

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.

8.45am: Communion Service led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Bush.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Gill Marks at 8.45am, and at 10.30am, Derek Adams and Gill Marks.

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	8.45am: StF 659 463 666 10.30am: StF 338 556 272 673 563
Readings	8.45am: Isaiah 50: 1-9a 10.30am: James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38
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.



Please note that will be no notice sheet next Sunday 22nd September. Any notices can be given to the Church Stewards to be read out in the service.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you to all those who bought cakes from Jennie in the Hall last Sunday, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Your contribution was **£60** which brought the total to **£350**. Thank you so much. Chris.



**Whitechapel
Mission**

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 from last Sunday, or there are some in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space.

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.



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.

CHURCH READINGS: September - November 2024.

There are TWO dates not yet covered on the sheet on the noticeboard, (20th October and 17th November), 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.





Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit

Part Time Children's Work Enabler

The Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit seeks to appoint a part-time Children's Work Enabler, working 20 hours per week, days to be agreed, with some flexibility needed.

Salary £14,560 p.a. This is a three-year fixed term appointment

We are looking for a part-time Children's Work Enabler to support the vision of the Circuit in engaging with children and families in the church and wider community.

Applicants must:

- Be able to work collaboratively as part of a team
- Be a committed, practising Christian who is willing to understand and engage with Methodism
- Have excellent interpersonal skills with people of all ages
- Show awareness of issues concerning Safeguarding
- Be willing to be flexible with regard to working hours, including some evenings and weekends as necessary
- Have relevant experience of children or families, working in a paid or voluntary capacity

Closing date for applications is midnight on November 1st

Interviews will take place in the week commencing November 11th

For further details (including job description and full person spec) and an application pack, please contact the Rev Richard Atkinson revrja@outlook.com or 01296 339899

Recruitment will follow the Methodist Church Safeguarding Safer recruitment process which includes DBS checks and references.

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	16 Sept	6.00pm 6.30 - 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	17 Sept	6.15pm	Boys' Brigade
Thurs	19 Sept	10.00am	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group
Frid	20 Sept	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

Sunday 22nd September 2024

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

Sunday 29th September 2024

10.30am: Family Service led by Miss Jane Knight

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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**

w/c 16.9: Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)

w/c 23.9: Duty Manager - Kevin Hardern: 01296 481285 07785 950 702



'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

WEEDON

Dear All,

This Sunday, 15 September, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Weedon, and Sarah shares her response to the challenge to discover and

use the gifts that God has given her for sharing the love of Christ with those around her. Some of our gifts are not immediately obvious and it did take Sarah a while to find out what hers were. We may need to spend time searching for our gifts, but be assured God has blessed each one of us and He has us lined up for mighty things! Pete.



I didn't have a relationship with God when I was growing up. Coming from a non-religious family, it was never on the agenda to go to church – even on high days and holidays – and the nearest I got was at an annual pantomime performed in the local church hall. I guess when you're young, it is natural just to push on - if you have the opportunities - and try to make a life for yourself that involves a level of self-sufficiency whilst being supported by family and friends. Certainly when you are very young, everything revolves around you and your emotions and there is a sense of Immediacy about how and when things happen. And so, my young adult life was all about making friends, travelling and pursuing a career in law. I was happy living it up at events: my boyfriend's army dinners; my university balls; Law Society presentations and City law firm away-days. Those times now seem long ago, but I think back then it was all about the here and now - I was also a good talker and not much of a listener.

God has given me one precious gift, one that I make use of every single day - and that is to listen. Hearing what others have to say is, to me, one of the most important qualities. You might argue that this is just the wisdom that comes with experience and age, but for me this is what God wants me to do. I like to listen to someone's point of view. It doesn't matter whether I agree with it or not - each one of us is entitled to express themselves and their feelings - but to understand that point of view is important. It is God's wish that I can empathise with many different folk from many different walks of life. Being able to see things from another person's perspective is something

that gives me so much joy – it is enlightening, eye-opening and mind-bending at times, and boring at others, which can be challenging but always thought provoking. I truly believe that, through this ability God has given me to listen to others, I can be a better person and hopefully be of help to some along the way, and I pray that God's calling me in this manner is not just for the here and now, but something that will endure for the rest of my life.

For peace of mind, eavesdropping is not included – my hearing is not quite good enough!

Blessings to you all.

Sarah.



BucksVision's
Equipment & Information Day

Wednesday 18th September
10AM - 2PM
BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
MK18 1RP

TRY OUT & LEARN ABOUT

- Magnification, Equipment & New Technology
- Support available from other Local Charities and Support Groups
- BucksVision and our Local Activities
- Information about Sight Loss and Hearing Loss

EXHIBITORS:

Alternate Visions Coaching	ECLO
Aylesbury Talking News	HumanWare
Blind Veterans UK	Macular Society
BISS	Optelec
BucksVision	RNIB
Carron PA Support	VisionAid
Cobolt	

For more information contact BucksVision
on 01296 487556

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