#### WELCOME TO

#### AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 2 June 2024

# 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.

## **10.30am:** Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah

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

Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.

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 59 342 94 602 67		
Readings	1 Cor 13: 1-8 John 13: 1-17		
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 pot will be clearly marked.



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** sees our next Lunch Club, when Derek and Steve will be putting on their aprons and serving you Jacket Potatoes with a mild Chilli from 12.30pm (Lynn and I are out for the day). Please support the boys and sign up - the list is available in the hall this morning, or give Gill a call on 01296

748659 and leave a message.



Next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, we shall celebrate MHA SUNDAY, and there will be a short video about one of their valuable facilities, followed by a retiring collection at the end of the

service. There will be a collection envelope in your notice sheet, and, if you are able, please complete the Gift Aid declaration, which allows the charity to claim back the tax paid on your donation, at no extra cost to you.

#### Karibuni Children Summer Fayre.

This year our Fayre will be on **Saturday 15th June**, **12.30 to 4.00pm** at **Weston Turville Village Hall**.



Everyone is warmly invited; we'll be delighted to see you there, enjoying the entertainment and spending money on the delights on the various stalls.

We would be very grateful for cakes for the cake stall, please.

If you can't get to the event, I will be happy to take them with me.

Thank you so much for all your support. Joy Murphy.

### \* A reminder that Richard Atkinson is currently on Sabbatical until July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

For pastoral concerns, please contact either:

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Rev Noreen Daley-Lee: 01525 240083, noreendaley1@hotmail.com

#### TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP - CORRECTION.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm Speaker: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. 2.30pm A display of dressmaking with Claudette James

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat! **ALL ARE WELCOME**.

Please ring the bell for Room 4, to be met in the reception area. For more information, contact Coral Soulsby: 01296 707298.

#### CHURCH READINGS: June - August 2024.

A new sheet is now on the noticeboard, so if you are willing to join our rota for reading the lesson in Church from time to time, please sign up for the week you would like to read, with just your name (no contact details) and a steward will contact you during that week with the reading. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the stewards.



<u>Prayer Requests.</u> 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.

<u>Our Prayer Group</u> also meets on alternate Tuesdays, 10.45-12noon, and are very happy to receive prayer requests. They would also welcome anyone who would like to join them. Please email Ruby: <a href="mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk">rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk</a>

#### Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank

**Currently, the need is for donations of**: 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, as well as toiletries, together with washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods.

#### **Next Week**

Mon	3 June	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade
		6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
Tues	4 June	9.30am	Chair Yoga
		10.45am	Prayer Group
		2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship
		6.15pm	Boys' Brigade
Wed	5 June	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Thurs	6 June	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
		From 1.00pm	Blood Donor sessions
Frid	7 June	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club



#### Sunday 9th June 2024

10.30am: Family Service led by Mr Steve Kemp.

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)

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#### **'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT**

#### **FAIRTRADE**

Dear All,

This week, 2 June, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Fairtrade. We follow Rod as he shares his story of what motivates him to champion Fairtrade. The selfish actions



of a few people can have a domino effect on the lives and livelihood of many others. Rod expresses his concern for others by working tirelessly for a fairer world. Please pray for all who selflessly give their time for the good of those who are not so fortunate in life. Pete.

At Chinnor, we make use of the Good News Bible. However, no matter what version is used in other Circuit churches, the message is the same and the call is the same.

As a child I became well-versed with the opening passage 'In the beginning ......'

Further on, I find the words: 'God created human beings, making them like himself', and 'God was very pleased....'

God went on to give provisions to the things he had made.

It is well known that Adam and Eve failed to fulfil the trust put in them.

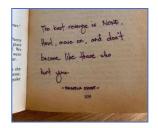
The promise of 'good for all' being affected by the pull of meeting an individual desire.

Reflecting on words from a service, and from current world events, I've ended up pondering the hopes as set out in Genesis, and the passage from Matthew (25 v 35-40), which relays the value put on helping strangers who experience distressed circumstances.

For me, the passages fit well the philosophy behind Fairtrade and Ethical trading, and now feel they have been a likely driver behind the choices I make, as well as to the time and effort I give to promoting and offering Fairtrade.

As the Matthew passage reminds us: while a supportive action may go unrecognised by the person doing it, the action has potential for being Good News to those experiencing it or seeing it.

Rod.



#### Don't strike back

'Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do.'

Romans 12:18 MSG

The Bible says, 'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you' (Ephesians 4:32).

You say, 'But what they did to me was unfair, unkind, and unwarranted.' Exactly – and God feels the same way about some of the things **you** have done! Any attempt to avenge a wrong is a violation of God's Word. That includes bad-mouthing them, giving them the silent treatment, making sarcastic remarks, refusing to help them, and resorting to physical violence or verbal attacks.

If you were hurt by someone at work, it includes taking company resources without authorisation, applying workplace rules more stringently to the offending employee than others, and deliberately slowing your pace to frustrate them.

If you were hurt by your spouse, it includes brooding, making them walk on eggshells, and withholding your love and affection.

Paul writes: 'Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath... Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone.

If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it" (Romans 12:14, 17-19 MSG).

Repaying evil for evil won't bring you satisfaction.

Besides, have you considered that the person who hurt you may have genuinely changed? What if God continued to hold **your** transgressions over your head? Retaliation just destroys your peace of mind because you know it displeases God. Today pray: 'Father, I release any desire to get even. I want to walk in your peace, extend your grace, and allow you to avenge all wrongs done against me. Amen.' (So be it!)

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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As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift of at least 50p per copy, which just covers the cost of printing the booklet, would be appreciated from time to time.

There are a few booklets in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.