Stewards (Gill Marks/Gill Nord) to read out in the service.

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.

The next 'Big Sing' service will be one for Advent, and will be at Wingrave at 10.30am on Saturday December 6th.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 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 only**, if you would like to buy one. **£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union).** Jennie Torpey



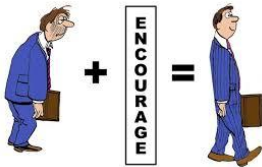
SOS – Saturday 15th November from 7pm

Stasera è tutta incentrata sul cibo Italiano!

For those unable to read Italian, this means we are going to bring Italian food to the Casa of John and Margart Miskin.

Contact Margaret on 422919

SOS is a group of people, some regular Church goers, others who are not - it makes no difference, all are welcome. We meet together at each other's homes and share a faith supper; sometimes there's a theme to base food around, other times not. We usually start at 7.00pm and finish when the last person goes home; all you need to do is call the host to say that you're coming.



Encourage someone today

'Strengthen those who have tired hands...encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear."'

Isaiah 35:3-4 NLT

Every one of us needs encouragement (support that inspires confidence and a will to continue). The words we speak can either build up or tear down the people around us.

Author Rebecca Barlow Jordan writes: 'One of the first questions I like to ask Jesus when I wake up each morning is, "How can I encourage someone today? And who?" He's always faithful to answer, often through His Word.

One morning after asking that question, I read Isaiah 35:3-4 (NLT) and found a practical answer. First, "strengthen those who have tired hands". That might include teachers, hair stylists, mums, writers...missionaries, pastors, and parents...

Next, the passage mentions encouraging those who have "weak knees". I envisioned grandparents and senior citizens, veterans, and even athletes with wear and tear on their bodies.

But the last category, the "fearful", could probably include everyone. These needed to hear the words, "be strong, and do not fear"...

'For me, finding people to encourage is not a problem. Remembering to listen and follow through with Jesus's answers is where I need work. And the amazing thing is, when I try to lift up someone else, I'm the one who ends up encouraged.

Ask Jesus to help you encourage someone today. Invite Him to speak through you, and be prepared for His answers.'

Paul said, 'Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith' (Gal 6:10). As you fill your mind thinking of ways to strengthen the faith of others, you will be amazed by how much you get energised and blessed in the process.

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:

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'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

SWANBOURNE

This Sunday, 2 November, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Swanbourne, and Ruth shares her story of how she became a nurse and how her faith enabled her to offer love and care to youngsters and adults in challenging circumstances. We give thanks and remember in our prayers the lovely people of Swanbourne, and all those whose faith inspires them to offer a ministry to the sick and suffering amongst us. Pete.



I was born in London and was baptised at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Having been bombed out during the war, I have no recollection of childhood before the age of six. My first memory was of trying to get out from under the rubble of our home to free my sister, Vera.

We were evacuated to Lacock in Wiltshire to live with my grandmother. I attended Sunday school at the Methodist chapel along with many of the other evacuees. This was a really happy time for me.

After the war we moved to Essex to live with my maternal grandmother who was a very strict lady and life suddenly changed! My sister and I were sent to the Sunday school of the Peculiar People (now the Union of Evangelical Churches) morning and afternoon. In the evening, we had a choice: either to attend the Congregational Chapel with my parents or the Anglican church with my grandmother.

I moved to London to train as a children's nurse where I attended a Methodist church. Unfortunately, I had to leave London through ill-health caused by the smog.

In 1956 I moved to Swanbourne, newly married. I went to the Methodist church in Swanbourne and was made so very welcome as a newcomer to the village; sixty-nine years later I am still a member of the chapel, where a warm welcome is always received.

Throughout my career working with vulnerable children and adults, my faith has helped me deal with some very difficult and challenging times. I hope that, throughout my life, I have been able to make a difference to those I have cared for.

Ruth.

Her Hero

It was a cold, grey, wet day.
It always seemed to rain at this time,
This day of Remembrance;
As if God was weeping for the lost.
Everyone had been a husband, wife
A son or daughter.
But all of them His children.
Yes. He was weeping.

And so was she, very quietly,
Bundled up in a too-large coat
That swaddled her tiny form.
On her head, was an old battered hat,
Worn only at this time of year.
She stood in the shop doorway
That had been closed for months.
Waiting for the right time.

She watched as the dignitaries,
All dressed for the occasion,
Came and laid down their wreaths.
The redness of the poppies
Spreading out like the blood
That had been innocently shed.
Some, a long time ago -
But to her it was yesterday.

Many of the soldiers had medals.
They seemed far too young to have
Even been to war, she thought.
They look just like babies....
Her heart ached as it always did
As she remembered her husband.
He was so handsome, so young.
Just as they married, he went to war.

She waited daily for his brief letters
Until they suddenly stopped coming.
She was told that 'he died a hero',
Putting others before himself.
Each November she visits the Cenotaph,
And when the people have left
She wanders around the cobbles,
Picking up the discarded poppies.

She carefully weaves them into a wreath.
Walking slowly, she painfully climbs
To the top of the stone memorial,
And gently lays her wreath.
As she does, the sun weakly shines
On the Victoria Cross pinned to her chest.
Yes, she remembers
He did die a Hero.

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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, starting on 4th November, 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	3 Nov	6.15pm 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	4 Nov	9.30am 10.45am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Prayer Group Banner Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	6 Nov	10.30am 7.30pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Church Council Meeting
Frid	7 Nov	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club
Sat	8 Nov	3.45pm	Messy Church

Sunday 9th November 2025

10.30am: Remembrance Sunday Service led by Mr John Bush

Sunday 16th November 2025

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)