



WELCOME TO
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Sunday 15th March 2020

**8.45am: Service of Holy Communion Service
led by Rev Richard Atkinson**

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Shaw

**A very warm welcome to Aylesbury Methodist Church.
We hope that you will be blessed and challenged by today's message.**

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of our welcomers, or to one of the stewards, who, at this morning's 8.45am service, are Gill Marks and Jackie Simpson-Tyda, and at 10.30am, Jackie Simpson-Tyda and Kaz Tyda.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for coffee or tea and a biscuit. Your hosts are Maureen and Jean, and donations are for the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

**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.**

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| Hymns | 8.45am: StF 434 365 506 |
| | 10.30am: StF 25 544 248 518 465 |
| Readings | 8.45am: Romans 5: 1-11 |
| | 10.30am: Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-42 |
| Organist | 8.45am: Derrick Matthews 10.30am: David Brooker |

The flowers this week are given in memory of
Ceita's Dad and Tom's Mum & Dad.

Marion and Peter Green would like to thank all their friends for their cards, flowers and good wishes during Marion's recent illness. They were all much appreciated.

Ronald Thrift's funeral will take place at Watermead on Thursday at 10.30am. Ron has not been to church in recent times, but if anyone has any information about him that would help in composing his eulogy, please could they talk to Richard as soon as possible. I can discover lots about his late wife Thelma, but little about Ron himself.

Richard's next 'morning' will be **Friday 20th March**, and **Wed 25th March** the following week, when he will be in the Church, Welcome Space or office if you would like to talk to him.

Youth Group: Wed 11th March, 6.15–7.30pm: DISCUSSION



Coronavirus:

Without wishing to alarm anyone but recognising the need to be prepared, the church website, <https://www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk> will carry the most up to date information, and we will try to keep everyone informed as best we can in this rapidly changing situation. If you are not sure if we have your contact details, please talk to Richard or to Pauline Noble, to help ensure our records are up to date

BEATIE'S CHARITY BASH 2020': FAITH BUFFET TEA

on Saturday 28th March 2020, 5.00 - 7.30pm.

Please let Beatie or Jennie know if you are coming **asap**
[See details on insert] **Raffle Prizes would be welcome, too!**

I have reserved some seats at **The Mill, Sonning**, for the matinee performance of their **Christmas musical 'Top Hat'** on **Sunday 6th December**. The full cost, including 2-course lunch, the show and coach travel, will be £70. To book a space, £35 needs to be paid now and the £35 balance in October. If interested, please speak to Gill Marks 01296 748659 asap.

- **Local Preachers meeting: Thursday 19th March, 7.45pm at Wingrave.**
- **The Church AGM** will be after morning service on **April 26th**.
[More information to follow.]

Offering Envelopes: The envelopes for the next tax year starting on 12 April are now available. Please take your envelopes from the Welcome Space and take one for people you know who are unable to be at church. A small number of people have had their numbers changed this year, because we are consolidating the numbers so we need to order fewer envelope sets in the future. If anyone would like to start taking envelopes or would like to transfer to using a standing order please talk to Roger Kirk or to myself.
David Neville

SOS: March 21st - All a Board: No, it's not about trains! If you need a Cluedo about this evening's Trivial Pursuit you might not have the Monopoly. If you are ready to Scrabble out of the Draughts into the warmth of Margaret and John's home, we will meet to play board games. As we are sitting and playing, perhaps finger food is the best, Back Gammon sandwich anyone? 7:30pm start time, contact number 422919. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Foundation Level

It has been brought to our attention that there are several people in the circuit who need to attend the foundation level safeguarding training, so a course has been arranged as follows:

Wednesday 29 April, 7.00pm for a 7.15 start, at Stoke Mandeville Church

For further details or to book a place please contact

Arthur Sara: ruthar@talktalk.net or tel. 01296 484310, or

Pete Honeyball: peter.honeyball@btinternet.com or tel. 01844 351096

As there have been enquiries from several churches about their members attending the foundation training, it would be wise to book your place early. If there are more than we can train in one session further dates and times will be arranged. Arthur Sara

'THAT PARTICULAR PASSOVER'

This is a play written for Holy week by Angela M. Smith.

Would you like to join in **reading** or **listening** to this? (No acting, props, costumes or scenery involved, but there is some hymn singing).

At Aylesbury Methodist Church, 2pm on Wednesday 1st April.

Contact Angela 01296 483696 for more information.

On **Saturday, 11 April**, Pat Martin Seehusen and Andy Seehusen will be walking 25 kms along the Thames **to raise money for Alzheimer's Society**. Please sponsor us to help families who have a dementia sufferer and to further research into dementia. You can donate to: justgiving.com/fundraising/patmartinseehusen or justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Seehusen1 or, if you prefer, you can give your donation to one of us. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

In the lead up to Easter, you may wish to attend a concert of Handel's Messiah at St Mary the Virgin Church, Aylesbury, on **Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm**. Tickets: £15 and £5 (under 18s), can be purchased on-line www.aylesburychoral.org.uk, or from any member of the choir of Aylesbury Choral Society. More details from the posters on noticeboards, or the website. Roger & Sue Kirk

Our Circuit Afternoon/Evening Services

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| Cuddington | 5.30pm | Rev Richard Atkinson |
| Swanbourne | 5.00pm | Mr Peter Honeyball |
| Weedon | 6.00pm | Mr Arthur Sara at Weedon Chapel House |

Next Week

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| Mon | 16 Mar | 6.15pm | Girls' Brigade |
| Tues | 17 Mar | 2.30pm | Tuesday Fellowship |
| | | 6.15pm | Boys' Brigade |
| Wed | 18 Mar | 6.15pm | Youth Group: Discussion! |
| Thurs | 19 Mar | 10.00am | Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group |
| | | 2.00pm | In Stitches Craft Group |
| Frid | 20 Mar | 6.00pm | FRIDAY FOOD in the Welcome Space |
| | | 7.30pm | Mahjong |
| | | 7.30pm | Choir Practice |
| | | 8.00pm | Crucifixion Rehearsal |

Sunday 22nd March 2020

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Richard Atkinson

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| 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

STOKE MANDEVILLE

Dear All,

On Sunday 15 March it will be the turn of Stoke Mandeville to be the focus of our Circuit Prayers.

Many friends around the circuit will be sad to read Peter's words about the closure of the chapel, but in a way this is a reflection of life and the very heart of the gospel message of death and rebirth, especially as we journey together through Lent.

Our prayer is that the members of Stoke Mandeville will begin a new chapter somewhere else. This is not the end, nor is it failure in any way, shape or form. This is a new beginning for both the membership and the chapel as we together explore an exciting way forward and try to determine God's plans for this part of our Circuit. The chapel itself could turn out to be a valuable resource for outreach and mission - we pray for guidance, courage and empowerment to understand just what it is that God has in mind for the fellowship and the facilities here, that we may seize this opportunity to follow God's new plans for his church.

Pete



Many of you around the Circuit will be aware that we have decided to close Stoke Mandeville.

All week-day activities at the church have now ceased and we will end worship at the end of May.

We thank everybody for their support over the years.

Even though the church will cease, we pray that there will be a smooth transition to the Circuit who will take over the church building, and that Stoke Mandeville Church will still have a major part to play in Circuit life.

We have many happy memories of Stoke Mandeville Methodist Church, and now we pray that our members will find new places to worship and create new memories.

Peter Vernon.

EVENTS COMING UP!!

'BEATIE'S CHARITY BASH 2020': FAITH BUFFET TEA



on Saturday 28th March 2020, 5.00 – 7.30pm.

A fundraising event for charities and a chance to get together for a chat!
It will be very informal and **all are welcome**.

NO CHARGE, but we ask everyone to bring **FOOD TO SHARE**
and also to make a **DONATION** on the evening if possible
- we shall have donation buckets available.

Please let either Beatie or Jennie know that you're coming, and an idea of what food you'll bring! We need to have some idea of numbers.

[Details and ideas in LINK magazine]

Beatie Francis (421505) * Jennie Torpey (581414)



THE CRUCIFIXION

by JOHN STAINER

Circuit Service on Sunday 29th March 2020 at 3.00 pm

An act of worship for Congregation and Choir depicting the events leading up to Christ's death upon the cross.

Presented by the Circuit Choir together with the Choir of St Peter and St Paul, Tring and friends from other local churches and choirs under the direction of Cliff Brown

**Led by the Rev Richard Atkinson
(Repeated at St Peter and St Paul, Tring on
Sunday 5th April at 3.00 pm)**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service.

April 12th Easter Sunday Breakfast: A full English Breakfast* cooked and served by the SOS team is the way we have been starting our Easter Sunday celebration for many years, and today is no different. Tickets £5.50 will be on sale during Lent or ring 420817 to book your place. We are again raising funds for the Whitechapel Mission.

* a vegetarian alternative is available