

WELCOME TO

**AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 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: Morning Worship led by Mr Ken Harris.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, today, are Frances Aylen 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	StF 106 629 155 708 712
Readings	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Mark 10: 46-52
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.**



## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

All will be very welcome to attend the celebration of Pat Olde's life at Bierton Crematorium on Wednesday, 6th November at 2.00 p.m.

No flowers please, but, if possible, wear "a flash of green". Any donations to the Alzheimer's Society (details available at the service).

Everyone is also invited to join Kevin and his family at the Holiday Inn between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m. for light refreshments. Please let Pauline Noble (01296 484940) know if you are able to join Kevin for refreshments.

At present we have no further news of Joan Orlik's funeral.



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In two weeks' time, on **10<sup>th</sup> 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.*
- *Challenge to war & militarism and attempts to glorify or celebrate war.*
- *Commitment to peace and to seeking nonviolent 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 to buy in the Welcome Space, before and after the service, today and for the next two Sundays, if you would like to buy one. **£1 each (and any extra donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union).**

Jennie Torpey

The Church has recently received two donations, of £1,000 each, in memory of people who have died recently.

The first was from Tricia Gee, in memory of her husband Philip who died about 18 months ago. Both Philip and Tricia used to be in the Worship Band and we hope to be seeing more of Tricia in future months.

The second was from a firm of solicitors dealing with the estate of Margaret Aitken. Margaret was a member at Stoke Hammond Methodist Church. Someone decided that as this closed a few years ago, the legacy should come to Aylesbury Methodist Church instead.

Roger Kirk,  
Church Treasurer.



**SHOEBOX APPEAL.** Many of you have picked up a Link to Hope shoebox form and some have been very generous with donations of money. *The last date for me to receive boxes is the **8<sup>th</sup> November*** so that they are with me in time for the van to

come and collect them from my house. I am on holiday from 25<sup>th</sup> October till 1<sup>st</sup> November but you can leave any filled shoeboxes in the office while I am away. There is still plenty of time, so if you haven't picked up a leaflet yet, there are still some available in the Welcome Space.

Happy shoebox filling. Margaret Miskin.

**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](mailto:rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk)



## Next Week

<b>Mon</b>	28 Oct	6.30 - 8.00pm	Food Hub
<b>Tues</b>	29 Oct	9.30am	Chair Yoga
<b>Frid</b>	1 Nov	2.30pm	Friday Feathers – Badminton Club

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

**10.30am: Family 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 (Roger Kirk: 01296 415312 Mobile: 07484 392734)**

### LET HIM COMFORT YOU

*'The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles.'*

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV



God can make you comfortable in the most uncomfortable places. He can pull you out of situations you thought you'd be stuck in forever. He can give you peace, even in the midst of trauma. Before your life is over, you'll live, love and experience loss. Losing some things will actually help you to appreciate

the things you still have. It's the taste of failure that makes success so sweet. How can you celebrate victory unless you've known defeat? You'll live each day not knowing what tomorrow holds, but knowing that God holds all your tomorrows. They're not in the hands of your boss, your broker, your spouse, or anybody else. Nor are they in your hands to manipulate and control. No, all your tomorrows are in God's hands!

So, whatever you do, get to know Him, because you'll need Him. And He'll be there for you. He'll be there when everybody and everything else has gone. He'll be there for you in the dark places. His promise to you is, 'Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning' (Psalm 30:5)

However long the night, morning always comes, and with it His joy. Just think, no matter how dark the night, you've always lived to see the morning. Right? Somehow His grace has protected you, provided for you, secured you, calmed and comforted you, and brought you through. Times and seasons change, but not God. He's always 'the God of all comfort', and He's watching over you today! **Source:** *The Word for Today from United Christian Broadcasters.*

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## 'GOOD NEWS' FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

### FAIRTRADE



Dear All,

This Sunday, 27 October, the focus of our Circuit Prayers is on Fairtrade and we have a joint contribution from Rod, our Fairtrade champion, and Linsay from Haddenham who ensures that there is always a good choice of Fairtrade goods on offer at the church there. Please remember that we are a 'Fairtrade Circuit', so browse the goods on offer in our churches and supermarkets and support the producers whenever you can. Pete.

*There are a number of churches locally, from across the denominations, who tap into the Fairtrade/ethical items I have or can make available.*

*Haddenham is one of those churches who offer, promote and support Fairtrade over the year. The links within these churches are so important to enabling those trying to trade their way out of poverty to progress their own and their community's life.*

*I'm grateful to Linsay for stepping forward to help with this contribution and would welcome others to contribute why and how they support Fairtrade.*

**Rod.**

*Fairtrade Fortnight in September celebrated 30 years since the first Fairtrade-certified products appeared on supermarket shelves, and the Fairtrade Foundation encouraged us to 'Be the Change'. In Haddenham, as our Harvest Service fell in Fairtrade Fortnight this year, we tried to include Fairtrade ingredients in our harvest lunch contributions.*

*In 2022 alone, sales of Fairtrade products in the UK generated approximately £30 million in Fairtrade premium, for farmers and workers to invest in business and community projects of their choice, including healthcare, education and environmental initiatives.*

*As well as minimum social and economic standards, Fairtrade standards cover key areas for environmental protection, including energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction, soil and water quality, pest management, biodiversity protection, prohibition of genetically modified organisms and harmful chemicals, and waste management. This is a social, economic and sustainability win-win situation for us all.*

*Over 60% of the total supply of Fairtrade tea is sold in the UK. One of the first things we can do to **'Be the Change'**, (standing with farmers for fairer pay, safer working conditions and greater security), is to make a simple switch to buying Fairtrade tea and coffee.*

*The circuit champion for Fairtrade or ethical certification and accreditation is Rod Thorpe, Chinnor. He is supported by, and links with, many others to promote and source many of the 6,000 Fairtrade products available in the UK.*

*Bringing purpose, self-belief, improved circumstances, and supporting those in disadvantaged circumstances, are themes within the Bible, Fairtrade and many organisations. The notion of **'Be the Change'** is a call to us all and invites action to help make change happen. Given the progress made in 30 years, please pray for Fairtrade as it moves forward in its missions.*

**Linsay.**

### **Six things you might not know about Fairtrade**

1. The Fairtrade concept was started to help struggling Mexican coffee farmers.
2. The first Fairtrade certified product was a bar of chocolate - Green & Black's 'Maya Gold' chocolate bar, made with cocoa from Belize and launched in 1994. Cafedirect coffee, Percol coffee and Clipper tea followed shortly afterwards.
3. Bananas are Fairtrade's leading influence - one in three bananas bought in the UK is Fairtrade certified, adding up to around 231,000 metric tonnes every year.
4. You can even buy a Fairtrade smartphone! Most smartphones contain a small amount of gold. This often involves treacherous working conditions, dire pay and harmful exposure to toxic chemicals. Since 2011, Fairtrade has also included gold and precious metals within its remit, ensuring safe working conditions for miners and high standards for environmental protection.
5. Fairtrade is tackling the problem of fast fashion. Fast fashion is having a devastating impact on the planet, but Fairtrade is helping to drive positive change within the industry. For a start, the environmental footprint of Fairtrade cotton is five times lower than conventional cotton. Also, Fairtrade's textile standards are the first set of standards to require living wages be paid to garment workers, helping to mitigate the global issue of sweatshops and child labour exploitation.
6. There are more than 6,000 Fairtrade products on sale in the UK including wine, cosmetics, clothing, jewellery... you name it!

**LOOK OUT FOR THE FAIRTRADE MARK WHEN YOU'RE SHOPPING!!**