

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.

**10.30am: Morning Worship 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 Gill Nord and Derek Adams.

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 152 6 544 397 503
Readings	James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Organist	William Parker
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 CAKE HAS NOW ARRIVED! Birthday cake is being served in the Hall after the service to celebrate Roy Collis reaching 90 last Sunday! But it is also to celebrate Roy's eldest Granddaughter Gemma competing for the 4th time in the Paralympic Games. (See details in last week's notice sheet)

Fancy a cuppa when you're in town? Then don't forget that the Welcome Space coffee bar is open 10.00 till 12.00 on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. **Next Saturday 14th September** we will be serving bacon rolls, with profits going to **Action for Children**, so why not pop along and help us raise some money for this worthy cause? Margaret Miskin.



**Whitechapel
Mission**

SORRY – I FORGOT TO ENCLOSE THE LIST LAST SUNDAY!!

Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday 29th September, and we will again be supporting the Whitechapel

Mission. The needs of the mission never go away and they rely on Harvest gifts to help them through the winter months.

Please see the list on the insert enclosed, and remember **quantity over quality** - it doesn't matter where that tin of baked beans comes from, just that it is there for breakfast!

For more information go online to <https://whitechapel.org.uk> Ruth Watkins.

Waddesdon Methodist Church is celebrating Harvest Festival this afternoon, Sunday, 8th September at 4pm. Do join them for their service, led by Rev Richard Atkinson, and the Harvest Auction afterwards.



SHOEBOX APPEAL. Have you noticed that Christmas cards have started to appear in the shops? If so, you will know that it's time to start thinking of this year's Shoebox Appeal. The leaflets are in The Welcome Space display cabinet, all ready for you to pick

one up. Please support this worthwhile cause which has been running since 1992. They have delivered thousands of smiles to families in Eastern Europe. The shoeboxes go to the poorest families in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. You can watch a YouTube video highlighting their deliveries. It has brought many a tear to people. If you have any queries about the appeal, then please have a chat with me. As usual, I am willing to accept money and fill a box on your behalf. Happy Shoebox filling. Margaret Miskin.

SOS on Tour: The next social meeting is next Saturday, 14th September, 7.30pm at John & Margaret Miskin's home. 01296 422919. All are welcome.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024/25 - £4.20. I have one copy left if you would still like one. Ruth Watkins 485087.

If music bę the food of lovę, play on 'Michaelmas Madrigals'

At rather late notice, we are hosting a fundraising concert at St. Michael's, Waddesdon on Saturday, 14th September, called 'Michaelmas Madrigals'

Starting at 6pm, it lasts just 1 hour, and "*the church will echo with acapella arrangements of mediaeval poems and songs interspersed with Shakespeare's sonnets*". It sounds perfect for the music and literature lovers amongst us.

I would be very grateful if you would circulate the information to anyone amongst your friends and neighbours, or in your contact lists, who are interested, particularly in music. As well as to any young people studying music or English literature. **See poster on insert!**

The concert is free with just donations greatly received for church restoration funds.



CHURCH READINGS: September - November 2024.

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

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.



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, 10.45-12noon, 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



Next Week

Mon	9 Sept	6.00pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	10 Sept	10.45am 6.15pm	Prayer Group Boys' Brigade
Thurs	12 Sept	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	13 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 15th September 2024

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Bush.

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)



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT



Dear All,

Change of tack this week!

A challenge!

We have often been told that God has a job for each one of us; a job for which only we are equipped by the Holy Spirit; a job that only we can do.

The difficulty is discovering or working out what that job is, and how to go about it.

Remember, that even the best sermon ever preached cannot reach the places that we can!

So, this week's challenge is to think, and pray, about what specific task God has given you - ask yourself 'What is God calling me to do?'

The task may be something completely different to the one we imagine ourselves called to do, or the thing that we think we are good at.

It could be as simple as a conversation over a cup of tea, a wave of recognition in the street or church, or (where appropriate) a hug.

So many people in our society are isolated and suffering in solitude and silence.

So many people in our midst just want to be recognised and accepted as part of our family.

Do give it some thought and prayer time this week, and see if you can hear where God is calling you, and what He is asking you to do.

Be assured, that whatever it is, He will equip you for it and stand by your side or while you do it

Pete.

If music be the food of love, play on ...

Michaelmas Madrigals

St Mary's Church Choir of Aylesbury and Wendover Choral Society present the finest choral singing accompanied by Shakespeare sonnets and speeches by Ubiquitous Theatre Company.



The church will echo with acapella arrangements of these mediaeval poems and songs

- "utterly transporting"

Saturday 14th September

6:00pm - 7:00pm

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Waddesdon HP18 0JQ

No ticket required - please be seated by 5:45 pm

Donations for church funds will be gratefully accepted

Please call Nick Andrews on 07583 550676 or email nickubiq@gmail.com for details

If you require disabled access and parking please contact us.