<u>Servíces for June</u>

1st 10.00am Rt Rev Dr A Shergold

8th	10.00am	Rev Mr H Moon Holy Communion
15th	10.00am	Mr John Shaw
22Nd	10.30am	Circuit Service AMC
29th	10.00am	Rev Mrs R Williams

Services for July

6th <u>11.00am</u>	Mrs Louise Atkinson (Reader Service) & BBQ
13th 10.00am	Rev Dr H Oforí-Attah Holy Communíon
20th 10.00am	Rev Mr M Hunt
6.00pm	Cheddington
27th 10.00am	Mr Arthur Sara

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	Duty Steward	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
6th	Mr M Pullen	Mrs T Shephard & Ms V Spires	Mrs T Shephard & Ms V Spires	Mrs F McMullan BBQ
13th	Mrs J Gerrard	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Ms V Spires
20th	Mr J Needham	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Mrs M Stevens
27th	Miss M Dore	Mr J Drake & Mrs F McMullan	Ms Y Ayoola & Mr N Marriner-Kyle	Ms Y Ayoola

Weekend	Flowers	Cleaning	Grass Cutting
5/6	Mrs M Stevens	Mrs F McMullan	Mr C McMullan
12/13		Mrs D Pullen	Mr M Pullen
19/20 (YDA)	Mrs D Robbins	Mrs M Stevens	Mr D Stevens
26/27	Mrs D Robbins	Miss P Scott	Mr J Needham

If unavailable, please arrange an exchange or replacement, notify the steward, and amend the porch and vestry lists. If you would like to be involved as a welcoming steward or Bible reader, or any other rota please speak to Joe Needham (07507 416421) or one of the other Stewards.

Those who kindly provide flowers, please leave the wrappings in the vestry so that the stewards have something to wrap the flowers in when they distribute them after the service.

Joe Needham

Rest Day— Rev. Heegon Moon's 'day off' is Monday; please try to respect this whenever possible.

Rotas for June 2025

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1st	Mrs	J Gerrard	Mr & Mrs N Trout		Mr & Mrs N Tro	out	Ms Y Ayoola
8th	Mr N Kyle	N Marriner-	Mr & Mrs	V Baker	Mr & Mrs V Ba	aker	Mrs B Oates
15th	Mr J	Needham	Mr J Drak Mrs F Mc		Mr J Drake & Mr J Needham		Ms P Scott
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7/8	Ms P Scott	Mrs K Trout	Mr N Trout
14/15	Ms V Spires	Mrs N Baker	Mr K Smith
21/23 (YDA)	Ms Y Ayoola	Miss M Dore	Mr B McCleery
28/29		Mrs B Hudson	Mr G Hudson

Volunteers Wanted

If any of you can help with taking a turn as a Welcoming Steward (being there to greet people as they arrive for church, give out hymn books, etc as required and to take the offertory forward during the service) it would be much appreciated. The more help we have the fewer occasions that each person does it – note that it does require those involved to arrive at church about 30 minutes before the service starts.

Some of us also do the Bible Readings, but there is no obligation to do those as well if you don't want to. If you are able to help, please let me know .

From the Manse ...

Dear friends, as I write this, the manse garden is bathed in sunlight, and the birds are singing – summer has clearly come! These signs from nature always bring me hope and joy, especially on difficult and challenging days.



By the time you read this edition of The Messenger, the

church Calendar will be nearing the end of God's story – Pentecost. We will enter the second half of the year, known as the "Our Story" period, which happens during Ordinary Time.

The Pentecost story reminds me of my own from my past: it happened on a subway platform in Germany about two years ago. I was only there for a week, and I did not speak or understand German. For days, my ears were flooded with unfamiliar noise. Then suddenly, across the platform, I heard Korean. It cut through like a beam of light. My native language. I felt the words so intensely, and every part of my body relaxed as I focused on the voice and understood the words. It felt like homecoming.

In the Pentecost story, we see this dynamic played out ten-fold. In Acts, the disciples are empowered to speak fifteen different languages that are not their own. All the "God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven" gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5).

This gift of the Holy Spirit that marks the birth of the church is a gift deliberately for those outside the church, for those displaced from a language or world not their own. The Holy Spirit's first public gift did not comfort the believers but reached beyond the community to those who did not yet belong.

Therefore, the miracle of Pentecost was not for the disciples. One of the clearest signs of the Spirit's presence commands us to connect and speak in ways others can understand. Reaching across a distance, to discount difference, says: "You are welcome. You are at home." God's spirit dwells within us because of the day of Pentecost.

Let us walk together. As Christians, let us face challenges with hope. In all things, let us find hope and acknowledge that our God is the God of all hopefulness. Blessings,

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Heegon

Joe Needham

Tuesday Fellowship

Our next meeting is on 17th June at 2pm at the Church when members are being asked to bring a poem or a reading that means something to them that they can share with other members, Sue Wilson will be leading this. Our next meeting is on 15^{th} July at the Church when Vic Baker will be talking to us about Hymns.

Please join us if you are able, new members are always very welcome to our meetings.

Pam Scott

SALT Group

The SALT group (Sharing And Learning Together) will be concluding a series of Bible Studies on Women of the Old Testament – though men are quite welcome at SALT and I certainly appreciate it when I'm not the token male there!

Our meetings will be on June 5th & 19th and July 3rd & 17th at the home of either Fran McMullan or Fay Shephard – please check in the weekly notices. Meetings start at 7.45 with a refreshments & chat, with Bible Study commencing after 8pm. Even if you have not been before, you are welcome to join us (each study session is 'self-contained' so attendance at every meeting is not essential).

Joe Needham

Table Top Games

We meet every **Friday** between 10.00am to around 12.00 noon, to play Scrabble, Upwords, and Rummikub, to name but a few. The attendance fee is ± 2.00 and refreshments will be served.

Sue Wilson

Church Forum

The next Forum will be on 24th June at 7.30pm, please try to attend if you can. Agenda and Reports will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Pam Scott

Church BBQ

The BBQ is on 6th July after an 11.00 service —look out for the sign up sheet.

The Stewards

Díary Dates for June	
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5th	SALT, check for venues in weekly notices,7.45pm
7th	Ellesborough Silver Band & BBQ Kimble Free Church, 11.30am
7th	Church Walk, starting at Kimble Free Church, 2.15pm
7th—15th	Bucks Art week at St Dunstan's Monks Risborough
8th	MHA special Sunday
8th	CAFOD pilgrimage to Marlow.
9th	Bereavement Group, Chapter House, St Mary's, 3.00pm
14th	Lighthouse Quiz, St Mary Church, 7.30pm
14th	St Teresa's fund raiser for Community building
17th	Tuesday Fellowship, 2.00pm
19th	SALT, check for venues in weekly notices, 7.45pm
24th	Church Forum, in Church, 7.30pm

Díary Dates for July

3rd	SALT, check for venues in weekly notices, 7.45pm
5th	Ladies' Breakfast, St Mary's Hall (booking necessary) 9.00am
12th	Karibuni 30th Anniversary, Dinner Dance, Cookham
13th	Action for Children Sunday
14th	Bereavement Group, Chapter House St Mary's, 3.00pm
15th	Tuesday Fellowship, 2.00pm
17th	SALT, check for venues in weekly notices, 7.45pm
28th	Lighthouse Activity week begins. Ends 2nd Aug
Forthcom	íng events
11th Sep	Karibuni Charity Golf Day, Northwood

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11th Oct	Karibuni Quiz night and supper, Aylesbury
1st Nov	Karibuni Ellesborough Silver Band, Fairford Leys, 3.00pm

Wycombe Homeless Connection

There's some up to date information about Wycombe Homeless Connection in the porch. This small charity has been initiated and funded by the churches in High Wycombe, and although not directly working in Risborough, is worth considering for any donations you wish to make.

A night shelter is provided in the very coldest weather, and many volunteers help to access support so that solutions are found and guests are resettled. They have links with Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, which provides similar help in that area.

Judith Gerrard

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle is 'here for you' so if you know of someone who would appreciate our prayers, please contact anyone in the table below.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining the Prayer Circle.

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Weekly Church Notices

Please contact Mrs Maureen Judd by telephone, 01844 617650, or email: maureenj148@gmail.com by noon on Friday with any information to go into the weekly notices.

Church walk

The first church walk of the summer will be on Saturday 7th June. This time we are starting at Kimble Free Church at 2.15pm if anyone wants to take advantage of the silver band and BBQ (details under CTR news in this edition). Make your own way to Kimble by bus and we will walk back to Princes Risborough. Please let me know if you want to join us so that I know who to expect.

Neville Trout

World & Home Mission Boxes

It is now time for World and Home Mission boxes to be opened again and I shall be pleased if those people who hold boxes would let me have them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pam Scott

Ladies' Breakfast

There is a Ladies' Breakfast on Saturday July 5th in St Mary's Hall at 9am. Our speaker is Kay Watters a retired priest who has worked in this country and Cyprus. She calls it "Expect the Unexpected."

All ladies and friends are welcome. Please book your place by contacting Rose Williams on 01844 274225 or <u>rosewilliamsgp@yahoo.co.uk</u>

Rose Williams

Lighthouse Quiz Night -14 June, St Mary's Church 7.30pm

£5 per head, teams of up to 8 people plus raffle and the "heads and tails" game. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, no red wine, please, as it stains the floor. Prizes for the winning team.

To book a table, please contact Jamie carter on 01844 273286 (booking essential). Equally if you would like to come and are not part of a team, please contact Jamie and you can be allocated to one.

Offers of raffle prizes appreciated. Please contact Jamie if you would like to donate.

Please bring <u>cash</u> on the night as there will not be any other payment facilities.

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Ladies' Coffee Morning and lunch.

14 of our ladies with some most welcome friends, gathered at Haddenham Garden Centre on Saturday 12th April. We enjoyed a warm drink and much conversation and laughter and some snacks. A few of us (4) stayed for a delicious lunch and some garden shopping. Chris and Barry joined us for lunch. We hope to organize another event in the Summer.

Vicky Spires

Men's Group Golf

The men's group tried their novice, to more experienced, hands at the Wycombe Heights VIP driving range on 26th April with the longest recorded drive at 198 yards. Rory McIlroy doesn't seem to have anything to fear!

Neville Trout

Bucks Art Week at St Dunstan's

An exhibition showcasing a group of established artists and makers in beautiful, medieval St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough.

Nine artists and makers will be showing paintings, print-making, illuminations, textile art, paper sculpture, turned vessels, ceramics, mosaics and jewellery. For photos and more info, see <u>www.artatstdunstans.blogspot.com</u>

Home-baked cakes and drinks on offer throughout the show. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the church serves cream teas.

Art at St Dunstan's is open Saturday 7 - Sunday 15 June Saturdays and w/days 10 - 4, Sundays 12 - 4.

St Dunstan's Church, Burton Lane, off Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, HP27 9JE. Please park on Mill Lane.



The Methodist Church

SpecialSundays

June

- 8 Methodist Homes Sunday (see p 9)
- **20** -World Refugee Day. The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honours the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

<u>July</u>

- 13 Action for Children Sunday (see p 10)
- 13 Sea Sunday. An opportunity to remember and pray for those who work at sea to make sure we have all that we need often in dangerous and lonely conditions, and the people who support them.
 (www.missiontoseafarers.org/sea-Sunday)
- 20 Rural Mission Sunday

Taken from relevant websites.

Amen

Prayer

God, inspire prophetic action far beyond the words we pray, Set institutions tumbling, letting in the light of day. Take away our greed and grasping, feathering nests of self concern, Where we harbour in an instant more than others ever earn. Teach us how to share the bounty you have given to our hands 'til all poverty is ended, wealth is shared through all your lands.

Andrew Pratt, Church Action on Poverty Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024/25 "Praise and Protest"

200^{TH} ANNIVERSARY ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LACEY GREEN, LOOSLEY ROW and SPEEN

A week long celebration of the 200th anniversary of St John's to which you are invited to include



Sat 28 th June	Beating the Bounds— An opportunity to walk all or part of the 11-mile circumference of the Parish.
Sun 29 th June	Church Service, 10.00am
Sun 29 th June	Songs of Praise, 3.00pm
Tues 1 st July	Tours of History and Flower displays in Church
Wed 2 nd July	Pageant by St. John's School
Friday 4 th July	Tours of History and Flower displays in Church
Thurs 3 rd July	Festal Evensong, 7.30pm Preacher: Bishop of Buckingham
Sat 5 th July	Organ Concert, 3.00pm
	Alastair and Gilly Ross
Sun 6 th July	All Age Church Service, 10.00am
More information:	Rosemary :johnmortham@btinternet.com Canon Tony :tony.bundock49@gmail.com

Bereavement Drop In

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This group meets on the second Monday of every month throughout the year offering a warm welcome to anyone struggling with the grief of bereavement. We share together over a cup of tea or coffee, talk about our experiences or just listen. Many find comfort in talking about their loved ones with others who know what they are going through.

We next meet on 9th June and 14th July in the Chapter House at St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, at 3.00pm, and everyone is welcome, of any faith or of no faith at all. Please contact Rose Williams if you need further details.





Christian Aid

A thank you to all who put their used printer cartridges in the box at church. I recently returned them and was advised that we had raised £22.50 for Christian Aid.

Margaret Stevens

Mothering Sunday Posies

A big thank you to Fran for masterminding the Mothering Sunday posies and continuing a lovely tradition.

Methodist Prayer Handbook

"O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day" Psalm 96:1-2.



From ancient times, communities have defined themselves by the stories they tell and the songs they sing about themselves. **Our Story, Our Song** calls upon the Methodist people to join in a soul expedition deep into the heart of our calling, journeying afresh into the story of grace and the vocation that God has placed upon us – learning to live, work, pray and play in ways both true to our roots and open to the presence of God in the songs and stories of others.

As the Methodist Prayer Handbook starts in September, I am getting in early to invite any orders now so that they don't arrive a month or so after the start! The cost this year is £4.50 plus postage which will be shared amongst those ordering. Don't worry – there will be another call in the Aug/Sept *Messenger*.

Neville Trout

14 *Revd Rose Williams* 01844 274225

CTR : Churches Together in Risborough

At our recent meeting we reviewed the Lent Studies which had been held in some of the churches with a small number of people from other churches attending. Some of the

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churches said that the choice of material they had made for study had not been entirely satisfactory, and it was felt that if we were to plan groups for a study during Advent it would be better if they all study the same text, which would enable attendees to be more flexible in which group they attended, and possibly enabling a more diverse mix of people in the various groups.

It was felt that the CTR service in the Market Sq. on Good Friday had been well attended and, as it had been a little shorter, more appreciated by those present. The only issue was that some of the speakers and readers had not been close enough to the microphone and some had struggled to hear everything. Hopefully a sound check will be made next year to ensure that all can be heard.

There were about 50 people present for the Dawn Service on Easter Day, and despite the cold easterly wind a joyful time was had. Thanks were expressed to the team from St Dunstan's for organising the hot drinks and bacon rolls as folk returned to the car park.

The VE celebrations which have now taken place at Holy Trinity, Bledlow and St Dunstan's were mentioned, as were details of the 200th Anniversary celebrations coming up at St John's, Lacey Green (details elsewhere). St Mary's do not expect to have a new Rector in place until October at the earliest. As part of the Catholic Church's Jubilee activities, there will be a CAFOD pilgrimage to Marlow on June 8th. To replace the Walsingham Hall (which is to be pulled down), St Teresa's are hoping to build a new community building in the grounds of the Presbytery, and there will be an event on June 14th to raise funds. Kimble Free Church will be holding a BBQ and Songs of Praise with Ellesborough Silver band on June 7th from 11.30.

As we move into July, ministers will be visiting primary schools to give all those moving on to secondary school the "It's your move" booklet. This will be followed by Lighthouse Week at the end of July. A new Chair of Trustees for Risborough Lighthouse was required – ideally from CTR (the position was held by David Williams). In discussion about the clergy involvement in the Friday afternoon Lighthouse closing service the point was that whoever is involved needs to have been along during the week so he/she is known by the children attending.

If you would like to support the Princes Centres in any way or if you or your loved one would like a free taster of what we have to offer, please contact Mags on 01844 345105 or Marina at Bourne End on 01628 527024.

Maggie Wooster Keyte

Understanding Pentecost

Pentecost is one of the great Church festivals but is not as well-known as Christmas or Easter. For Christians it is profoundly significant. It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their transformation from frightened and confused people to men who would face martyrdom for what they believed. Pentecost means '50'. Pentecost is from the Greek 'Pentekostos', which means 'fifty'. It is the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:16). It's traditionally celebrated as Whitsun - 'White Sunday'. It's believed this is because it was a day for baptisms for which you would wear white. Alternatively it derives from the Anglo-Saxon word 'wit', which we still use for verbal cleverness but which meant 'understanding' – Pentecost was when God poured out the wisdom of the Spirit. **Speaking in tongues.** Luke tells the story in Acts 2:1-13. Some scholars think he was referring to an experience of 'glossalalia' or speaking in tongues, an ecstatic outpouring of praise in an unknown language. Others say that what the disciples said seems to have been understood by their hearers. Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises. In the Old Testament -"I will pour out my Spirit on all people", Joel 2:28, and in the New, where Jesus says he will send another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth (John 16: 5-15). There was wind... Luke tells of three distinct experiences. A violent wind filled the house: breath or wind is a symbol of the Spirit of God. Ezekiel 37 tells the story of the prophet's vision of a valley of dry bones coming together: when the 'breath' of God enters them, they come to life and stand on their feet. The Pentecost wind represents God's power to bring life to the 'dry bones' of faith.and tongues of fire... Tongues of fire separate and rest on each. Jesus told his disciples, "You are the light of the world" (Matt 5:14). In John 8:12 he says, "I am the light of the world." The picture in Acts is one of a single flame that separates and symbolically rests on each of them; the disciples will do what Jesus did. ..and other languages. The nature of the original experience has been queried, but in Luke's version the point is that it breaks down barriers between people. The story links back to Genesis 11, when the people begin to build the huge Tower of Babel. God confuses their language so they can no longer understand each other. At Pentecost, this Babel confusion is reversed. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It marks the beginning of Christianity as a movement and a new community. When Peter preached, immediately afterwards around 3,000 people believed and were baptised.

Princes Centre — Update

With the arrival of a spell of lovely weather our clients are able to enjoy some outdoor activities. There have been visits to Widmer Feeds to see the goats and alpacas, a trip to Aylesbury on the train for lunch, returning home by bus, and a number of local walks, as well as activities in the garden.







Train Trip

Window Shopping

There continues to be a large range of activities at the Princes Centre. Some encourage mobility such as boules, corn hole, a bean bag game, cardio drumming, dancing to music, exercising the lungs with singing, or even just getting up to pat a visiting pet dog. Others encourage communication, friendships, independence and mental stimulation.



Corn hole

Cardio drumming

In the cooking sessions, clients have been making quiches and flapjacks to name a few. Some like to play scrabble, Rummikub or dominoes. Pottery is always a favourite and there is plenty of craft work making Easter bonnets, photo frames, Easter decorations, painting, knitting, having a go at jigsaw puzzles etc with a drink of sherry thrown in at times. At other times the clients enjoy listening to music and one of our clients gave a performance on the piano one afternoon. For clients who are housebound or live in remote areas where they have little contact with other people, the Princes Centre is a great place to socialise and make friends with others. We serve wonderful meals too.

Methodist Homes Sunday

The special Sunday associated with Methodist homes (MHA) is 8th June, and gift envelopes are included with this Messenger for any contributions you wish to make. They can be returned via the collection any time in June.



This year, MHA Sunday will be themed around

the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). It's a story that will be familiar to many of us. It describes a man in need of support who finds it from a surprising source. It challenges our preconceptions about who the givers are in society.

Here is Irene's story: What type of home would make you happy if you could no longer live without support? One where you feel comfortable, among friends and well looked after? One where you can enjoy life feeling safe and secure?

This is exactly what Gary and Julie wanted for their Mum, Irene, after her dementia reached a level where she could not live safely at home any more. They found Methodist Homes provided complete care, compassionate chaplains, affirming music therapy and engaging dementia resources – all vital in allowing Irene to live the life she does, full of meaning and joy. Julie and Gary have precious memories of growing up with their mum: family holidays on the beach, gardening together, and dining room tables filled with friends and neighbours. Their overriding memory is 'With Mum, you felt safe, secure, loved'. They have found the same for Irene at MHA.

Your gifts will support all those who use MHA's services to live later life well, including their dementia services and will help bring meaning and joy to the lives of people living with dementia.

Judith Gerrard

Groan!

Why did Noah discipline the chickens on the ark? *They were using fowl language!*

What's a missionary's favourite kind of car? A convertible.

What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Ruthless.

Action for Children

Action for Children (AfC) is a Methodist-founded charity, which will be especially celebrated on Sunday 13 July. The theme this year is 'Driven by love, we take action for children'.



AfC work to give children and young people the protection and practical help they urgently need, and they campaign tirelessly for lasting change.

They invite churches to consider the actions needed and the love it takes to make children's lives safer and happier. For example, the experiences of some children: spending their childhoods feeling anxious, ashamed, isolated. Self-conscious in too-small uniform. Worried hearing a parent trying to sort out the next bill. Making excuses to miss a friend's birthday. Left in the classroom, while the rest of the class go on a trip. Children in the UK are paying the price of poverty every day. It is relentless and it doesn't just affect their childhood. The harm caused by child poverty can last a lifetime.

It doesn't have to be this way. And Action for Children say it's time to act. Their latest campaign, *Paying the Price*, calls on the government to make the bold changes needed to pull over 1 million children out of poverty by 2030, and halve the child poverty rate by 2045. That means a strong social security system – one that's there for children when they most need it. It means parents being able to make a good living from work, and having a safe home that they can afford to live in. Investing in children – giving them the chance to thrive, not just survive – will always pay for itself, and more besides.

By taking action with AfC, you can help make sure children's lives aren't defined by poverty, so they can feel hopeful about the future.

Envelopes are included with this Messenger for any donations you wish to give to support Action for Children., and can be returned via the collection any time in July.

Sorry about the double envelope appeals with this Messenger, it is just how the dates fall!

Judith Gerrard

Karibuni Children 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Continuing the celebrations for the 30th Anniversary of Karibuni Children, there are a number of further events planned following the success of the Charity Concert held at the Wycombe Swan in March.



Dinner & Dance on Saturday July 12th at Moor Hall Chartered Institute of Marketing, Cookham, SL6 9HQ. Tickets £80 to include reception drink, 3 course dinner with wine and live band entertainment. Overnight accommodation is also available and can be booked with the CIM at Moor Hall.

Charity Golf Day on Thursday September 11th at Sandy Lodge Golf Club, Northwood, HA6 2JD with a 13.30 'Shot Gun' start. Tickets £100 to include green fees and 2 course dinner.

Quiz Supper Night on Saturday October 11th at Aylesbury Methodist Church, HP20 2NQ starting at 7pm. Tickets £15 and include Fish & Chips or Veggie Burger option.

Ellesborough Silver Band Concert on Saturday November 1st at The Church on Fairford Leys, Aylesbury, HP19 7HT from 3pm to 5pm. No ticket required, please make a donation at the door; Karibuni merchandise and refreshments will be available during the interval.

For all events, further information and tickets can be found on the website <u>www.karibuni.org.uk/shop</u> or by email <u>office@karibuni.org.uk</u> or call 01296 614887.

Joe Needham

Lighthouse update: 28th July to 2nd August

Lighthouse is a children's activity week run by volunteers from all the churches in Princes Risborough and the surrounding villages. They are always in need of more volunteers whether helping with car parking



duties, admin, cafe, craft, cake donations etc. If you would like to find out more information and get involved take a look at the Lighthouse website:

https://www.lighthousecentral.org/our-lighthouses/princes-risborough