

VALE OF AYLESBURY METHODIST CIRCUIT MAGAZINE



Stoke Mandeville Church barbecue - *See page 6*

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see the Circuit Directory or the Plan.**

LETTER TO THE CIRCUIT

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Rev. Helen Kirk

Superintendent Minister of The Vale of Aylesbury
Methodist Circuit

Introductions can often be difficult; that awkward moment when you must talk to a stranger for the first time or worse the cringe worthy jokes of the compere as he introduces an act. At least you can skip the introduction in a book.

Introductions can be an exciting possibility of things to come or the exact opposite! Introductions can be difficult and I have been asked to write one here; worst of all, the task is to introduce myself.

I originate from Hull, my mum & dad, brother & sister, nieces & nephews and numerous extended family all still live there.

However I have lived in various different places: Leicester where I studied Pharmacy - Plymouth working on a project with street children - Lichfield as a circuit Youth worker - Bristol training for the ministry and Cheshire as a minister for 17 years in two different Appointments.

I am married to Andrew who, for the last few years has worked as a teaching assistant in an autistic unit within a primary school. He is partially sighted (so if he misses an offered handshake he is not being rude just unable to see it; but continues to cycle everywhere; he sings, plays the drums & is a mean pantomime villain as well as being interested in sound & vision technologies.

We have two sons: Joel is 20 and studying Primary Education at Chester University and Sam is 18 and will hopefully be starting university in September studying Music Technology.

Anything else I say about them will be adjudged (by them) to be 'embarrassing mum syndrome' however, needless to say, we are very proud of them both.

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As for myselfwell, I could talk about my interests in sport, books and story; I could tell you of the things I have done in my ministry: schools work; messy church; building projects; community engagement and so on but it all sounds so dry on paper. Instead, when we meet, why don't we put the kettle on and have a chat; that always seems like a far better way of getting to know one another.

And I do look forward to getting to know you; to walking together on the next stage of each of our journeys and, as we discover more about each other, we will also discover more about Christ.

Every Blessing

Helen Kirk

PRAYER FOR THE CIRCUIT (reprinted from past Magazine)

Forgive us, Lord, when we insist on looking backwards to how things used to be.

Although it is important for us to remember the past and to learn from it, set our sights on what lies ahead.

Give us fresh vision, renewed energy, rekindled hope and enthusiasm.

With gratitude for what has been, while living fully in the present moment, may that moment also contain the germ of forward looking impetus.

Guide us onwards into a future that is larger than we can imagine.

Reassure us of your ongoing presence within us.

Help us in realising the potential of what we can contribute in your service.

Amen

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 Aylesbury Town 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

Details of Christmas Services are shown in the tables.

Cards for Good Cause will on Sale at:

Thame from Tuesday 11th Nov. to Friday 5th Dec. 10am 4pm
(Mon. to Sat.) and

Aylesbury from Wednesday 29th. October to Wednesday 17th December 10am. To 4pm. (Mon. to Sat.)

8th November: Stoke Hammond Bazaar (see page 12)

28th. November: Chinnor Barn Dance (see page 16)

12th. December Christmas Lunch at Stewkley

by ticket only available 15th November from

Val & Mike Cragg 01296 688552

Saturdays 6th and 13th December: Stone

12 till 2pm , , Soup Lunches—for donations towards the work of Action4Children in local area.

Ministers' Rest Days:

Rev Helen Kirk - 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

COVER PICTURE

The picture shows a 'Summer' barbecue hosted by the Bennett family at 87 Station Road. It was well attended by church members and friends from the local community in spite of threatening weather. It raised £350 for Macmillan Cancer Care and SMMC funds.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE CIRCUIT

CHURCH	Carol Services	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Aylesbury	December 21st. At 6.00 pm. Led by Rev Helen Kirk	4.00pm— Christingle Service 11.30pm - Mid-night Communion	10.00am— Christmas Day Service
Cheddington	December 21st. 10.30 am led by Arthur Sara	Carols on the Green at 7.00 pm.	
Chinnor	December 14th at 4.00 pm. Led by Rev Fred Ireland followed by Christmas tea		10.00 am a short Christmas Day Service led by Peter Honeyball
Cuddington	December 21st. At 5.30pm		

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Fairford Leys Dec.1st. Little Angels nativity 10.30 am. Dec 9th Gift Service 10.30 am.	December 15th Christingle Service 4pm December 22nd Carol Service 6.00 pm.	4.00 Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion	10.00am Christmas Day Communion
Haddenham			Christmas Day Service at 9.30 am.
North Marston		6pm Carol Service 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
Princes Risborough	December 21st at 3.00 pm. led by John Bush		9.30am—Christmas Day Service
Stewkley	December 21st at 4.30pm. Christingle Service led by Church Members December 28th. Carol Service at 10.30 am. led by Rev Steve Watts		Service at 9.30 am
Stoke Hammond	December 7th at 11.00 am. A United Service led by Rev Steve Watts		

Church	Carol Services	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Stoke Mandeville	December 21st at 6.15 pm. Led by Rev Keith Edwards		
Stone	December 21st at 11.00 am. Led by Rev Keith Edwards		
Swanbourne	December 21st at 5.00 pm led by Rev Irena Byron		
Thame Christchurch	December 21st 5.00 pm preceded by Tea at 4pm	4.00pm Christingle Service 9.00pm Communion Service	10.30am Christmas Day Service
Waddesdon	December 14th. At 6.00 pm. A Family Service led by Rev Irena Byron		
Weedon	December 18th. 6.30pm , Village Carol Service		
Whitchurch	December 21st at 4.00pm led by Church Members		
Wingrave			9.30 am. United Service At the parish Church

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

You may find up to date information on many of the activities briefly described in the foregoing pages on the **Circuit and Church Websites**.

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Circuit: www.aylesburyvale.org.uk

Aylesbury: www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk

Fairford Leys: www.fairfordleyschurch.org.uk

STAY INFORMED — READ YOUR WEBSITES!

Stoke Hammond Methodist Church

Autumn/Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 8th November 2014

2.30pm

Christmas Gifts

Christmas Cards

Cake Stall and Cream Teas

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STEWKLEY

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Sat 12th December

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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.
Stone	First Sunday each month	Lunchtime Cafe open 12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. For simple, reasonably priced lunches
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

OTHER SPECIAL GATHERINGS:

Cheddington

Mondays 9.30—
11.00 am
(except holidays)

The Toast
Baby & Toddler
Group

Swanbourne



Tuesdays
2pm in the Chapel:
stories, songs, prayers
& nibbles & play

Pram Services
2.00pm
Oct 7th, Nov 4th
Dec 9th -Christmas
Party

Swanbourne Pram Services

Autumn 2014

Oct. 7th, Nov.4th, & Dec.9th Christmas Party

2 for 2-15 pm in the Chapel
Stories, songs & nibbles
Everyone Welcome!

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BARN DANCE



**Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper
with Bodger's Wood Band
Caller: Terry Phipps**

Bar available; soft and alcoholic drinks, including fairly-traded

**Friday 28 November 2014 from 7.00 till 10.00 pm
Chinnor Village Hall**

Church Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PQ

**Tickets: £7.50 (£2.50 under 18s) available from:
Jane Honeyball (01844 351096) or Liz Thorpe (01844 351565)**

All proceeds to Chinnor Methodist Church Building Fund



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David and Paula's New Home



From 28 July 2014 the new address for

David and Paula Jenkins will be:

1 Donegal Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 5DT

Tel: 0118327159 email davidjenkins@clara.co.uk

Congratulations if you have read this far!

If you feel that you have seen much of the contents before and that the Magazine is a few pages short—you would be absolutely right.

If you want it to be different for the next issue please respond to the invitation on the facing page. It is an invitation to all readers.

Information regarding the Women's World of Prayer arrangements in your locality on Friday 6th March is especially requested

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Magazine items not later than 1st. November 2014

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MAP of THE VALE OF AYLESBURY METHODIST CIRCUIT

