

VALE OF AYLESBURY **METHODIST CIRCUIT** **MAGAZINE**



**The Church with heart – at the heart of the village
(see page 13)**

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2014

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see the Circuit Directory.**

LETTER TO THE CIRCUIT
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Rev David Jenkins

Dear Friends,

This quarter celebrates Easter and Pentecost.
These Sundays have central significance for our faith.

The living God is alongside us in Jesus, who is with us always
and in the Holy Spirit, who lives within and among us.
This experience of God is foundational to our existence
together.

Responding to God's presence leads us into compassionate
action, and it is appropriate that Christian Aid and Methodist
Homes Sundays are also celebrated this quarter.

There are two Circuit Services- on April 6 we are invited to
participate in a Choral Service for Passiontide at Aylesbury at
6 pm – and on June 1 at 6 pm we are invited to share in
Wingrave's celebrations of the completion of their refurbished
building.

Worship each Sunday can be very special for us and we will
particularly look out for these special Sundays and the
opportunities they present to adore God together.

With loving care,

David

Prayer for the Quarter

May we approach each Sunday's worship with anticipation that here we may meet with you. We pray for those who lead worship and those who facilitate it in each local church-Stewards, musicians and others.

Help us to invite others to worship with us.

May worship change us, shape us, renew us, inspire us to compassionate service and give us confidence in sharing our faith.

Amen.

Ministers' Rest Days:

Rev David Jenkins	- Friday
Rev Fred Ireland	- Monday
Rev Irena Byron	-Monday
Rev Keith Edwards	-Wednesday
Rev Anthony Howells	-Friday

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

Ministers' Sabbaticals

Rev David Jenkins:	February, March & April
Rev Irena Byron:	May, June & July



REV HELEN KIRK

We are delighted that our new Superintendent Minister from September 2014 will be Rev. Helen Kirk.

Helen has previously served as a minister at Crewe and latterly in the Dane and Trent Circuit. Part of her role during this time was to be Superintendent of the Middlewich Circuit which merged with other neighbouring circuits to become Dane and Trent. Helen has also served as District Probationers secretary and is currently Deputy Chair of District.

She has a BSc in Pharmacy and a BA in Pastoral Theology.

She describes herself as being “fascinated by Jesus Christ, continually challenged by his good news and constantly seeking to fulfill my role as one of his disciples”.

Her passions in ministry include being a storyteller to all ages, working with children and young people, finding ways of creating community, and developing times and places that enable people to encounter God in a meaningful way. Helen is keen to explore how we encourage people to move from belonging to a growing discipleship.

Helen’s husband, Andrew, is deeply supportive of her ministry. Their sons, Joel and Sam will both be at University when Helen begins her ministry here.

Her interests include gardening, swimming, watching sport, reading, the theatre, dancing, and, wait for it-laughing!

We look forward to experiencing how Helen’s gifts, personality and commitment will help to move us on in our following of Jesus.

David Jenkins

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
- 31 Relations with people of other faiths

Dates:

Sunday 6 April 6.00pm Circuit Choral Service for Passion of Christ at Aylesbury

Sunday 27th April 11.00am. Pilgrims' Service at Stoke Hammond

Tuesday 29 April 7.30pm Concert of American Music by David Jenkins at Trinity Methodist Church, Leighton Buzzard

Monday 5-Friday 9 May Circuit Holiday in Swansea

Saturday 10 May 10.15am District Synod in Hinckley Circuit

Saturday 24-Sunday 25 May Puzzle Festival at Waddesdon

Saturday 31st May at Stone OPEN/ GIFT DAY

Sunday 1 June at 11.00pm. Pilgrims' Service at STONE

Sunday 1 June 6pm Circuit Service at Wingrave to celebrate completion of the refurbishment of its building.

Sunday June 15th 5.00pm. Pilgrims' Service at Swanbourne

Thursday 19 June 7.45pm Circuit Consultation at Christchurch, Thame

Thursday 26 June 7.45pm Circuit Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting at Haddenham

Sunday 29th June at 5.00 pm. Circuit Open air Service at Swanbourne

Saturday 26th July at 7.00 pm David Jenkins' Farewell Concert



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES AROUND THE CIRCUIT

AYLESBURY: 17th April Maundy Thursday Service at 7.30 pm
18th April Good Friday Service at 10.00 am
20th April Easter Sunday Early Communion 8.30am
Easter Breakfast 9.00am followed by 10.30am. Service

CHEDDINGTON: 18th April Good Friday—"Raising the Cross"
service at 9.15am.

HADDENHAM: 18th April Good Friday --Parade through Village
to Service at St Mary's church at 11.00. Followed
by Hot Cross Buns & refreshments

FAIRFORD LEYS: Tuesday 15th April—Tenebrae service 7pm
17th Maundy Thursday - Footwashing 7pm
18th Good Friday—All age craft activity service
and lunch 10am -12noon.:Service Reflection 7.pm

PRINCES RISBOROUGH: 17th Maundy Thursday—Communion
8pm with Rev Steve Watts.
18th Good Friday—Walk of Witness 11am on
High Street.

STOKE MANDEVILLE: 18th April Good Friday - 11.50 am at the
Methodist Church for Walk of Witness to
St. Mary's for Service at 12.00 am.

STONE: 18th April Good Friday - Witness Walk and
Devotions in the Parish Church

THAME CHRISTCHURCH: 18th April Good Friday Service at
10.30 am.

NB. Details of normal Sunday Services are on the Plan

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUIT



Muriel Hutchinson at Haddenham has just received the Arctic Star medal and citation on behalf of her husband. The medal recognises service between 1941 and 1945 delivering vital aid to the Soviet Union, running the gauntlet of enemy submarine, air and surface ship attacks.



Rev. Barrie Heafford, our Superintendent Minister for seven years during the 1980s passed away peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 4th February after a battle with kidney failure. He joins his wife Margaret who died last summer and leaves three sons and their families, Adrian and Joy, Andrew and Ann and Nick and Jacqui and their respective children.

A supernumerary minister who retired to Aylesbury, Barrie was a superb preacher, keen

sports fan, gardener and music buff with a great sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by his many friends.

PARIS MARATHON 2014

Paul Thomas and daughter Eleanor will be running the Paris Marathon 2014 on 6 April 2014 to raise money for a charity called "Beating Bowel Cancer".

Please sponsor Paul and help the charity continue its work helping those

affected by bowel cancer, which is the UK's second biggest cancer killer, with over 38,600 people diagnosed each year. 90% of cases could be successfully treated if diagnosed early.

Paul can be contacted on 01296 688486, or by e-mail at paulbthomas@hotmail.com

On line donations can be made through;
www.justgiving.com/paul-thomas44

Thank you in advance for your support



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IN CHINNOR

Sunday 11 May United Service - Chinnor Methodist Church
10.30 am.

Thursday 15 May Coffee Morning - St Andrew's Church Hall
10 am - 12 noon

Saturday 17 May Fete - Rectory Garden or Village Hall
10 am - 12 noon

Please contact Pete Honeyball on 01844 351096 for more details
of these events - all are welcome

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IN THE STONE AREA

Saturday 10th May - Lunch at Clowesbourne, Upton: HP17 8UA
12.30 pm. – 2.00 pm.

Sunday 11th May - Christian Aid United Service at
St. Peter & Paul, Dinton: 10 am.

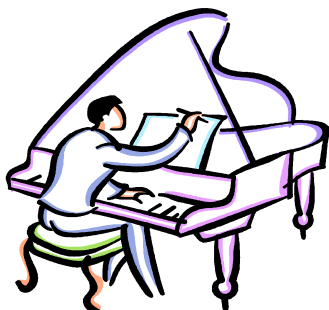
Tuesday 13th May - Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy at
Stone Methodist Church: 10 am. - 12 noon

Saturday 17th May - Plant Sale at Mayerin, Churchway, Stone:
10 am. – 1.00 pm.

and Spud Lunch at Methodist Church: 12 noon
– 2.00 pm.

**Saturday 26th July 2014
7.00 pm**

**at
Aylesbury Methodist Church
Buckingham Street,
HP20 2NQ**



**David Jenkins'
Farewell
Concert**

**Tickets £7 available from John and Sheila Cotton
01296 681226**

***All profits to
Wingrave Methodist Church Building Fund***

***[During the interval, CDs of "The Salisbury Suite"
will be on sale for £7]***

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should be forwarded to the following Email addresses

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Magazine items not later than 1st. May 2014

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NB. More volunteers as Sub Editors would be more than welcome. (contact Roy)

STONE MOVES ONFollowing the prayerful decision last year to **keep a Methodist place of worship open in their community**, members have been considering how best to move on.

Since the Chapel is sited on a very popular route for both cyclists and ramblers, one definite opportunity is to **keep the Chapel open after the Sunday Service each First Sunday of the month** providing simple, reasonably priced, lunchtime refreshments for locals, passing cyclists and walkers.

There will be time and room for visitors to chat with members, perhaps open up discussions, and the Church will be accessible, providing a quiet peaceful space.

If in due course there is interest in the provision of a ministry or a service of some kind other than at 11 a.m. this could be taken up.

To introduce this new venture, to bring the Chapel more widely into focus in the village, and to raise funds, there will be an **OPEN / GIFT DAY on SATURDAY 31st MAY** when community organisations who use the Chapel will be coming along to show visitors something of their interests.

All hirers and Saturday visitors will be invited to the **11 a.m. SERVICE** on the following day **SUNDAY 1st June** which will be the

CIRCUIT PILGRIMS' SERVICE

conducted by **Arthur Sara**

followed by the
FIRST SUNDAY LUNCHTIME CAFE from 12 noon till 2 p.m.

The Chapel is known as:

**The Chapel with heart – at the heart of the village
and we hope and pray this is what we can continue to be.**

PLEASE, CIRCUIT FRIENDS, COME ALONG TO SUPPORT US!

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

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

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together)

"TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP - We meet 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."

Stoke Mandeville

OPEN FELLOWSHIP

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

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

TABLE TENNIS

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

Stone

Fourth Tuesday Fellowship 2.30pm

Contact Mrs. Sue Spinks 01296 748369



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 £6
Stoke Hammond	Wednesday 10.30 to 11.45 am	Coffee Morning
Stoke Mandeville	Most Fridays 2.00 to 4.00 pm.	'POP-IN' for a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat.
Thame Christchurch	Tuesdays & Fridays 10.00 am. to 12 noon	Coffee Mornings
Thame Christchurch	Mondays 10.00 am. to 11.30 am.	Family Pop-in for Parents and Toddlers. Playtime & Light Refresh- ments
Waddesdon	Thursdays 10.00 am. to 11.30 am	Coffee Morning
Wingrave	Tuesdays 12 noon to 1.30 pm.	Nup End Cafe Lunches Resuming 14 January 2014

OTHER SPECIALGATHERINGS:

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 Services will
be on Apr 1st,
May 6th, June 3rd
and July 1st.

No more until these
services resume in
the Autumn

AYLESBURY METHODIST CHURCH and COMMUNITY CENTRE

Do you need a venue for your

***Child's Party? We are offering a special rate for the hire
of the Hall for Children's parties.***

***For these and all other bookings please
Contact the Church Office for more
details at:***

Buckingham Street
Aylesbury HP20 2NQ
Tel: 01296 426526

E-mail: office@aylesburymethodists.org.uk
Office Hours: 9.30 am—12.30 pm Monday—Friday

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

VALE OF AYLESBURY CIRCUIT HOLIDAY 2014



Monday May 5th to Friday May 9th (4 nights)

Based at
Mercure Hotel
SWANSEA

Optional Excursions
at

£315 pp (£50 Deposit + £23 insurance if re-
quired)

(Single rooms available on first come first served basis)

Booking: forms available (from stewards)
or ring Carly Raikes (M-Th) 01296 314322
or download from the Circuit Website

Enquiries to: Carly Raikes 01296 314322
or

Pete Honeyball 01844 351096



FLOWER FESTIVAL
St Mary's Church North
Marston
Anglican/Methodist L.E.P

Saturday 14th June 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Sunday 15th June 2.00 pm – 6.00pm

“A YEAR IN THE CHURCH”

To be held as one of the events to
commemorate the

700th anniversary of John Schorne's death
Proceeds to Florence Nightingale and

Willen Hospices

Refreshments available

JIGSAW PUZZLE FESTIVAL

We are planning to hold a Jigsaw Puzzle Festival on Sat/Sun/Mon 24/25/26th May 2014, the proceeds to go to the **Waddesdon Church**

Roof Appeal and also to

Epilepsy Research UK.

This is a new venture, which will hopefully appeal to all those jigsaw puzzlers in the Circuit.



We need donations of **completed** puzzles of either 500 or 1000 pieces to display, of a variety of interesting topics, plus boxed-up ones to resell.

For further details, please email coralsoulsby@talktalk.net or phone 07807 873834.

We're hoping that the Circuit will support us that weekend by visiting the jigsaw displays and purchasing jigsaws.

Lunches will be served on the Saturday and cream teas on the Bank Holiday Monday.

Please put these dates in your diary.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Waddesdon Methodist Church members.





**Aylesbury Methodist Church
& Community Centre
Buckingham Street, Aylesbury**

**ANNUAL ORGAN
CONCERT** *Now in its 29th Year*

***Presenting the outstanding
young organist***

Liam Cartwright

***of All Saints Parish Church,
High Wycombe***

WEDNESDAY

7th MAY 2014 @ 7.30 pm

(Doors open at 7.00 pm)

ENTRANCE: £12.00

OR £10.00 IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE

(Students half price)

***Tickets available from the Church Office
on weekday mornings and the Coffee Bar
on Saturday mornings. Also direct from
Derrick Matthews (01296 488076)***

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH LEIGHTON BUZZARD

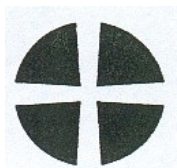
Tuesday 29th April 2014
at 7.30 pm

DAVID JENKINS IN CONCERT

'AMERICAN MUSIC'

West Side Story
Songs of Burt Bacharach . Adagio for
Strings .
The Liberty Bell . To a Wild Rose
Steal Away

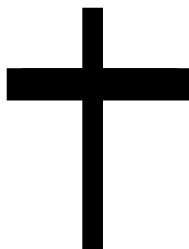




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THE PASSION OF CHRIST

By Arthur Somervell



**An act of worship for Congregation and
Choir recounting the events leading to
Christ's crucifixion**

Presented by the Circuit Choir together with friends
from the choirs of St Mary's Aylesbury,
St Peter & Paul's Tring and other local choirs.
Director of Music: Chris Beattie

Worship leader: Rev Keith Edwards

**Aylesbury Methodist Church
Sunday 6th April 2014 @ 6.00 pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME

MAP of THE VALE OF AYLESBURY METHODIST CIRCUIT

