



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



**July & August
2017
Church Magazine**

Letter from the editor....

This is the first magazine to come out during the Interregnum, no doubt Paul is preparing thoughts for the Spalding magazine, and so I would like to pass on to you some of my thoughts.

As I was recently preparing to sign a birthday card I got to thinking, when you think of me.....

Who am I?

Mrs. Mackley	The music teacher you knew as a child.
Great Aunty	to children I meet on special occasions such as weddings And funerals.
Grandma	to children I see maybe once a week or so, and always has hot Chocolate with cream and marshmallows, and of course Chocolate cake.
Dorothy	A friend, some-one to share confidences and concerns.
Mother	who has been there since the moment life began.
Wife	sharing a lifetime of love and caring, sharing whatever life has to throw at me.

When you think of Jesus,

Who are you?

Is Jesus	Some-one you knew as a child, in Sunday School, or Girls'/ Boys' Brigade.
Is Jesus	Some-one you meet with on those special occasions, Weddings, funerals, Christmas.
Is Jesus	Just a cosy feeling you get from going to church once a week – or when you have the time.
Is Jesus	a friend who can share all your concerns and sorrows.
Is Jesus	the one you recognise who knew you in your mother's womb, Who formed you and made you who you are.
Is Jesus	the One who shares your life, shaping your thoughts and Actions, always by your side through the ups and downs of life.

Have a wonderful Summer – and if you ever find yourself wondering
“Who am I”, there is really only one answer...

You are God's chosen child.

Dorothy Mackley.



Sunday Services during July/August

Services are normally at 10am and include Sunday School and creche facilities.

July

Sunday 2 nd .	Summer Praise Event.
Sunday 9 th	Worship led by Amanda Goodliffe with Maxine Elliott preaching. Service includes Communion.
Sunday 16 th	Worship led by Teresa Sleight with Pam Bryan preaching. Service includes baby Dedication.
Sunday 23 rd .	Worship led by Dorothy Mackley with Liz Connelly preaching.
Sunday 30 th	Service led by Stan Mackley with Revs. Yesupadam and Samuel from SIGMA India project.

August

Sunday 6 th	Worship led by Wendy Hall with Martin Gage preaching.
Sunday 13 th	Service led by Teresa Sleight with Mike Bland preaching.
Sunday 20 th	Service led by Lucy Satchell with Stan Mackley preaching. Service includes Communion.
Sunday 27 th	Service led by Jill Walton with Paul Cleaver preaching.

Other Dates for July / August 2017:



July:

- Sunday 2nd. Meeting for all those helping with Children's Holiday Club: 5pm.
- Monday 3rd. Deacons' Meeting.
- Thursday 6th Lunch Club
- Sunday 9th Visit of the President of the Baptist Union
Dianne Tidball – 6.30pm at Central Baptist.
- Thursday 13th The Open House.
- Thursday 20th Lunch Club.
- Sunday 30th Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate.
Holiday Club Set Up.
- Monday 31st to August 4th : Children's Holiday Club –
“SPLASH OUT”

August

- Tues 15th – Thurs. 17th : Holiday @ Home for 3rd. Age.
- Saturday 26th FUN DAY to raise funds for SIGMA 2pm – 4pm
- Sunday 27th Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

Supporting Medical Missionary Work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and THANK YOU TO ..

July 10 th	Richard Chapman.
July 16 th	Iris Halfpenny.
July 21 st	Grace Elliott
July 23 rd	Maxine Elliott
July 27 th	Sarah Brazier.
July 29 th	Angela Wafforne.
August 2 nd	Teddy Gent-Craston.
August 4 th	Sophie Gray.
August 4 th	Aaron Johnson Muskole.
August 8 th	Annette Johnson.
August 18 th	Stan Mackley.
August 28 th	Jude Randell.



IF you wish to join the birthday scheme, to share your special day with those less fortunate, please see Denise Vernon.

Poetry Corner.....



submitted by Maureen Clarke.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God given privilege.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to give, days are too short to be selfish.
Take time to work, it is the price of success.
Take time to be charitable, it is the greatest of the virtues.
Take time to be good to others, it is the key to heaven.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We welcome into membership Andrew and Amanda Goodliffe

And Raoul and Mercy Kounkou.

Both couples are already taking an active part in our fellowship and we pray God will continue to bless them.



Congratulations to Eunice Adu-Gyamfi on completing her degree in Pharmacy and we look forward to welcoming her back to our Church fellowship.

We thank God that Jean Dixon's operation has been a success and pray God will grant her patience and healing as she recovers.

Ruth Hopkins is now back at home, but needing a lot of care and help with day to day living. We pray that she will cope with all the difficulties.

Our sympathies to Tracey Bryan and the family as her mum passed away, and also to Pedro Santamaria whose mum passed away suddenly. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

Gladys Head would like to say a great big THANK YOU for all the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes on her 90th birthday.

A million thanks to all those who helped with Christian Aid – with the door to door collection and the Choirs and Cakes. £800 was raised for this fantastic cause.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Father Peter, priest at St. Edwards Catholic Church for many years. Father Peter suffered ill health and was in a wheelchair for a long time, but still managed to conduct services until just a few months ago. It was wonderful that he managed to join with us for the ecumenical Easter witness, and we know he loved to be there with us. On the Monday John took Communion to Father Peter in hospital. His parting words were “I know I’ll be really better tomorrow.” And he died an hour later – surely he knew the “better” place he was heading to.

Our deep sympathy to the worshippers at St. Edwards, and particularly to John Parker who assisted and cared for Father Peter over the years. John will now take his overdue retirement and the church will be looked after by people from St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

The Interregnum

(or “the time between one minister leaving and another coming to serve us!)

We are thrilled that Rev. Pam Bryan is joining us as our Moderator. This role means that Pam will chair our Deacons and church meetings, giving us Spiritual and practical guidance. She will take occasional services and has already officiated at a wedding.

Pam served as a missionary in Africa, before ministering in churches in London, and now retiring back to Leicester and finding, as many of us do, that retirement doesn’t mean sitting with your feet up, but continuing to serve the Lord in many different ways.

During our time without a minister, services will continue as normal, with different people leading and preaching, with Wendy overseeing pastoral concerns and Jill and the deacons seeing to the everyday running of the church.

We have had a request for Baptism and Pam will lead a short baptism course – if anyone is thinking of baptism, or would like to know more about it, they are welcome to join the group. Please see Jill Walton or Wendy Hall for more details.



What's on for 3rd Age:



LUNCH CLUB

Dates for July/August 2017:

Thursday 6th July and 20th July.

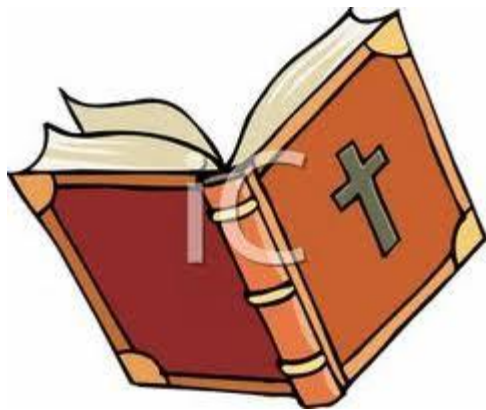
There will then be a Summer Break until we re-start
Thurs. 14th September.

The OPEN HOUSE

Dates for July/August:

Thursday July 13th.

There will then be a Summer Break until we re-start
Thurs. 21st September.



The TUESDAY GROUP

Dates for July/August :

Tuesday July 11th

Tuesday July 18th - luncheon outing.

HOLIDAY @ HOME 2017

A 3 day event for the over 50s....

Tuesday 15th August - Lunch / craft & games afternoon/ tea.

Wednesday 16th Aug. – Lunch / Film afternoon / tea.

Thursday 17th August. – Coach Outing to Trentham Gardens.

Pick up a booking form from church and register asap to avoid disappointment!

Holiday at Home
for Older People



Choirs and cakes for Christian Aid.

Many thanks to Beth Ellis for once again arranging this wonderful musical evening to raise funds for Christian Aid. The church was packed to hear music ranging from Spiritual to Gospel, jazz to medieval and classical – and the delicious home-made cakes were the perfect dessert to the musical main course.



ABC Church Choir were joined in some songs by the children of Overdale School.

The recorders came out for a very different experience of recorder playing.



Nicholas treated us to a smooth jazz performance on the tenor sax.



Also Daniel played The blues on the piano.



Rev. Rowena Bass from St. Andrews played Heavenly music on the harp, Accompanied by Alex, the new Musical director at that church.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to practice and rehearse and give their time for such a wonderful evening. We look forward to an encore next Christian Aid week!

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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FORGIVE
 JESUS
 RIVER
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HEAVEN
 WILD
 BAPTIZED
 JOHN

The Miracle Worker

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in John 2:1-11



One day there was a _____ in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. _____ and his disciples were guests also. When they started to run out of _____ at the wedding banquet, his mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." She then told the _____ to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There were some _____ pots there which held about twenty to thirty _____. Jesus told the servants. "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim.

"Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of the banquet," Jesus said.

When the master of the banquet tasted it, the water had been _____ to wine. He was amazed at how good it _____.

"Most people serve the _____ wine first and when the guests have had to much to drink, they bring out the _____ wine; but you have saved the best until last!"

John 2:1-11 (Paraphrased)

Gallons	Wine	Changed	Jesus	Cheap
Wedding	Water	Tasted	Servants	Best



Congratulations to Shaun and Stacey who were married at our church. The bride arrived in a carriage pulled by two white horses – what a spectacular sight to see them parked outside our building! We pray a lifetime of love and that God will bless them day by day.

Cream Teas



On that very hot Saturday in June crowds came along for the famous Aylestone Cream Teas, with strawberries, and live music on the lawn. Thanks to ABC choir and Magna Music with some other items, and extra special thanks to Ruth and Tracy & their team for the refreshments.

Summer:

“..... I took courage again on the bridge. A little bridge it was, a little old bridge over a little river, and I stood there about sunset, the west a blaze of light, the sky cloudless, the river like gold between green banks foaming with luxuriant blossom. Birds sang in the late sunshine. Flowers made a praise in the earth. I could see the fish in the cool stream.



And I thought – I never saw the sap rising in those trees. I never heard the machinery which manufactured all these flowers. I never felt the power by which all this beauty has been brought into being. It seems that since the snows melted, God has been working ceaselessly, purposefully, silently and secretly, to give us the splendour of summer.”

Give me a sense of humour Lord,
Give me the power to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

- *The Chaplain was visiting a patient who was in hospital for a minor operation. After a chat he said: “Perhaps you would like to come to the service on Sunday morning – that is – if you are still with us?”*
- *The minister had no knowledge of the deceased, and in fact realised to his horror as he entered the pulpit that he was uncertain even of the sex. “We meet today to pay tribute to our dear departed er” – leaning over to a relative he whispered: “Brother or sister?” – back came the reply, “Cousin.”*
- *The organist at a funeral was playing as a voluntary: “Sheep may safely graze” totally unaware that the deceased had been a butcher!*

SIGMA PROJECT



We are pleased to say that the Children's shelter we have been supporting is now close to completion. We saw the frame of the building during our trip at Christmas and agreed that every effort would be made to complete the shelter before the monsoon season in July/August.

This will happen by God's grace! Which will mean that the poor people in the settlement of grass huts, with no electricity, no water and whose 'homes' often get washed away in the floods, will have somewhere safe and dry to shelter.



During May the Church ran their annual Vacation Bible School, in Calvary Baptist and the many Children's

centres in Akividu and surrounding villages. In all about 1000 Children attended.



Garden Party

Saturday 26th August
Aylestone Baptist Church
2pm - 4pm



Afternoon Tea...£3
Bouncy Castle

Various Stalls....
Bric a Brac & Plants
Cakes & Books, etc..

All proceeds from the Garden Party go to... **SIGMA**
Supporting **I**ndia **G**ospel **M**inistries **A**kividu



Aylestone Baptist Church

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Church Moderator Rev. Pam Bryan /Youth Minister: Graham Hill

Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities
Communion: The third Sunday of each month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting – usually in Church lounge

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club – term time
11.00am Seniors Bible Study (Fortnightly)
5.00pm Urban Saints (Boys & Girls Club from Ages 4 – 18)-term time
7.30pm House Group

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. 3rd Age. 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) – term time



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 & The 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