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Rev Helen Kirk

“My thoughts,” says the LORD, “are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways and thoughts above yours” (Isaiah 55. 8,9)

When I came across this inscription from the Bible on the wall of a small village church my initial thoughts were ‘thank goodness for that!’ What a relief to know that God’s thoughts and ways are not bound by human self-interest and greed. You only have to open a newspaper to find the evidence of human beings’ capacity to inflict violence and pain or to corrupt or destroy. It can be depressing reading. So when the prophet states that our ways are not God’s ways it begs the question: What is ‘God’s way’? The problem is that over the centuries many who have claimed to be acting for God have committed terrible atrocities: war, torture, repression and racism. Such actions have all been perpetrated in the name of God by people who have taken a small portion of the Scriptures and fitted it to their agenda regardless of the breadth of God’s grace expressed elsewhere. For when you look for the bigger (and better) picture of ‘God’s ways’ you find it is the way of grace, unconditional love, forgiveness, self-sacrifice, justice-seeking, hope-giving, barrier-crossing and peace-making. Something to inspire us to be better human beings.

But it also made me wonder if this church’s inscription was lived up to? How often in the life of the church do we seek ‘God’s ways’ instead of trying to fit him to our own agendas?

For example are our administrative structures – church councils and meetings etc. - held with the intention of sharing God's grace or are we concerned with budgets, maintaining property and filling offices?

Does the way we use our resources - time, money, and gifts - first and foremost lift up the lowly and feed those who hunger in so many ways?

Are our ordained clergy and lay leaders pressed for time because they are maintaining churches just as we like them or because they are seeking the lost, lonely and unloved beyond the church?

I realise I am being deliberately provocative but it does beg the question of where we begin in our mission, worship & witness: is it with how things are or with God's purpose for his Church? Is it with our preferences or with God's love for his creation? Perhaps together, through prayerful reflection, we might seek God's way afresh for us today and for the future.

Prayer

*God of the unexpected crash through our assumptions
God, whose friends break through boundaries of preconceived
ideas and rules, challenge us with your grace*

*God whose life is written in bold strokes of love beyond
anything we can predict or dream give us a larger vision of
your hope for the church and the word.*

*Give us hearts full of compassion and the courage to walk the
way of Jesus*

We wait on your inspiration today and every day. Amen.

Ministers' Rest Days:

- Rev Helen Kirk - Friday
- Rev Irena Byron - Monday
- Rev Keith Edwards - Wednesday
- Rev Anthony Howells - Friday
- Rev Romilly Micklem - Monday

Please respect their days off and avoid contacting them except in an emergency.

Are YOU our New Circuit Meeting Secretary?



Peter Honeyball will have completed 6 years service as Circuit Secretary in 2016 and will be retiring from that office. A new Secretary will be required.

If you are interested please contact Rev Helen Kirk on 01296 488963 or revhelenkirk@sky.com

CIRCUIT PRAYER DIARY

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY EACH MONTH PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

- 1 Aylesbury Church and the community it serves
- 2 Cheddington Church and the community it serves
- 3 Chinnor Church and the community it serves
- 4 Cuddington Church and the community it serves
- 5 Fairford Leys Church and the community it serves
- 6 Haddenham Church and the community it serves
- 7 North Marston Church and the community it serves
- 8 Princes Risborough Church and the community it serves
- 9 Stewkley Church and the community it serves
- 10 Stoke Hammond Church and the community it serves
- 11 Stoke Mandeville Church and the community it serves
- 12 Stone Church and the community it serves
- 13 Swanbourne Church and the community it serves
- 14 Christchurch, Thame and the community it serves
- 15 Waddesdon Church and the community it serves
- 16 Weedon & Hardwick Churches and the communities they serve
- 17 Whitchurch Church and the community it serves
- 18 Wingrave Church and the community it serves
- 19 Our Circuit Leadership Team
- 20 Our Ministerial Team and their families
- 21 Those involved in Hospital, Prison Ministry and Town Centre Chaplaincy
- 22 Our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
- 23 Youth work around the Circuit
- 24 Relations with local Christians
- 25 Those who have been bereaved
- 26 People who are ill
- 27 People caught up in natural disasters
- 28 People living in conflict situations
- 29 The life of our nation and those who lead
- 30 Action to protect the global environment

COVER PICTURE STORY—WINGRAVE



Our mission as a congregation is "sharing God's love in word and deed" and we do our best to put this into practice both within the village and further afield.

For many years now we have supported the Whitechapel Mission, which plays an important role in feeding and clothing the homeless in the East End of London. Work parties from Wingrave regularly visit the Mission to cook breakfast and sort donated clothes, and we are often joined on these visits by our friends from the Parish Church as part of our "Wingrave Churches Together" activities.



We also fundraise for Whitechapel and other charities such as the Karibuni Trust and Action for Children at our weekly "Nup End Café" where Wingrave people aged from 18 months to over 90 come to enjoy soup and pudding as well as each others' company.



Further afield our congregation supports a number of overseas charities both financially and in kind. In November we collected together a total of 84 shoeboxes of Christmas gifts, and

knitted a number of teddy bears, which were sent via "Link to Hope" to people in Eastern Europe including Romania.

Back home in Wingrave we have an active congregation and we are always pleased to welcome the many visiting preachers who lead our services and share God's word.

Stone Methodist Church

Our **FIRST SUNDAY CAFE** will be open on
Sundays 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June : serving
ploughman's lunches with all the trimmings, cakes, tea
and coffee. Raising funds towards our new disabled
toilet facility.

And for **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** the list is:

Sunday 8th May Christian Aid Service - **UNITED
FAMILY SERVICE** at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Dinton
at **10 a.m.**

Saturday 14th May **PLANT SALE** at Mayerin,
Churchway, Stone - 10 am - 12noon **and**
SPUD LUNCH at Methodist Chapel,
Eythrope Road - 12 noon - 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th May **COFFEE MORNING** at Methodist
Chapel - 10am - 12noon

Saturday 21st May **HOT POT LUNCH** at
Clowesbourne, Upton - 12.30 - 2.00pm

Every blessing, Sue (Spinks)

A notice to all Regular Preachers and Church Stewards re the Chrestos Planning Tools

In the last issue of this Magazine I wrote “The Plan may not look different but it has been produced with much less effort, saving everyone’s time.....we will do better next time round if everyone co-operates.” Sadly co-operation has not improved to any great extent.

As soon as the current plan was completed the next Planning Period was opened for all **Regular Preachers** to use their Availability Form to indicate the Sundays when they are available to preach in the next period of July-Sept. 2016. **Nominated Church Officers** can update their church’s planning notes to show dates when they have special services or invited preachers or add any other information that may help the Plan Makers, at any time. Don’t assume your minister will do it all, they are very busy and even ministers forget things. Just a few minutes of your time can save an awful lot of time for the Plan Makers.

Please try to do this in April and not later than the date at the foot of the Plan.

The Guidance Notes for making your entries can be found in the list of Publications on the Circuit Website which all preachers and stewards have access to. If you can’t find them Email Roy!

Reminders will be posted on the Circuit Website and/or sent through the Website Email.

CHINNOR METHODIST CHURCH NEEDS YOU

ADOPT-A-BRICK

Chinnor Methodist Church has made good progress with fund-raising for the refurbishment of the chapel. We have so far reached a total of £132,000 towards our target of £215,000. Now we need your help to push this on to the next stage.

We estimate that we will need 1760 bricks to build the re-designed entrance hall and we are proposing an “adopt-a-brick” scheme. We suggest that each brick should cost £10. There is no upper limit on the number of bricks any individual may wish to adopt.

We can accept cash or cheques, made payable to Chinnor Methodist Church. Cheques and cash can be left with our Treasurer, Cathy Whiteway, (4 Oakley Road, Chinnor, OX39 4HZ) or with either of the Stewards (Anne Marie Lord or Rod Thorpe). If anyone would like to pay by bank transfer, then the account details are as follows:

Account name: Chinnor Methodist Church

Sort Code: 72-00-01

Account number: 57448304

Please use a reference made up of the donor’s name and the letters AAB.

If the donor is a UK taxpayer, please provide their name and address so we can claim Gift Aid.

It is our intention to create a board to be hung in the chapel listing every contributor.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We look forward to your support.

Pete Honeyball

Saturday MAY 21st 2016 - 7.00 p.m.

**AYLESBURY METHODIST COMMUNITY
CENTRE,**

BUCKINGHAM ST., HP20 2NQ



Quiz



Quiz

In aid of ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Tickets - £6.00 each



**Including SANDWICHES, HOMEMADE
CAKE, TEA, COFFEE & SOFT DRINKS**

(bring your own nibbles)

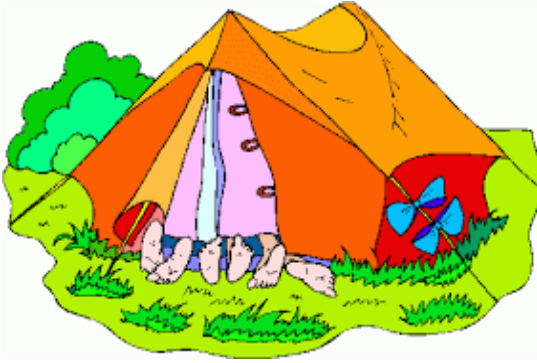
Evening includes a Raffle

Come and join in the fun – make up a

Table of 6 (max 8) or come individually

**Tickets available Sunday mornings from Pauline Noble or
Jennie Torpey or phone Pauline on 01296 484940**

Calling all campers.



We have now made a booking at Mayfield Park (2 miles North of Cirencester) for our circuit camping weekend on 1 - 3 July 2016.



Caravans, motorhomes and tents are all welcome..



Cost will be £20 per night with electricity, £18 per night without. I have agreed to pay a £50 excess charge, which enables the whole group to stay until mid-afternoon on Sunday.

Please contact us to book your pitch or for further information.

Chris and Arthur Sara 07515 472825 or 01296484310. Email: chrisara96@gmail.com



NEW CIRCUIT WEBSITE

The WORLD'S WINDOW on the CIRCUIT

www.aylesburyvale.org.uk

Having to try and write something for the magazine in February, that covers the period of April to the beginning of July and still be topical, is very difficult. At the time of writing the New Website has been operational for about 100 days; with all the preparations for Christmas and the post Christmas siesta, which seem to last well into January, not very much has happened.

It is possible for all churches to have their own information pages for news and activities; some were created with very basic information put on them. All churches were invited to look and see how their church was depicted and to suggest improvements or additions; a few have not responded to that invitation. Other invitations to say what features from the old site you would like re-created on the new one have been totally ignored. I hesitate to assume that we have got the new site 100% satisfactory, and suggestions would be welcome!

News of Circuit events often appears on the site well in advance of your church notices and in greater detail, often with posters that can be printed off and displayed in your church.

There has been one positive step forward; there is now a group of Sub-Editors who can update their church information but we could do with more. They are listed on page 30 - Please support them

It is well understood that not everyone can see the Website but every church has at least one person who is able to keep their church informed. It doesn't not take much time particularly when you get familiar with the site.

PLEASE READ, USE, SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEW WEBSITE AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE TO.

Later Group: - Princes Risborough

The 'Later Group' is a club for young people that meets once a month at Princes Risborough Methodist church.

It is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6-8pm and offers a relaxed, fun atmosphere for 11-17 year olds (from church and non-church families) where they can play games, chat, eat food and enjoy a craft/activity of some sort. It has been created by 'Churches Together in Risborough (CTR)' and has been running in its current format for four months with an average attendance of 15 young people each session.

Every month a different clergy representative, from one of the churches in Princes Risborough and its surrounding villages, comes to lead a 10-minute 'God slot'. As most of the local churches have just a few teenagers each, this club enables them to meet as part of a much larger group, and new friendships have formed. We are currently trying to create a 'chill out' area, and are in need of large bean bags, so if anyone has one they no longer need please let me know!

Fran McMullan chris-fran@live.com



Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit

Songs of Praise 2016

GREAT HYMNS BASED ON THE PSALMS

**Congregational hymn singing presented by the
Circuit Choir together with friends from other
local choirs.**

**Great Hymns With Great Tunes Come along
for a Great Sing**

Led by Rev Helen Kirk

**Aylesbury Methodist Church, Sunday 17th July @
6.00 pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sharing is our focus in Haddenham

We share worship with our Baptist friends in the village every month, alternating services at each other's church. We also share worship with our friends at Stone. The four village churches continue to honour their covenant as "Churches Together In Haddenham" with monthly fellowship meetings and renewal of shared commitment at the agape service.

The village prayer meeting is held at our church on the first Saturday of each month at 9am. It is open to all and is a source of comfort and inspiration for many. Representatives from the village churches take turns in leading prayers.

There is an energy, enthusiasm and spirit amongst members at Haddenham, no better exemplified than when we organise our own local arrangement, such as our breakfast discussions and "songs of praise" services. We do not always need to fill the pulpit!

We are grateful to members who commit their time and offer hospitality in organising fellowship meetings on Monday evenings.

There is a coffee morning at the Church every Tuesday from 10 until 12 to which all are welcome. This continues a tradition started many years ago by Maisie Edmonds and which is still going strong.

The Church at Haddenham is a community asset, used by diverse groups during the week for lectures, talks, choral practice and keeping fit in body and mind!

We are reminded that we are a sharing community, pooling our different gifts and skills for the common good. We are particularly blessed at Haddenham with our organist and musical director and other churches in the Circuit I know truly value the accomplished musicians who can enhance the experience of worship.

News from Cheddington

Messy Church - Cheddington

Like so many village congregations, with a small ageing population, we continue to face many challenges, not only the care of the building with its ongoing damp and roof problems, but to be enabled to reach out and continue to witness to the community.

Our weekly Open Doors on a Friday morning attracts ardent scrabble and Triominos enthusiasts and the recent introduction of a fish and chip lunch once a month from the local van has proved very popular.



Our bi-monthly Messy Church afternoons, which we hold in the schoolroom in conjunction with our Anglican friends are also proving popular.

Thanks to the leadership of Rev Irena Byron and Rev Gill Rowell and the commitment of helpers, we are able to offer an afternoon of varied craft activities along with songs and stories.

The afternoon is rounded off by a 'family tea' which children and parents and grandparents all enjoy.

The Chapel continues to be a much appreciated part of village life, but as always our fervent prayer is that more people will come to enjoy the Christian fellowship that we love so much.

The Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit



Welcomes the Rev Dr Romilly Micklem as he joins the Circuit Staff as from March 1st 2016 to be the minister having pastoral care of Thame (Christchurch) LEP, Chinnor, Cuddington and Haddenham.

Romilly is a member of the United Reformed Church Wessex Synod, the Service of Induction and Welcome on Saturday, 27th

February, 2016 at Christchurch, Thame United Church was presided over by The Rev Clare Downing Moderator of the Wessex Synod.



The Methodist Church was represented by the Rev Peter Hancock, Chairman of the Northampton District.

The Circuit was represented by our Superintendent Rev Helen Kirk and members of each of the four churches took part. During the service Rev Peter Hancock officially recognised Romilly as an Authorised Minister in the Methodist Church. He was offered the Right Hand of Fellowship by representatives of his four new churches and Staff from the Circuit and was greeted by colleagues from the URC Wessex Synod, Local Clergy and Civic Dignitaries.

The service was organised very much in the URC Tradition; a copy of the full service can be viewed on our Circuit Website. It was well attended with a good number of folk from churches round the circuit; it was followed by a Tea in the best Methodist tradition.

We hope Romilly and his Family will have a long, Happy and Fruitful stay in the Circuit.

Mission Shaped Intro Course

New world, new church? Our world and lives change at an ever faster pace, but how does the church respond to this change?

MSI is a 6 session course that uses creative activities, film clips, presentations and discussions to help us rediscover our mission and re-imagine our churches.

The course will take place at Christchurch Thame
7.30 -9.30pm on the following evenings:

Session 1: 15th February – rediscovering mission and what that means for the church

Session 2: 21st March – changing world, changing church

Session 3: 18th April – re-imagining church: community

Session 4: 16th May – re-imagining church: worship

Session 5: 20th June – re-imagining church: discipleship

Session 6: 18th July – where do we go from here?

All are welcome.

**Please contact Rev Helen Kirk for more details
revhelenkirk@sky.com or 01296 488963**

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LEARNING AND GROWING

Aylesbury

- J Team (Sunday School) Sundays 10.30am
Contact Mrs. Vivienne Kemp 01296 399315
- Girls Brigade Mondays 5.30-7.30pm
Contact Mrs. Linda Gill 01296 429218
- Banner Group Tuesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm
Contact Mrs. Brenda Horne 01296 428580
- Tuesday Fellowship 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30-3.45pm
Contact Mrs. Pearl Riley 01296 483547
- Boys Brigade Tuesdays 6-9pm
Contact Mrs. Margaret Miskin 01296 422919

Monthly Bible Study:

Dates to be advised on website

Chinnor: Regular Activities

Weekly:

- Activity Club (Youth club for 7-11yr olds)
Thurs 6.30 - 8.00pm (term time)
- Traidcraft (Fairtrade) sales
- Bring and Buy table for nominated charities (Sunday)

Fortnightly:

- On Sundays 6.15—7.15 pm when there is no Evening Service
- House Group: at 16 Old Sawmill Place .
Contact Elizabeth Wilson 01844 354487
- Fellowship Group: Tuesday from 10.30 am
- Friday 7-9pm (fortnightly) Friday Night Club (all ages) -
Table Tennis, Scrabble, Pizza etc.

Monthly:

- Exploring Faith. Monday 8.00- 9.30pm

Ecumenical Groups/ Activities:

Fortnightly:

- Mothers Bible Study- 10-12am Tues or Weds. morning
for mums
- Mums prayer group: Friday 9-9.30am - for those attending
St Andrew's School
- Ignite - Sunday 7.30-9.00pm - for 14yr olds to explore faith
and life issues

Haddenham

Monthly:

Haddenham Fellowship Group— evening meetings, Contact Mrs Mary White 01844 291677

Princes Risborough

Fortnightly:

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) Meets in homes on Thursdays

Monthly:

"TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP - We meet in homes on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Church at 2.00pm for a time of Fellowship together with a varied programme, followed by a cup of tea and chat, everyone is welcome to join us at these meetings."

.—see the **Circuit Website** for details of these meetings

Stoke Mandeville

Fortnightly:

The Open Fellowship meets at 2.30 pm. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month

Everyone is welcome to these meetings for an hour of fellowship, followed naturally by a cup of tea.

Table-tennis may normally be played from 7.00 to 9.00 pm in the main hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in most months.

Stone

Monthly:

The Fourth Tuesday Fellowship meets at 2.30pm

Contact Mrs. Sue Spinks 01296 748369

Weedon

Monthly: Monday Bible Study Group



VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2016

Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th May 2016

You are invited to join Rev Helen Kirk for our 2016 holiday to Devon and the English Riviera. We will be staying at the delightful **De La Mer Hotel in Babbacombe**. It is a privately-run hotel and we will be the only guests there so we will have the run of the place!

It is just a very short flat walk to see the amazing views from the Babbacombe Downs overlooking Torbay. The village of St Marychurch, the famous Babbacombe Model Village, the Cliff Railway or Bygones Victorian Museum are an easy 10-minute stroll away. You will be able to visit these during your leisure time on the holiday (entry at your own expense).

Cost of the holiday is **£309.00 per person**. A deposit of £50.00 per person will be required to secure your room, optional insurance is also available at £15.00 pp.

There is a **limited supply of single rooms** available without supplement. They will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as we receive your deposit and booking form (attached with this Itinerary).

All cheque payments are to be written out to: **Traveltime World**.

Also included in the price is Luxury Coach Travel supplied by Plastows Travel of Wheatley. They will supply a modern coach which will be driven by Gordon McCallum. The coach will be equipped with toilet and coffee machine.

Four nights in the hotel

Breakfasts and three-course evening meals

En-suite rooms with TV and tea and coffee-making facilities

No lift in hotel but ground floor rooms available

Bar and Lounge (exclusively for us)

Porterage included

Three included excursions (see Itinerary)

Evenings of fellowship

PROPOSED ITINERARY: (subject to change due to weather and operational circumstances)

Day 1: Friday 6th May – Board our tour coach at your chosen departure point and we will make our way west to Babbacombe. We will make a lunch stop on the way and will arrive at the hotel in plenty of time to freshen-up before dinner.

Day 2: Saturday – **Dartmoor** is on the menu today. We will make our first stop at **The House of Marbles** which is always an interesting stop. Continuing on we will travel onto **Dartmoor** and will make our lunch stop atop the Moor in the village of **Princetown**. We will finish our day with a visit to one of the most peaceful places in England, **Buckfast Abbey**.

Day 3: Sunday – A relaxing day for you today. If you like you could walk (5 minutes' flat walk) to St Marychurch United Reformed Church for their morning service. Later we will travel to **Brixham**, an atmospheric fishing town where trawling was first practised and established. We return to **Torquay** and you will be able to wander around the marina area or visit the local shops before returning to the hotel.

Day 4: Monday – Everybody loves **Sidmouth** so that is our destination today. Beforehand we will pop into the **Donkey Sanctuary** for a short visit. You will have ample time in Sidmouth for lunch and a walk along the Promenade before we return to Babbacombe, travelling the scenic route via Dawlish and Teignmouth.

Day 5: Tuesday – I am afraid we are going home today and we certainly will not be hungry, having enjoyed the sumptuous and plentiful hospitality of the De La Mer. We will be making a lunch stop on the way home and will arrive in the local area in the late afternoon.

If you prefer to stay around the hotel instead of joining the coach on the outings that is fine. It is a lovely area to explore and relax, or you could walk part of the South West Coast Path (5 minutes' walk away).

As well as being a relaxing time away, our Circuit Holidays give an opportunity to meet new friends in our extended Circuit. On this holiday we praise God each morning with a short devotional time. For those who choose, we also enjoy fellowship together in the evenings.

If you would like more details please ring:

PETE & JANE HONEYBALL on 01844 351096 OR RING KEN & SYLVIA AUSTIN on 01844 213285.

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For Booking Form or see Website



WHERE and WHEN TO MEET AROUND THE CIRCUIT


For a chat over a Cuppa or even a Meal



Aylesbury	Mon. To Sat. 10.00 am. to 12 noon	Tea and Coffee
Cheddington	Open Doors—Fridays 10.00 am	Tea, Coffee , Light Refreshments & Fellowship
Fairford Leys	Saturdays 10.30 am. to 12.00 noon	Coffee Morning coffee/tea and biscuits
Haddenham	Tuesdays 10.00 am. to 12.00 noon 10.00 am to 12 Noon	Maisie's Coffee Morning Fairtrade goods, Home made jams & garden pro- duce usually on sale. Museum open in Old School room
Stewkley	3rd. Saturday each month 12 noon to 1.30 pm.	Treat yourself to a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee for £7
Stoke Hammond	Wednesday 10.30 to 11.45 am	Coffee Morning
Stoke Mandeville	Most Fridays 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Monthly: First Fridays 12-2pm	'POP-IN' for a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat. Light lunches £2.50
Thame Christchurch	Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 am. to 12 noon Tuesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Coffee Mornings Safari Cafe
Waddesdon	Thursdays 10.00 am -11.30 am Alternate Tuesdays. 11.00am.to 2.00pm.	Coffee Morning Light lunches

Wingrave	Tuesdays 12 noon to 1.30 pm.	Nup End Cafe Lunches
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Other Special Gatherings

Cheddington	Mondays 9.30—11.00 am (except holidays)	The Toast Baby & Toddler Group
Swanbourne 	Tuesdays 2.00 pm in the Chapel: stories, songs, prayers & nibbles & play	Pram Service will con- tinue—Next Services; TBA Contact Frankie Fisher on 720454
Whitchurch	Wednesdays 10 am. - 12 noon 'Little Steps' fun for ba- bies, toddlers and par- ents. 1st Sunday in the Month 4 p.m. 'Stepping Stones' for young people	A mums & toddler group meeting. With toys, crafts music and snacks. Everyone is welcome. This offers an open invitation for worship time for <u>all</u> the family. Just turn up, you will be very welcome.

Calling all Photographers

The Ecumenical Focus group in Chinnor has encouraged the Flower and Produce Show to provide a photography class called 'Reflections'.

The request was made to demonstrate that the church is interested in community events and is interested in community life. Indeed the local Flower Show was primarily a Church-based event when set up 105 years ago.

Entries into the photography class are open to all so if you would like to show off your craft on the theme of 'Reflections' please contact Rod Thorpe for details and the regulations that need to be met.

If interested there are also many other classes for other domestic and artistic crafts. Again details from Rod Thorpe.

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH and COMMUNITY CENTRE

Do you need a venue for your Child's Party?

We offer a significant discount to members for the hire of the halls for these and other Social Events.

For all bookings please contact Carla Barnes or one of the volunteers in the Church Office for more details at:

**Buckingham Street
Aylesbury HP20 2NQ**

Tel: 01296 426526

E-mail: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk

The office hours are 9:30 to 13:30 during weekdays.

Room bookings can be made through the office (email or phone)

Food Safety Course 2016

**Food Safety in Catering Courses (Full or Refresher)
Level 2 Award in Chartered Institute of
Environmental Health (C.I.E.H.)**

On: Saturday 11th June 2016

At: Southcourt Baptist Church, Penn Road,
Aylesbury, HP21 8HW

Time and cost:

Full Course: 9.00am to approximately 3.30pm – cost
£32

Refresher Course: 9.00am to approximately 11.30am –
cost £20

Trainer: The course is led by Mrs Kay MacPherson who
holds a C.I.E.H. accreditation.

Through funds raised Soapbox Training Trust supports
the work of a variety of charities which work in
underdeveloped countries across Africa and Europe

The course is for those who handle food within a
business or voluntary setting and is open to anyone over
the age of 14.

Upon completing the assessment test a certificate is
awarded by the C.I.E.H. to successful candidates.

More details from:

Jean Howlett on foodsafety@southcourt.org or contact
Southcourt Baptist Church office on 01296 480080 to
leave a message.

[Booking forms can be downloaded from the Website](#)

ITEMS FOR THE MAGAZINE:

July-September 2016 issue should be forwarded to the following Email addresses:

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Items for the Magazine should be copied to Roy Collis see below.

Please submit Magazine Items by the 15th May 2016

AMENDMENTS to CIRCUIT DIRECTORY:

Details of changes to existing information in the **Circuit Directory** should be sent immediately they occur to: Rev Helen Kirk: revhelenkirk@sky.com and to: r.collis245@btinternet.com

ITEMS FOR PUBLISHING ON THE WEBSITES:

The AMC & Circuit Websites have changed but the addresses will remain the same

WEBSITE ADDRESSES:

Circuit: www.aylesburyvale.org.uk

Aylesbury: www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk

Fairford Leys: www.fairfordleyschurch.org.uk

All enquiries or suggestions should be addressed to::

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List of **Web Team** for New Website is still to be compiled - will **you** be on it?



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