

Services for July

3 rd	10am	Rev Keith Edwards Holy Communion
10 th	10am	Christchurch Worship Group Junior Church
	6pm	Rev Keith Edwards United service at the Methodist Church
17 th	10am	Mr Arthur Sara - Cafe Church
	6pm	Aylesbury Methodist Church Circuit Service "Songs of Praise"
24 th	10am	Mr Terry Stewart
	6pm	Lighthouse Commissioning Service
31 st	10am	Miss Marilyn Dore

Services for August

7 th	10am	Rev Ann Henman Holy Communion
14 th	10am	Mrs Betty Blake
21 st	10am	Mr Peter Honeyball
28 th	10am	Mr Terry Stewart



Tea and coffee are served after the service. Please join us in the Hall.

Princes Risborough

Methodist Church

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Messenger'**

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*This magazine comes to you with the
good wishes of the Church*

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**Material for the September Messenger to the Editor
by Sunday 14th August at the latest please.**

This Church is proud to be a member of 'Churches Together in Risborough' associated with The Baptist Church, Elim Church, St. Dunstan's Church, St. Mary's Church and St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church.

Rotas for August

	Duty Stewards	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
7 th	Miss M Dore	Mr & Mrs D Robbins	Mr & Mrs D Robbins	Miss P Scott
14 th	Mrs J Gerrard	Mrs F Sheppard & Mr J Needham	Mrs F Sheppard & Mr J Needham	Mrs M Stevens
21 st	Mrs M Judd	Mrs M Stevens & Mrs B Oates	Mrs M Stevens & Mrs M Judd	Mrs B Oates
28 th	Mr W Richmond	Mr & Mrs B Palmer	Mrs C Palmer & Mr W Richmond	

Weekend	Flowers	Cleaning	Grass Cutting
6 th /7 th	Miss P Scott	Mrs F McMullan	Mr C McMullan
13 th /14 th		Mrs B Hudson	Mr G Hudson
20 th /21 st		Mrs C Palmer	Mr B Palmer
27 th /28 th	Mrs B Willett	Miss P Scott	Mr K Smith



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 (01844 343246), or one of the Stewards.

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	Duty Stewards	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
3rd	Mr M Pullen	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mrs C Palmer
10 th am pm	Mr W Richmond Mrs M Judd	Mr M Stevens Mrs B Oates Mr J Needham	Mrs M Stevens & Mrs V Hayden Mr J Needham	Mrs B Oates
17 th	Miss M Dore	Mr J Drake & Mrs F McMullan	Mr J Drake Mrs J Gerrard	Mr J Needham
24 th	Mr M Pullen	Mr & Mrs B Palmer	Mrs C Palmer & Mr M Pullen	Mrs V Spiers Lane
31 st	Mrs J Gerrard	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mrs C Palmer

Weekend	Flowers	Cleaning	Grass Cutting
2 nd /3 rd	Tues Fellowship	Mr D Stevens	Mrs M Stevens
9 th /10 th	Mrs B Oates	Miss P Scott & Mrs S Wilson	Mr D Wilson
16 th /17 th	Mrs D Robbins	Mrs C Palmer YDA	Mr B Palmer
23 rd /24 th	Mrs B Willett	Mrs K Trout	Mr N Trout
30 th /31 st	Mrs M Judd	Miss M Dore	Mr J Needham

Rest Day—Rev. Keith Edwards' 'day off' is a Wednesday; please try to respect this whenever possible.

From the Manse ...

Dear Friends,



Summertime is coming and it won't be long before record temperature sunny days are with us – we're in for a hot summer according to the BBC weatherman. Our beaches and parks and lakes will be crowded and many people will be out sunbathing. So around about now our TVs will start to fill with adverts for products to help us get in shape for the beach – "Special K" diets and trips to the gym or the swimming pool. I recall once in my younger days trying to use swimming as a get fit exercise. As I flailed my way from one side of the pool to the other, I was keenly aware of the other swimmers. As I reached the edge of the pool, I would latch onto the side, fighting to catch my breath – swimming is much harder than you might think! They reached the edge, performed perfect flip turns and continued their swim. My efforts were painful to perform and even more painful to watch. In other words, I was embarrassed. If I'm honest, none of them cared what I was doing. But I was shamed into retreating to the relative safety of squash and cycling, I'm not worthy for swimming yet. "Once I get into shape," I told myself, "I'll return to the pool."

Jesus' message is just the opposite: "Come to God, and He will make you worthy." Many of us feel like that when we go to church or when we think about going to church. Everyone else seems to be so perfect while we're painfully aware of our inadequacies. Some don't even want to think about God for the same reason. We want to somehow get our lives together, and then we'll go to Him. If you've felt that way, you need to realize that church is a place where people go to straighten out their lives. At the time of Jesus, the Pharisees said, "Become worthy, then come to God." Jesus' message was just the opposite: "Come to God, and He will make you worthy." God helps to fix our broken lives. Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." He's looking for the people that need help spiritually, not the people whose lives are already perfect.

So if you don't feel "good enough" to swim in God's pool, let me invite you this summer to get back in the water. God wants to help us get into shape spiritually, so that we can feel equipped to do what he is calling us to do in service to him.

Grace and peace to you - Keith

Church News

Junior Church

Will be on the **10th July**. There is a Cafe Church service on **17th July**, when we hope to see our young people. There will be no Junior Church in August.

Fran McMullan

The Later Group



The Later Group meet at our church on the third

Sunday evening of the month. Our next meeting is on **Sunday 17th July** at 6.00pm. We welcome a number of 11-17 year olds, with an average of 14 each session

There are various activities including table-football and snooker.

For more information please contact our Minister, Rev. Keith Edwards ulysee798@gmail.com; Rev. James Tomkins (St. Dunstan's Church) jamestomkins@btinternet.com or Fran McMullan chris-fran@live.com

Fran McMullan

Worship Consultation

There will be a meeting after the service on **3rd July** to discuss the plan for October – December and any other issues of concern that people would like to raise.

Margaret Stevens

Fairtrade Stall

The stall in June took £80, thanks to everyone, and especially Tony for a substantial purchase of the bamboo socks! They really are super-soft to wear, so try them yourself if you get the chance. We still have a couple of pairs in stock on the stall.

The next opportunity will be after the service on **17th July** (as I will be away at the beginning of July) when the stall will be set up as usual with a range of foods and goodies.

Judith.

Judith Gerrard

Transport to Church

If you need transport to a church service or event, on a regular basis or occasionally, do ring me, and I will try to help. If you are able to offer transport, please also contact me.

Beverley Hudson—01844 343932

United Service -

with St. Mary's Parish Church and the Baptist Church.

These services are held in either our Church, The Baptist Church or St. Mary's Church. We are grateful to Rev. Keith Edwards and Rev. David Williams for leading them so beautifully. The next service will be held at The Methodist Church at 6pm on **Sunday 10th July**.

Diary Dates for July

1 st – 2 nd :	PR Music Society concert
4 th – 9 th :	Town festival
3 rd :	Worship Consultation
9 th :	Stall at the Town Festival Street Fayre
10 th :	Junior Church
10 th :	United service at Methodist Church
10 th :	Action for Children-deadline for return of collecting boxes
14 th :	SALT
14 th – 17 th	Art in Action
15 th :	Quiz and Bingo night at The Princes Centre
17 th :	Junior Church
17 th :	Fairtrade Stall
17 th :	Circuit Service at Aylesbury Methodist Church
17 th :	Later
19 th :	Tuesday Fellowship
23 rd :	Karibuni Fun Day
24 th :	Lighthouse Commissioning Service
25 th – 29 th :	Lighthouse Week

Diary Dates for August

16 th :	Tuesday Fellowship
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Future Dates

September

1 st :	Christian Aid Lunch
4 th :	Church Lunchtime BBQ at Brookfield House

Weekly Church Notices: Please contact Will Richmond by telephone (01844 342448) or e-mail will.richmond@btinternet.com with any information regarding weekly notices.

Princes Risborough Music Society

The Summer Concert, "La Belle Helene" by Offenbach, will be held in the Longwick Village Hall on the **30th June, 1st and 2nd July**. The ticket price of £12 (children £6) includes refreshments and there will be a bar. Tickets are available from 01494 562889, choir members, Princes Risborough Information Centre, or bookable on our website: princesrisboroughmusicsociety.org



If you need transport the Community Bus will be running on Thursday 30th June and may be booked on 07941 963 097.

Church Treasurer

After many years of faithful service as our Church Treasurer, for which we are very grateful to him, Joe has recently resigned from that post, and naturally we are in need of someone to volunteer to take over from him. If you think you are that person, please contact our minister, Keith.

Some aspects of the Treasurer's job are routine and straightforward, while other aspects require a certain amount of expertise, and I have asked Joe to write a job description, so that we can identify what the job really involves. It already looks like someone in Aylesbury can take on the jobs requiring the expertise, leaving us to find someone to look after the routine jobs. So this might make the job less daunting for someone in our church. I'm sure that Joe would be only too pleased to talk it over with you if you are mildly interested.

Fay Sheppard

One Can Trust

Our Church box goes to the Food-bank HQ in High Wycombe, before distribution. A list of needs is on the box in the church hall.

Marilyn Dore

Easyfundraising



Try it! It's easy and worthwhile!

Tuesday Fellowship

At our May meeting David Robbins gave us a talk on the research he had carried out into his Granddad's service history in the first world war. David's Granddad, John Robbins, was an early volunteer at the age of 36 and first joined the Oxford & Bucks light infantry then transferred to the Hampshire Regiment and he was killed among the trenches on the first day of a sustained attack on Turkish forces in the Gallipoli campaign. David told us how the early death of his Granddad affected the family with five children at home, the youngest only three years old, and how the family was broken up for years to come. After the research David told how he was invited by the government to attend the national commemorations at the Cenotaph in London to mark the centenary of the Gallipoli Campaign and what a memorable day that was.

Our next meeting is on **19th July** at the Church at 2pm and our August meeting is on **16th August** when we have very kindly been invited for a Garden Tea at the home of Barbara and Peter Oates.

Pam Scott

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

Stall at the Town Festival — Saturday, 9th July

We will again hold a fundraising tombola stall for **Lighthouse** on the day of the street fayre. Please put aside any unwanted items that you think would be suitable for either the adults or children's tombola i.e. toiletries/ chocolates/soft toys/drinks. Please bring any donations along to church for storage or I can collect them. In previous years we have also sold jams, preserves and fresh produce which can be brought along on the day.

Fran McMullan — 01844 274853

SALT

Everyone is welcome to this small, informal group. Come along and share lively discussion on a variety of subjects with some bible study thrown in for good measure!

The meeting on **14th July** will be our last meeting before we resume in September. Please check the venue with Maureen - 01844 344935, Victoria Hayden - 01844 274996 or Joe Needham - 01844 343246

Victoria Hayden

Methodist Homes

Thank you for your support which has resulted in £50 being donated in the recent gift envelope appeal.

Judith Gerrard

Lighthouse

Christian Holiday Week
25th – 29th July

Princes Risborough School playing field, New Road.



We are busy organising another action and fun packed week for Lighthouse around the theme of 'Space'. It will be packed full of fun, games, crafts, sports, competitions and of course, learning some important life lessons along the way.

The website address to register your child is www.princesrisboroughlighthouse.co.uk and click on JUNIOR CREW SIGN UP.

Little Lighthouse will again be on site for parents, babies and toddlers. If you intend to come along, please register your children, even though they will be accompanied by you whilst at Lighthouse.

Lighthouse cannot take place without our dedicated army of volunteers. If you would like to experience firsthand the energy and fun at Lighthouse, then there are all sorts of roles from helping on site to serving in the cafe and assisting with craft, as well as helping at Fiesta in the evenings, to name but a few. No offer of help is too small and many roles are broken down into 1-2 hour time slots. In particular, this year we would love to fill our Deputy Site Manager position which is mainly sharing an overseeing role helping to ensure the smooth running of the site during Lighthouse week. There is a brief job description for each role and you can select which times/dates you wish to help. We require two references for all helpers and undertake DBS checks where these are required. There is also a mandatory training session for all helpers. If you would like to help you can register as a helper on the website above and click on SENIOR CREW SIGN UP.

Please remember that if you are intending to help, please register your children who are coming too!

Elaine Hassall, Lighthouse Administrator.

Please continue to collect jam jars and empty tins for craft activities (tins that have ring pull lids are ideal as they don't leave a sharp edge). There is also a need for rolls of wallpaper; the pattern isn't important as the reverse side is used. Items may be stored at Church.

Fran McMullan

The Lighthouse Commissioning Service is on Sunday 24th July in the Marquee.

Karibuni Fun Day 2016 23rd July 2016 from 11:00am

Following the successful fun day last year the fun day this year will be in Fairford Leys at the Community Centre and Hampden Square.



If you wish to contribute financially to these continuing refurbishment needs, you can donate on line by visiting www.princescentre.org.uk and by clicking on the 'My Donate' button. If you would like further details of any function please ring Kim on 01844 345105.

Maggie Wooster

Art in Action

Waterperry 14th – 17th July

Art in Action is a charity staffed by hundreds of volunteers. The price of entry is kept as low as possible so that anyone can come. Parking is free, and once inside most of the events are also free.



10 reasons why Art-in-Action is amazing value for money

1. Over 170 professional artists and crafters demonstrating their art. **FREE**
2. Listen to concerts performed by professional musicians. **FREE**
3. Attend lectures by experts on a wide range of art related topics. **FREE**
4. Free parking and free drinking water (bring a bottle).
5. Walk in the beautiful Waterperry Gardens. **FREE**
6. Listen to Satish Kumar in the Open Air Theatre on Saturday. **FREE**
7. Browse the Craft Market with over one hundred top quality designer-makers. **FREE**
8. Try your hand at making in a practical class. Hundreds to choose from (small charge).
9. See the most ambitious example of fresco painting in Britain, in the New Hall in Waterperry House (small charge).
10. Buy works of art directly from the artist or crafter (recommended).

There is plenty of fine food and drink at Art in Action and lots of good music. After lunch why not treat yourself to Mozart on the lawn, or Gregorian Chants in the Saxon Church, or visit the Open Air Theatre and listen to a virtuoso performance by one of the Indian classical musicians? All **FREE**.

Entry:

Adult from £17.00
Senior Citizen - 60 years and over from £14.00
Family Ticket: 2 Adults + 2 Children from £36.00

Check out their website <http://www.artinaction.org.uk/>

Songs of Praise 2016

The theme of the forthcoming 'Songs of Praise 2016' service, at Aylesbury Methodist Church on **19th July at 6pm** is 'Great Hymns' based on the Psalms. The service will be led by Rev Helen Kirk.



In researching, we located over 50 which has been reduced to 14, all with well known tunes, ideal for good congregational singing.

There is just one augmented choir rehearsal planned for Friday **15th July** at 7.45 pm at Aylesbury.

If you are interested in joining the Circuit Choir, you will be most welcome. Please contact me on 01296 428580 or brendaj.horne@gmail.com, so that sufficient copies of the music can be made available. The Choir will be presenting 4 items which will be the main pieces covered during the rehearsals.

You will be very welcome at the AMC choir rehearsal on **1st July** if you want to know what will be sung or cannot get to the one on the **15th July**. Please be there by 8pm.

Please come and join the congregation if you do not wish to join the choir — singing is good therapy for body, mind and soul!

Brenda Horne

Silent Prayers

at St. Dunstan's Church Hall on Monday evenings at 8pm

1st August
12th September
24th October
5th December

We need silence to help us get a perspective on our lives; to hear the still, small voice of God, and refresh our inner being. All are welcome of any faith or none. Each meeting lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. More details from Revd James Tomkins 01844 275944 or jamestomkins@btinternet.com.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for our charity ROPE after the service on **7th August**.

Action for Children

The special Sunday for Action for Children is **10th July**. Gift envelopes are included with this Messenger if you would like to make a donation for the work of this Methodist-inspired charity, which places children at the heart of everything they do. Please return the envelopes via the collection as usual.

Those of you who have collection boxes at home will not need to use the gift envelopes as you already generously donate throughout the year, so please let me have the boxes for emptying on or around **10th July**.

The theme this year is Time to Transform, as Action for Children reflects on how it can best prioritise its work and use the £50,000 that Methodist churches raise each year.

With our continued support it can transform children's lives for the better, especially those who are disadvantaged in any way. As well as providing homes for children without families who can care for them, Action for Children helps families in the community in many ways, with support groups tailored to their needs. Short breaks for children with learning difficulties and for the

parents of disabled children can be a lifesaver for the families, and activity groups enhance many lives.

Action for Children also arranges fostering and also campaigns for changes in legislation which would enhance the lives of children.

Christian Aid

During May we received a generous donation of £3,650, which meant that the PR&D Group were able to send a cheque for £5,000 towards the Ethiopia Community Partnership (www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/communitypartnership/) Details can be found on the noticeboard in the Back Hall. Thanks to the European Union's 5:1 match funding this gift has been multiplied to a total of £30,000. An amazing achievement worth celebrating.

Christian Aid Week

There was no house-to-house collection this year as our collectors are getting fewer in number and more frail. However, we did manage to raise £1,760.51.

My grateful thanks to everyone who contributed.

The group now takes a break and resumes the monthly lunches on **Thursday 1st September**

Margaret Stevens

The Princes Centre

The trustees are delighted with the news that our chairman of the Board of Trustees, Cllr Matthew Walsh, has recently been elected as the Chairman of the Town Council / Mayor of Princes Risborough. He is a loyal, hardworking and enthusiastic supporter of the Princes Centre and richly deserves this position.

During the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations week, the Centre was awash with flags, bunting and other decorations and the clients were enjoying special entertainment sessions. Those participating in the Jinglers choir are looking forward to a visit from the well known 'Military Wives' who are going to sing to them, and they, in turn, will sing to the Military Wives. This provides encouragement for them to excel and last year they were taken to the Albert Hall and had a chance to sing there.

The minibus working group, having received three quotations for their chosen vehicle to replace the aging and unreliable bus, have ordered a Mercedes Sprinter 514 Cdi. This is due to arrive in October and gives us several months to raise the balance of funds required to purchase it.

There is another Quiz and Bingo evening being held at the Princes Centre on **Friday 15th July**. We do hope that you will come along and support it. The evening is great fun and a meal is provided halfway through. Please ring Kim on 01844 345105 for details and to book a table.

An open day is planned in September where visitors will be able to learn more of the activities undertaken at the centre and when details of our new branding, bus, and fundraising activities will be available. It is hoped that anyone interested in attending the Centre on a regular basis will also come and have a taste of what to expect. If you would like to come but are not able to get yourself to the Centre, please phone Kim and she will be able to arrange transport.

The collection held outside Tesco's in May raised £707.47 which, with a further £176.86 claim from HMRC as Gift Aid makes a total of £884.33. We have recently received a number of donations from people including some from the TSB Bank and the Black Dog Band and a couple of substantial ones through 'My Donate'. Marks and Spencer's and Tesco s are both generously providing surplus food items for the benefit of the Centre and the clients. The trustees are very grateful for everyone's support, especially those who regularly volunteer their help or financial support.