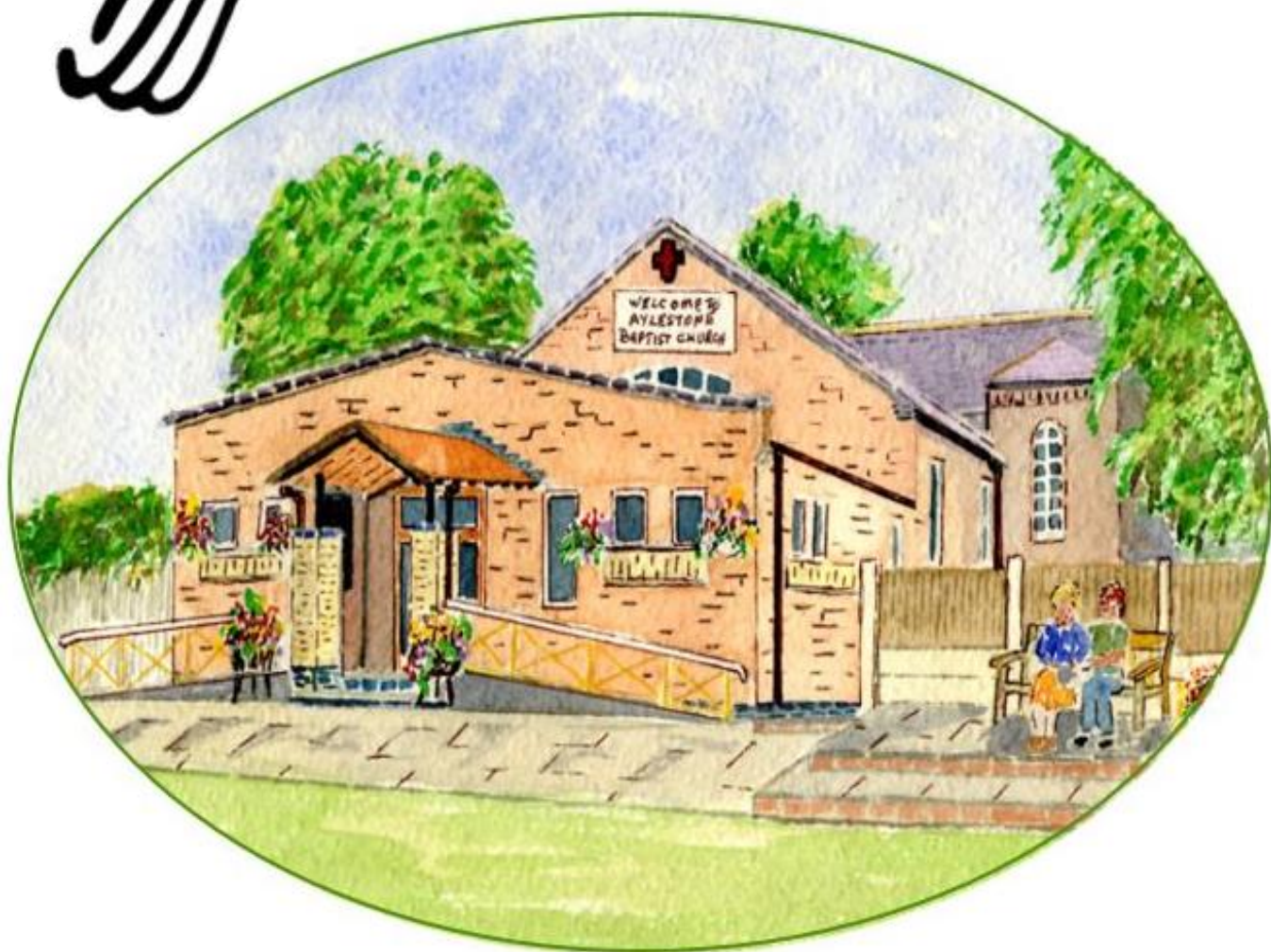




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's love, Sharing God's love



**May & June
2017
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Minister



Dear friends

As I write this message to you, I do so praying that you will know in your hearts the love and peace of Christ that passes all understanding. May God bless us all as we continue to walk together on the journey of life?

I do hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter, celebrating the death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here at ABC our Easter celebrations included our annual walk of witness with the other Churches in Aylestone. This event was well attended and provided an appropriate opportunity to reflect on Good Friday. Our Easter Sunday morning services were again a wonderful chance to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with our worship being ably supported by the ABC choir, who were fantastic. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication and for Beth Ellis who continues to lead them so effectively.

As most of you will know, this is my last letter to you as the Minister of Aylestone Baptist Church. And as such I wanted to firstly say a huge thank you to you all, for your support and friendship over the past four years. I also wanted to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for having had the privilege of being able to serve you in my capacity as Minister.

As the Church moves into a time without a Minister I wanted to encourage you all, above everything else, to seek the Lord and put Him first. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 – Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. I pray that as a church you will continue to follow this command of our Lord Jesus Christ and seek him alone, his will, his plan and his purpose for His Church. As we continue to seek Him, the Bible says that we will, like living stones be built into a spiritual house. May Aylestone Baptist Church continue to be built into a spiritual house, founded upon the rock, which is Christ the Lord.

I pray that you and this church will know God's continual blessing and I wish you all the very best for the coming months and years.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.'"

Yours in Christ

Paul Wheeler

Grace....

Grace is perfection of thought and of mind
Grace brings us motives both peaceful and kind,
Grace is God's guidance we're offered in life,
Grace is protection from anger and strife.

Grace is divine, it's the love we can share,
Grace is in helping to show friends we care,
Grace is expressed in kind letters we send,
Grace is when goodness succeeds in the end.

Grace is in eyes glowing bright with a smile,
Grace is in everything that is worthwhile,
Grace is in truth and in good manners too
Grace when received and returned with a smile.

Grace is in nature, life's natural way,
Thank God for grace we receive everyday,
Accept with grace all the blessing's we're given,
For then, if we fail, with God's grace we're forgiven.

Sunday Services for MAY / JUNE 2017

May 7th Worship led by Freddie Damalie with Paul preaching.

May 14th Paul will be leading and preaching. Service includes Communion, and followed by a bring & share lunch as We bid farewell to Paul and the family.

During the interregnum we will be using a Lectionary, so our preachers will be able to choose from the three suggested readings

May 21st Worship led by Teresa Sleight with Maxine Elliott preaching. Readings: Acts 17 :22-31; Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21.

May 28th Worship led by Maxine Elliott with John Cass preaching. Readings: Acts 1:66-74; 1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 and John 17:1-11.

SERVICES CHANGE TO ONE SERVICE ONLY EACH SUNDAY.

June 4th PENTECOST
Stan Mackley with Teresa Sleight.
Readings: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13;
John 7 : 37-39

June 11th Worship led by Wendy Hall with Pam Bryan preaching.
Readings: Genesis 1:1-2,4; 2 Corinthians 13;11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20.

June 18th Worship led by Rachel Draper with Martin Pantling preaching. Service includes Communion.
Readings: Genesis 18:1-15; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8.

June 25th Service led by Jill Walton with Craig Sweeney-Essex Preaching, and includes service of Dedication.
Readings: Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1-11;
Matthew 10:24-39.

Other dates for May/June 2017



MAY

Wed. 3 rd .	Deacons' Meeting
Thurs. 4 th	The Open House.
Sat. 6 th	Spring Fair at St. Andrews for Christian Aid, 10 – 12.30.
Thurs. 11 th	Lunch Club.
Mon. 15 th	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. Collection night, 6pm starting at the Church.
Thurs. 18 th	The Open House.
Sat. 20 th	'Choir & Cake for Christian Aid'. 6.30 pm, an evening of Music and cakes raising funds for Christian Aid.
Sun. 21 st	Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.
Sat. 27 th	Church Family Night – table tennis, games, hot dogs etc.

JUNE

Thurs. 1 st	The Open House.
Mon. 5 th	Deacons' Meeting.
Thurs. 8 th	Lunch Club ALSO - Our church is being used as a polling station for the General Election.
Sat. 10 th	Wedding at our church
Sun. 11 th	Holiday Club Sign-up, 2 – 4.
Wed. 14 th	Gateway Club Service.
Thurs. 15 th	The Open House.
Sat. 17 th	CREAM TEA afternoon, 1 – 3.30pm
Thurs. 22 nd	Lunch Club
Sun. 25 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.
Sun. 25 th	Church Meeting, 6 for 6.30pm
Thurs. 29 th	The Open House.

Future Dates:

Children's Holiday Club Mon. 31st July – Friday 4th August.
Holiday @ Home for 3rd Age 15th / 16th / 17th August.
Sigma Fun Day - Saturday 26th August.



It was a great morning on the 5th March when Amelia MaGoff was dedicated in our second service. Amelia is a regular attendant to junior church which runs every Sunday. With proud parents John and Mitchell along with family members, friends and church family joining the celebrations on this special day.

What is dedication? A Dedication Service is a ceremony in which parents thank God for the birth of a child and make promises about how as parents they will look after their child. It's called a 'dedication' because in the Bible a woman called Hannah was unable to have a child for a long time and when she did eventually have a baby boy her response was to dedicate him to God.

In the dedication service parents are asked to make the following commitments...

I acknowledge that my child is a gift from God.

I will be a conduit for God's love to my child.

I will communicate to my child that he/she matters to God.

I will pray for my child.

I will commit to do all I can to raise my child in a home that honours God, and support his/her spiritual growth.

Child Dedication is a commitment service where parents promise to raise their child in a God honouring way.

Examples from Scripture: Luke 2:22-25 where we see that as a baby, Jesus' parents dedicated Him to God's work; and Mark 10:16 we see Jesus bestowing blessings on the children.

Church family

The church family will also make promises to support the child and their parents as they seek to bring the child up in the knowledge of God.

Godparents

Sometimes people nominate a friend or another member of the family as a 'godparent' who will support them in bringing up the child and who is invited to promise to be available as a friend to the child as they grow up and to set a good example. Other family members or friends who are present are also invited to express their support.

Knowing more

If you wish to know more about Aylestone Baptist Church, about child dedication, or of the many activities and groups that goes on during the week, please talk to any member of the Church or Church Deacon.



Dedication of Jesus Luke Ch2 v 21-40

Church Family News

We say farewell to our minister, Paul, Tracy, Harry and Louie as they move to their new church placement at Spalding Baptist Church. We wish them every happiness and pray that they will soon settle into their new surroundings.

Congratulations to Gladys Head on her 90th birthday.

Congratulations also to Maureen and Eric celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

We are glad to see Jill on the mend after a painful attack of shingles.

Please remember Tracy Bryan in your prayers as her mum is very poorly.

Ruth Hopkins is still in Aberry House [now Magnolia House], and we thank God for her recovery after nearly losing her life with a sudden onset of pneumonia. Ruth is still hoping to be well enough to go home, please pray that this may be possible.

Maureen Clarke is moving to Fakenham in Norfolk to be nearer to her daughter. We wish her well and will miss her – and we thank her for the poetry contributions she has made to this magazine over the years.

Jean Dixon is to have a serious cancer operation in the next few weeks. Please keep Jean in your prayers.

Our sympathies to Helena Barrett whose brother died very suddenly at his home in Ireland. We thank God that Helena was able to quickly get to Ireland for the funeral and to be with family.

Also for Elaine Robinson whose daughter-in-law's mother died very suddenly, aged only 60, whilst visiting family in Ireland.

May God wrap His loving arms around those who grieve.



To ponder....

Jesus would rather go to hell for me

Than go to Heaven without me.

Update on Ghana from Leticia's recent visit....

During our Monday evening prayer sessions I requested prayers for Ghana's elections. God heard our prayers and provided us with a new government !

The Government is doing amazing things for the people.



For the first time Secondary School Education will be free, beginning from September this year. In one district, one factory initiative has been launched and budget allocation given to drive the programme. This initiative will be led by the private sector. Ghana is now an oil producing country since 2011. The revenue from the oil proceeds will finance the enumerated government programmes.

I have also started a pre-school education centre for children from 1 – 4 years. The centre currently has 20 children and I expect to expand with time. The aim is to support my Community to develop its educational base. I pray this initiative will be a blessing to every child who comes through it's doors.

Leticia Adu-Gyamfi

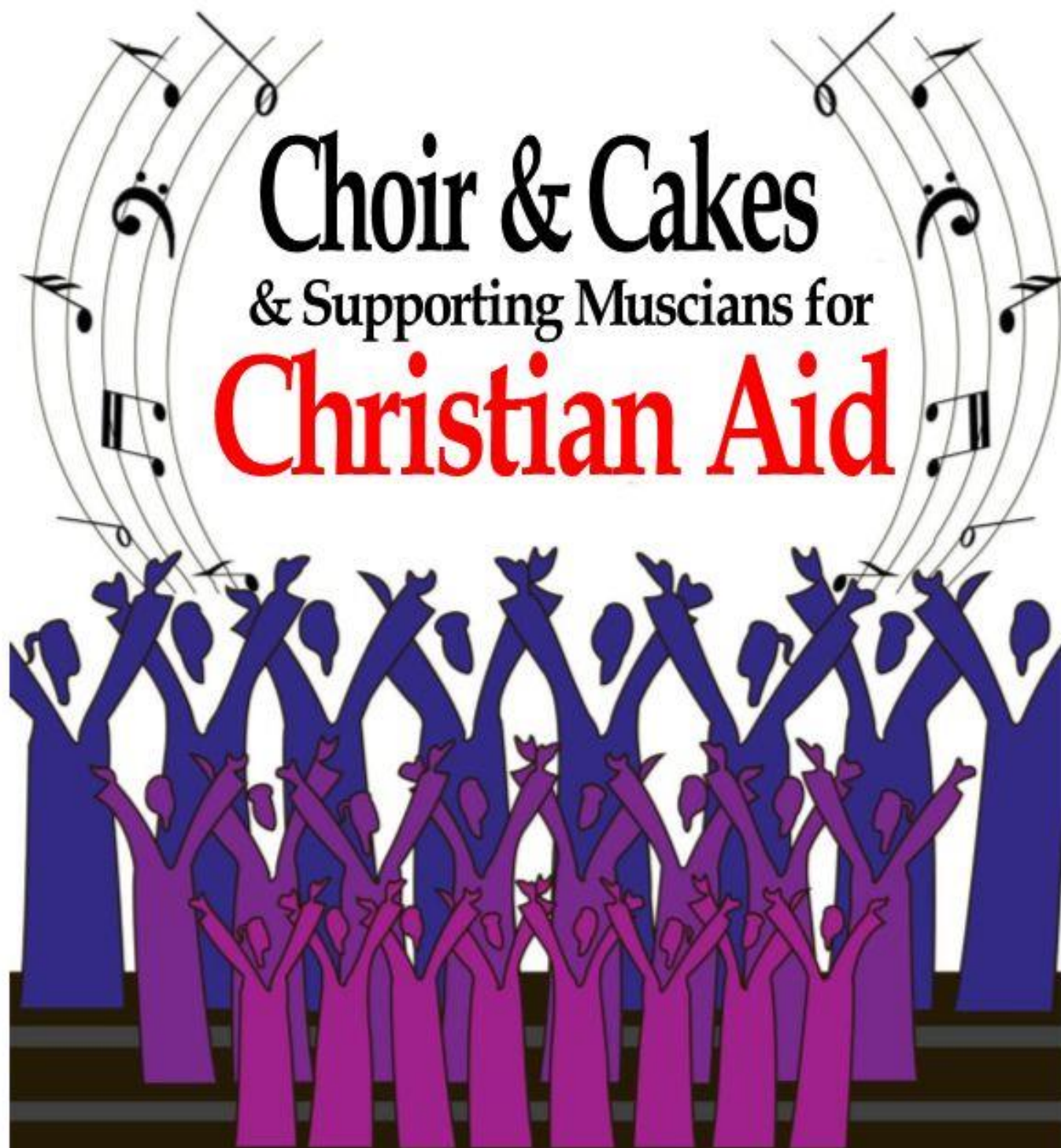


Thanks Gladys

As Gladys approaches her 90th birthday, she has decided that making the refreshments for Babies & Tots is a little too much for her, and has reluctantly retired.

A very big thank you from all the children and mums you have served over the years.

Beth.



Choir & Cakes Concert

Aylestone Baptist Church

Saturday 20th May 6.30 - 8.30pm

Adults: £2.50, Children £1

Includes tea & cakes

All proceeds go to Christian Aid



Christian Aid Week: standing with refugees like Nejebar

Nejebar, with her sons
Hinayat (left) and Sudai,
outside their home in
Agios Andreas, Greece



Nejebar and her family have fled horrors in Afghanistan, where her husband was threatened with torture and death for being a government worker.

But now they've arrived in Greece, all they have is a tent. They have no other protection against wind and rain. There's no school for their five children. And they have no certainty or clear idea of what will happen to them now. They thought they would stay here for 10 days, but it's already been six months and there's no end in sight.

Nejebar's husband Noor describes their initial reaction to arriving in the camp in Greece: 'It was like suicide for us. But we took the decision that it is better to die here than to die there from war.'

You've helped us be there for refugees since 1945

Thanks to you, Christian Aid has been there for refugees like Nejebar since 1945, providing essential food, shelter and legal assistance for people far from home. And we still believe in life before death.

This Christian Aid Week, 14th - 20th May, our church is continuing to walk with refugees by door collection on Monday 15th May 6-8pm followed by Soup! Please sign up in the Church Lounge if you can help. Also Choir & Cakes – see poster opposite – come & bring your friends!

Aylestone Baptist Church

31st July - 4th August

Holiday Club Splash Out

9.45 - 12.15pm / Ages: 4 - 11yrs

Registration

Aylestone Baptist Church

Sunday June 11th 2pm - 4pm



Contact: Beth 01162 992 179

Pentecost



Find the
hidden
words

Then there appeared
to them tongues as
of fire, which parted
and came to rest on
each one of them.

Acts 2:3

Wind
Heaven
House
Tongues
Fire
Spirit
Jews
Jerusalem
Peter
Jesus
Wine
Disciples
Mary
Church



B.M.S. BIRTHDAY SCHEME in aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to....

May 3rd Simon Frith

May 19th Pedro J. Santamaria.

May 30th Jo Williams.

June 9th Leo Craston

June 12th Denise Vernon.

June 15th Jason Pickett.

June 17th Gladys Head - Happy 90th !

June 21st Matilda Fereday.

June 23rd Ruth Hopkins.



To ponder

The Mobile phone

No modern child is allowed
To wander lonely as a cloud.

R.E. test bloomers...



“In the first book of the bible, Guinessis, God got tired of making the world so
He took the Sabbath off.”

“Adam and Eve were created from an appletree, Noah’s wife was Joan of Arc,
Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.”

“Lot’s wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night.”

Could do better !



Wow – 6 years on and Messy Church at the Gilmorton Estate has reached a milestone. When we first started we were told that “nothing ever lasts here, they give up after a month or so.” Indeed we have seen various groups start up, and finish pretty quick. But we have been faithful.

Every month ABC with St. Andrews bring church to this Estate, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to an area where there is no established church. The bible theme for the Birthday event was “The great banquet”, and a “great banquet” was enjoyed by all, especially the huge cake. Please pray that God will continue to bless the work of Messy Church, and the people who live in that area.



Thanks to all those who volunteer month by month, and to those of our congregation who contribute to the Food Bank held here every 2 weeks. The groceries we send are very greatly appreciated. It is good that we can support our neighbours in this way.

3rd Age Activities.

Lunch Club dates for May/June

Thursday May 11th / 25th

Thursday June 8th (Coffee bar will not be open as church is being used for the General Election but **lunch as usual**)

Thursday June 22nd.



Lunch Club is open to the Community to get together for a home-cooked three course meal and meet together with old friends and make new friends.

Coffee bar open from 11am, lunch served at 12.45.

Dates for The Open House



Thursday May 4th / 18th

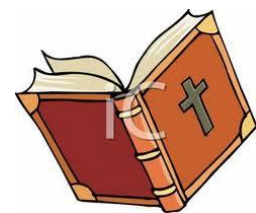
Thursday June 1st / 15th / 29th.

11 – 2pm all welcome for crafts, board games, coffee and chat, and a meal of home-made soups and lots of desserts.

The Tuesday Group dates for May/June

Tuesday May 2nd / 16th / 30th

Tuesday June 13th / 27th



All welcome to an informal time of bible study, followed by lunch. 11am for coffee, study starts at 11.30.

Date for your Diary....

Once again we are holding a **HOLIDAY @ HOME** on three days in August – 15th / 16th / 17th. Full details and booking forms will be available early June.

Easter in Aylestone



Easter in Aylestone began with a walk of witness starting from St Andrew's church and making our way to St Edwards Church on the Aylestone road then on to Aylestone Baptist Church

On the way, small groups loaded up with trays full of hot cross buns were going into shops and business, stopping passers-by, shoppers and motorist who were stopped at the traffic lights and offering out hot cross buns which was a surprise and a delight to everyone while telling the significance of Good Friday.



At each church we visited, we had a time of reflection and sung Easter hymns. We finished up at Aylestone Baptist Church where we had a small service sharing fellowship and refreshments together.

Fun Day for the SIGMA Project. Tuesday 11th April



A few days into the school holidays, and the word went out to Mums & Dads who needed to keep the children entertained, that a great fun day was on at Aylestone Baptist. At least 100 children attended (not counting babies) who enjoyed the bouncy castle, sand play and Giant Jenga outside; whilst inside there were Easter crafts plus playdough and toys, and for the adult's various stalls, including a giant 'cake and pie' stall.

Refreshments were very reasonably priced and enjoyed, and it was great to meet many families, some coming to our church premises for the first time. About £420 was raised for the SIGMA India charity, and we have received a big thank you from Rev. Yesupadam who was amazed at the event when we sent some photos.



A big 'Thank You' to all those who helped and all those who supported this event.

We have been able to send more money over to India where they are concentrating on trying to get the children's shelter finished before the summer monsoons.

Stan & Dorothy

A Prayer for Moments.....

*Sometimes it's hard,
Just coping with everyday living.
In the hustle and bustle of ordinary life,
How do you make time for God?
And yet He understands
For when you call Him He is there –
Just a prayer away.*

*Some days your world is dark and bleak
The clouds are grey,
You are lonely, you know despair
And you wonder, where is God?
Just close your eyes,
Tell Him you need Him
He'll be there –
Just a prayer away.*

*In the quiet moments of the night,
In the light of a new dawn,
That's when you'll find that you can
Make time for God,
Tell Him you love Him,
You are there –
Just a prayer away.*



Submitted by Maureen Clarke.

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Moderator Rev. Pam Bryan Youth Minister: Graham Hill

Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

Sunday

Morning Services 9.00am & 10.45am until June

FROM JUNE 4th ONE SERVICE ONLY 10.00am with Junior Church / Crèche

Communion: The Third Sunday of Each Month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting – usually in Church Lounge

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club

11.00am Seniors Bible Study (Fortnightly)

5.00pm Urban Saints (Boys & Girls Club from Ages 4 – 18)

7.30pm House Group

Wednesday

7.30pm House Group

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. 3rd Aged. For the 50's and over aged group (Fortnightly)

11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternative week to Open House)

6.30pm Youth Group Meet & Eat

7.30pm House Groups

Friday

7.00pm Hangout Youth Club (Boys & Girls Club from Ages 10 – 14)



Loop System Installed



Wheel Chair Access



WC Facilities

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Urban Saints, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club & Open House
To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. or any of the activities please call us on 01162 832 527; by email: minister@aylestonebaptistchurch.co.uk or by visiting our website at www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk