

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



**September & October
2017
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor

The Summer of 2017 – what a roller-coaster !

From 28 degrees to 18 degrees. We closed our curtains to keep out the blazing sun... we closed our curtains in keep out the cold. Summer clothes... Winter clothes.... We were in a turmoil!

What a roller-coaster also in our Church Life.

The exuberant joy of the Holiday Club, the church packed with excited children, singing praises to God – then the depths of sadness at tragic and untimely deaths in our fellowship.

Thank God that we can stand together in the love of God- whatever life has to throw at us.

The following Scripture was given to us during this turbulent summer:

“John 10 27-30

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow Me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father’s Hand. I and the Father are one.”

Many thanks from our fellowship to those who have led through these times – Wendy and the Pastoral Care Team, Beth and the army of helpers for the Children’s Holiday Club, and all who worked together for the Holiday@Home, to our Youth Minister, Graham, for the inspiring 3 evening Bible Studies, and to all who have taken part in our Sunday Services.

As I write this letter the worship song based on Romans 8 37-39 is running through my head.

No power of Hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His Hand,
Till He returns,
Or calls me Home,
Here in the Power of Christ I stand.

May God bless us all as our church life activities start up again for the Autumn term.

Dorothy Mackley

Reflection...

Lord you come into my life
So quietly.
No banners, big parades
Or high street demonstrations.
At times, I hardly know you're there,

You hover on the wind of my attention,
Your patience infinite,
Ready to dip a wing and glide,
Slide into my consciousness
Without a sound.

You wait
Until I find a moment in my oh-so-busy life
To turn to you.
And then you swoop
And, featherlight,
I feel the warm enfolding of your love.

There's no reproach –
I sometimes think
I'd rather be rebuked
At my unfaithfulness
Than welcomed unconditionally
The way you do –
But that's your nature
And I'm reassured
That though you're often
Out of sight and earshot
You're always present in my life.

You know my needs
And when I look to you
Your love can make me whole.



Sunday Worship Services for September and October 2017

Service is at 10am, and includes Sunday School groups for children and young people, and a creche area.

September

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| 3 rd . September | Martin Pantling will be preaching with Andrew Goodliffe leading. |
| 10 th September | John Cass will be preaching with Freddie Damalie leading. |
| 17 th September | John Hemes will be preaching with Maxine Elliott leading.
Service includes Communion. |
| 24 th September | Pam Bryan will be leading and preaching.
There will be a church meeting immediately after The service, followed by a Bring & Share lunch. |

October

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| 1 st October | Barbara Aucott will be preaching with Amanda Goodliffe leading. |
| 8 th October | HARVEST led by Maxine Elliott. |
| 15 th October | Mike Bland will be preaching with Wendy Hall leading.
Service includes Communion. |
| 22 nd October | Pam Bryan will be preaching with Ben Kaba leading. |
| 29 th October | Martin Gage will be preaching with Dorothy Mackley leading. |

Other dates for September/October 2017

September:

Saturday 2 nd .	Induction of new minister Rev. Fiona Hicks to Buckminster Rd. Baptist Church, 2pm.
Saturday. 9 th	Prayer Breakfast – 8.45 to 9.45am.
Saturday 9 th	Induction of new minister Rev. Tom Cox to Oadby Baptist Church. 2.30pm
Monday 11 th	Deacons' Meeting.
Thursday 14 th	The Lunch Club, 12.45
Saturday 16 th	Induction of Craig Sweeny-Essex to minister at Central Baptist Church, 11am.
Thursday 21 st	The Open House.
Sunday 24 th	Church Meeting immediately after morning service, and Followed by a Bring & Share lunch.
Sunday 24 th	Messy Church at the Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.
Thursday 28 th	The Lunch Club
Saturday 30 th	CHURCH VISION DAY

October:

Monday 2 nd .	Deacons' Meeting.
Thursday 5 th	The Open House.
Saturday 7 th	EMBA Day at Oadby Baptist Church.
Sunday 8 th	HARVEST
Thursday 12 th	The Lunch Club
Thursday 19 th	The Open House.
Thursday 26 th	The Lunch Club
Saturday 28 th	FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT for SIGMA, 5.30 – 7.30pm, Hot dogs & cake plus family friendly quiz.
Sunday 29 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est., 4.30pm BMS Celebration Praise at Stoneygate Baptist 6.30pm

Church Family News

Our very deepest sympathy to Linda Wilkinson on the passing of her daughter, Caroline, at the age of 37. Caroline had battled cancer for some time, and leaves behind two sons who will miss her terribly. We pray God's comforting arms around the boys, Caroline's partner, her sisters and especially Linda and Gerald.

We were greatly saddened to hear of the tragic deaths of dear friends of ABC Funmi, Elijah, Mojo (17) and Grace (8) Ajibona-Kehinde. The family perished in a fire in Elijah's apartment in Kazakhstan in the early hours of the morning on July 14th. They worshipped with us here at ABC for a number of years before Funmi moved to Birmingham where she was a consultant Gynaecologist and Obstetrician. Elijah was a professor of Urology in Kuwait and had moved to Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan in 2016 to set up a top rate medical school for the nation. This was a wonderful Christian family and so we have the comfort that they are now safe in the arms of Jesus.

Our deepest sympathy to our dear friend, Stella, Funmi's mum, and all the family.

The funeral will be held on September 15th at 11.30am, Birmingham City Church, the Parade, Birmingham B1 3QQ. Dress code – not black.

Our love and prayers to Janet Sterland on the passing of her dear husband. May she find peace in her heart and comfort in memories.

Our congratulations go to our former minister, 1979 to 2000, Rev. Brian Thomas, who celebrates 60 years since his ordination into Baptist ministry on 6th September. Brian and Beryl are currently enjoying their retirement in West Moors, Dorset.

Stan Mackley in recovering well after a knee replacement op. We hope it won't be long before he is back in the hub of things. He would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers.

We said farewell to Barbara Riley on 20th August as she came to ABC for the last time before moving to Devon. John has already moved and is settling into a nursing home there, and Barbara will be moving into a nearby flat. They will be near the family who will be able to give them support. We pray God will be with them every step of the way, including finding a new church – Barbara has already checked out two possible ones. We hope and pray for a kind fellowship who will welcome her in.



We pray for Craig Sweeny-Essex as he is inducted as minister at Central Baptist Church on Sept. 16th. We wish Craig, Laura, Jamie and Bradon every blessing and that God will walk closely beside them as the family become part of that fellowship, and that the ministry will be a great blessing to all those they touch.

Well done to Holly Burton, Luke Bryan and Adam Westwood on their A Level success. Holly will be starting a course on Primary Teaching at Northampton University, Luke to study music at Leeds University, and Adam will be studying Business at Sheffield University.

God bless them as they start this new chapter in their lives.

Every blessing to Ranique and Ben as they return to continue their studies at university.

We also remember all our children returning to school after their summer holidays – particularly those who are starting new schools.

After some delays in preparing the bungalow, Maureen Pidcock will soon be on her way to Norfolk to live near to her daughter. We will miss her and wish her every blessing in this new chapter in her life.

Jean Dixon is still going through Chemotherapy and we send her our love. Please keep Jean in your prayers, and we look forward to having her back worshipping with us in Church and the Tuesday Group.

Ruth Hopkins is settling in back at home and now has a good care package. We pray God will bless her in these difficult days.

Today....

*So live this day that at the end you may
be ashamed of nothing and glad of
something you have done, or tried to do.*

*So live this day that at the end someone
my bless you for what you have done, or
tried to do.*



*So live this day that at the end you may, with a clear conscience
look up to God, who knows all you have tried to do.*

HOLIDAY CLUB 2017-Splash Out!



This year's holiday club theme was Splash Out! The church was all dressed up in a watery theme, including some big dolphins & sea scenes outside, thanks to Duncan.

The church & dens were really inspiring & got everyone in the mood.

We had about 135 children sign up, which is almost a record. The children were so well behaved & just loved everything that they did.



They were all kept so busy they didn't have time to think about getting up to mischief! Each morning began with a short group time, followed by a time together in the church for singing & watching a short film that had a water based theme. The themes for each day were: Noah & the flood, Moses parting the red sea, Jonah & the whale, Jesus walking on water & Baptism. It was great to be able to show them the baptism pool & talk to them about how & why people are baptised. After that the morning flew by with two more group times, crafts & outdoor activities. The bouncy slide continues to be the favourite, but the

children also enjoyed the games sessions led by Jake, the sand & water, parachute games, basketball & giant Jenga. The morning finished off with more singing & a very silly drama... the kids loved it as usual & booed & cheered in all the right places at the sailors & pirates!

Friday night was our final session, with the children performing their ShowTime pieces & singing songs for their parents. This was followed by a BBQ. Thanks to Duncan, Andrew & Ben my master BBQ chefs & many other who helped this run more smoothly this year! The weather was fantastic for us again this year and the food soon disappeared. This is always a great opportunity to meet parents in the community and there certainly were a lot of people there that have never attended a church event before, we think around 300 attended.



I would like to thank all of those who put in so much work before & during the week, there were over 50 volunteers again this year! It was particularly great to see our teen helpers maturing & taking on more responsibilities under the guidance of the more mature & experienced leaders. We did treat them to a fun filled evening on the Wednesday which involved a massive water fight & pizza. As you can imagine Graham & I were prime targets! Thanks to Graham for organising it & Lucy & Lisa for cooking the pizzas. I couldn't do any of it without such a dedicated team who work hard & support me as well as giving the kids the most fantastic week of fun. I would also like to thank Duncan, Ben & Stan who helped with decorating the inside & outside of the church, to Ben & Cameron who arrived early every morning to help set up (even though they're teenagers!). Thanks also to Keith who did a fantastic job on the sound desk & to Lee who set the AV stuff up for us. Every year I think it can't possibly get any better, but it always does. This was the best one yet I think! I enjoyed the week so much & I hope everyone else did too! 😊

Beth Ellis

Child Dedication:



It was so lovely to welcome into the church Sophie and Jake with Indie-May, to ask God's blessing on the life of this little girl.

Sophie, along with her three sisters, Sacha, Emily and Isabella, were members of the Girls' Brigade for many years, and the dedication service gave the opportunity for lots of anecdotes and memories of those times.

May God bless that little family and may seeds that were sown in those times in GB blossom and flourish in the lives of this family.



BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

Sept. 9 th	Elaine Robinson
“ 12 th	Dorothy Mackley
“ 18 th	Mike Bland
“ 24 th	Julie Lovatt
“ 26 th	Ben Blackford
“ 26 th	Daniel Blackford
Oct. 4 th	Beth Ellis
“ 5 th	Shirley Gray
“ 12 th	Rachel Draper
“ 14 th	Alexis Fereday
“ 20 th	Dave German
“ 24 th	Kirstie Sayer
“ 25 th	Kate Chapman
“ 27 th	Willow Fereday.



If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme please see Denise Vernon, then on your birthday she will send you a card with an extra envelope for you to make a donation to BMS, sharing the joy of your birthday with those in need.

Poetry Corner.....

*I will seek beauty all my days,
Within the dark chaos of a troubled world
I will seek, and find, some beautiful thing.*

*From eyes grown dim with weeping
Will shine a light to guide me,
And in sorrow's hour I shall behold
A great high courage.*

*I shall find the wonder of an infinite patience,
And a quiet faith in coming joy and peace.
And love will I seek in the midst of discord
And find soft eager hands outstretched
In welcome.*

*I will seek beauty all my days
And in my quest I shall not be dismayed.*

I shall find God.



A prayer for mornings.....

Dear God,



So far today I'm doing all right.
I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy,
grumpy, nasty, selfish
or over-indulgent.

However, I'm getting out of bed in a few minutes and I
will need a lot
more help after that !

What's on for 3rd Age

Lunch Club

Thursday Sept. 14th / 28th

Thursday Oct. 12th / 26th.

Fortnightly on a Thursday, lunch is served at 12.45
(coffee bar open from 11am)

And is open to all members of the Community (over 50!)



The Open House



Thursday Sept. 21st

Thursday Oct. 5th / 19th

Nov. 2nd.

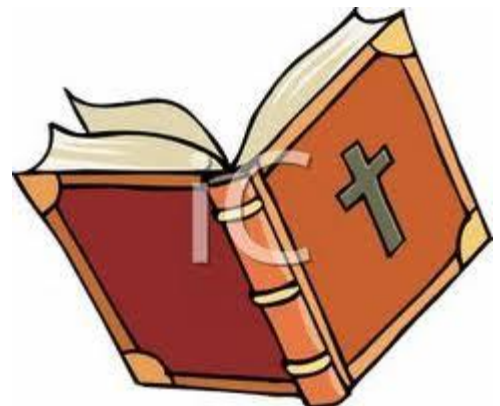
From 11 – 2, we are open for coffee and chat, knitting, board games, and light lunch. All welcome.

The Tuesday Group

Tuesday Sept. 19th

Tuesday Oct. 3rd / 17th / 31st.

We meet fortnightly at 11 – 1.30 to study the Bible, asking questions and sharing thoughts, then enjoy a lunch together. If you are over 50 and feel you want to get to know Jesus and the Bible a little better, then come and join this group. You will be very welcome.



HOLIDAY @ HOME 2017 - 15th to 17th August.



This is the 3rd year of hosting the Holiday@Home for 3rd Age folk in our Community.

Tuesday saw 28 people enjoying a 2-course lunch of Roast beef and all the trimmings, followed by home-made rice pudding or strawberry meringue.



The afternoon was spent in delightful creativity - flower arranging, glass painting, or painting wooden bird boxes. Teatime was a selection of sandwiches and home-made cakes.



Wednesday and 38 people enjoyed the table quizzes before a lunch of chicken breast and vegetables, followed by fruit pie and custard or fresh fruit salad. Then they watched a film "The Book Thief", when many hankies were out to dab moist eyes. Afternoon tea once again before home time.

Thursday and a full coach set off for Trentham Gardens near Stoke. The weather was beautiful and all enjoyed the lovely gardens and pottered around the shops and cafes.



Many thanks to all who made this possible - to Leicester City Council who gave us a grant to make the coach trip possible - but especially to the willing volunteers without whom the event could not happen.

And don't forget - Book Early for Next Year!

SIGMA [Supporting India Gospel Ministries Akividu]

We are very grateful to all our regular donors and supporters who have made another great year possible. In our last financial year which ended on 10th Aug. we were able to send over £10 000 to the ministry in Akividu. This money has been used to lay a proper floor in the Church, and continue the construction of the Children's shelter so that by the monsoon season this August it was sufficiently complete to be used for the villagers to use when their small village of grass huts was flooded. In addition the many other ministries were able to continue and grow – children's centres around Akividu and in many villages where each week children are given help with education and spiritual instruction and over 300 children were also given a book and pen as they entered secondary school – the growth of the children's ministry demonstrated when over 1000 children who attended the Vacation Bible Study this year at Calvary Baptist and many more in the village centres; community support work continues to grow, and during this month and next the church is conducting home to home missions in more villages, spreading the good news of Jesus to many more people.



As many will know, we saw the results of their hard work when we were in Akividu for Christmas, when apart from the two large gatherings at Calvary Baptist [3000+ on 18th Dec. and 2000+ on Christmas Day] we visited many evening celebrations in the villages where hundreds of people met, were present at the dedication of a Church destroyed by flooding and rebuilt by its members with the help of

Sigma. Our many visits to peoples homes in Akividu demonstrated the great support the church gives to the very needy people.

Projects for the future include increasing the number of books and pens to Children entering schools, completing the shelter [rendering & plastering walls, concreting the floor etc.] and building a toilet block at Calvary Baptist – the only toilets at present are the two household toilets the family use – imagine meetings of thousands of people which last a number of hours with no toilet facilities!

So now we have started a new financial year! And are very grateful to all those who got the year off to a flying start by supporting the recent Garden Party on 26th August when we raised £ 535 – incredible!



There was a bouncy castle, stalls selling books, bric-a-brac, plants outside, while inside there were afternoon teas, a pie, cake and preserves stall and some beautiful knitted goods.



We were so fortunate with the weather and had lots of visitors from the community as well as folk with connections to the church . A big ‘thank you’ to all!



Due to popular demand we are doing an extra Quiz Night for Sigma on 28th October – so do come and support that if you can.

If you want to become a regular donor – please ask Stan.



CELEBRATION PRAISE

Sunday 29th October 2017 6.30pm

Stoneygate Baptist Church

‘Voices of Hope’

Come and hear about work in Albania, Peru, India and Chad just a few of the many areas in our world where BMS is bringing new hope to communities.

Praise God & share BMS World Mission updates

Oops!

David was unemployed and desperate for money. He went to the richest area in town to look for work.

One homeowner offered him a job painting the porch. The man told David the paintbrushes were in the garage.

An hour later, David rang the doorbell to collect his pay.

“Thank you, sir,” he said as the homeowner handed him the money. “Oh, by the way,” David added, “you don’t have a Porsche – it’s a Ferrari.”

A choice of prayers:

Church of England- “O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge – stiff, stodgy and hard to stir; but like cornflakes – crisp, fresh and ready to serve.”

Church of Scotland – “O Lord, grant that we may not be like cornflakes – lightweight, empty and cold; but like porridge – warm, comforting and full of natural goodness.”

Harvest

Sunday 8th October

10am Service

Everyone Welcome

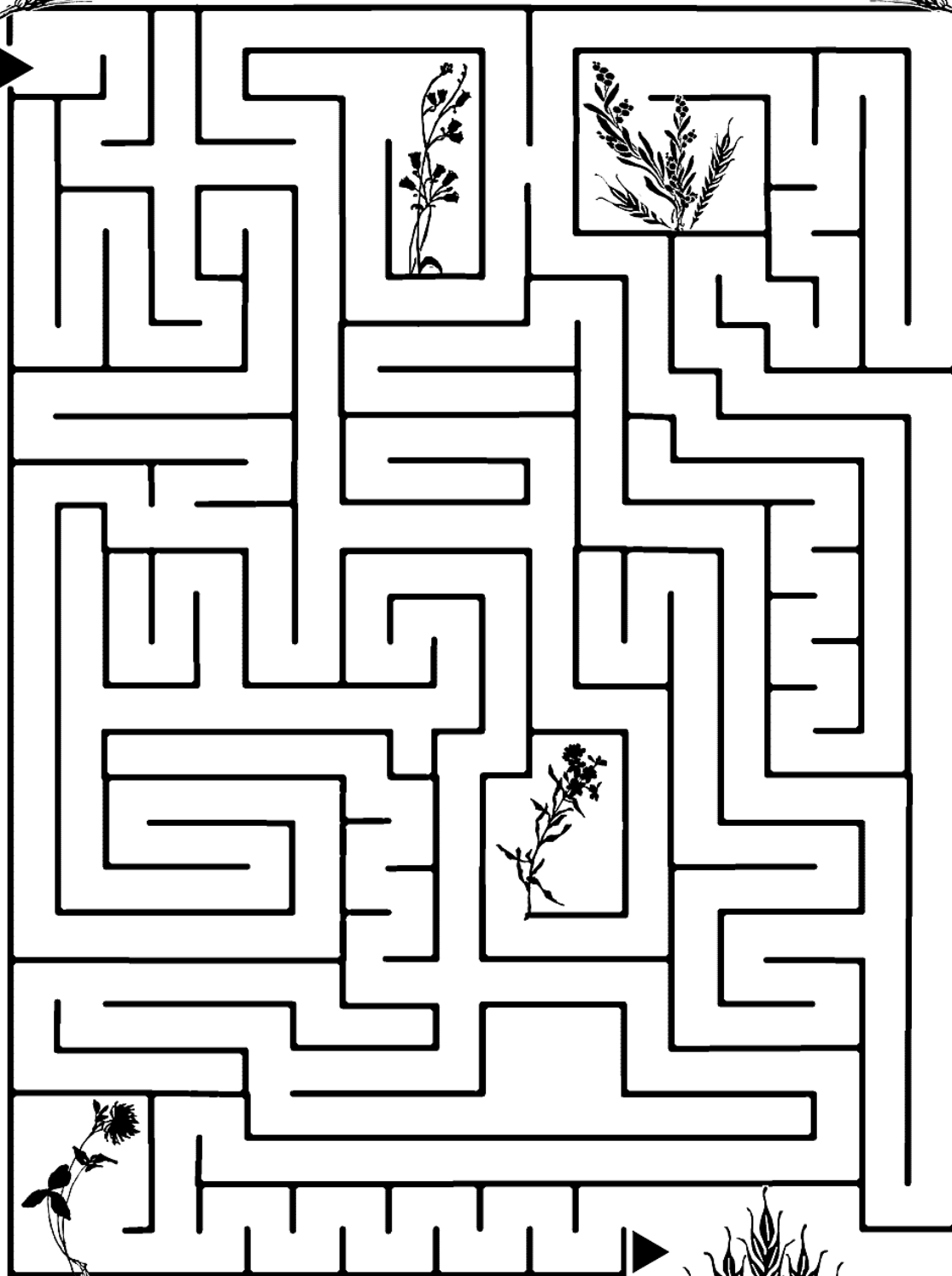


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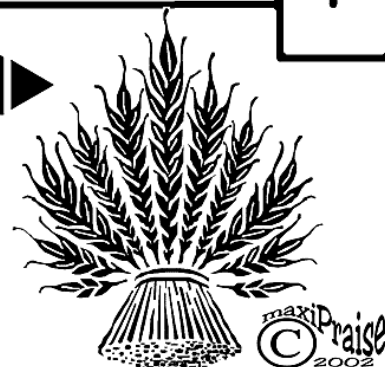
The Wheat and the Weeds

Help the owner of the field separate the wheat from the weeds.

START



Jesus said that the Kingdom of God was like a man who sowed his field with quality wheat seed. While he was sleeping his enemy crept in and sowed weeds. Rather than risk hurting the wheat he chose to let them grow together until harvest time. Then the reapers gathered the weeds to be burned and gathered the wheat into the barn.





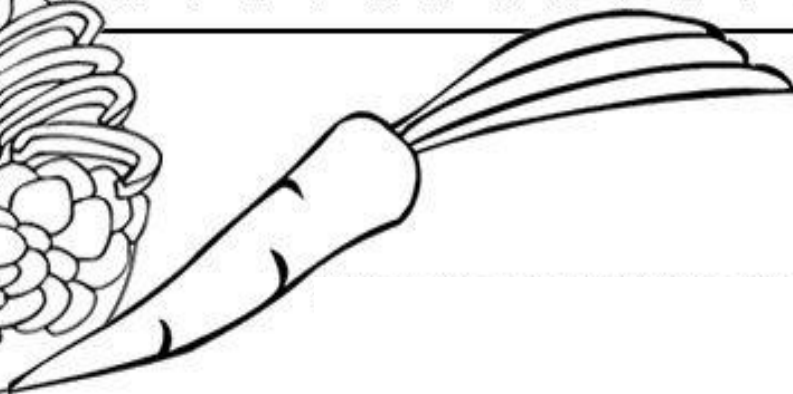
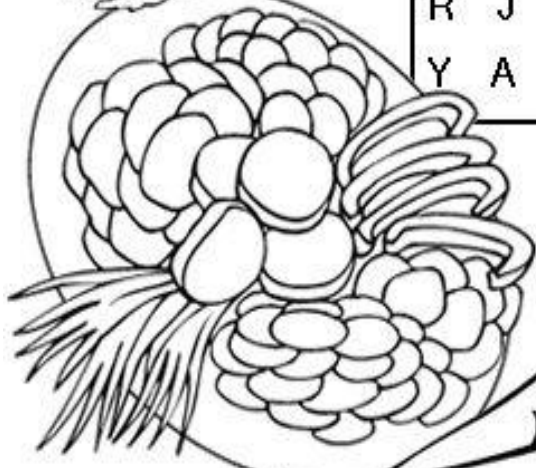
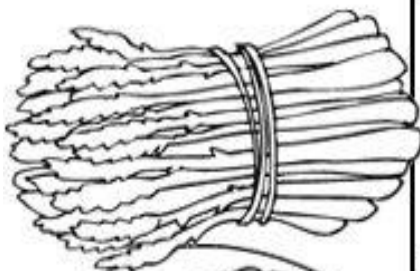
Vegetables Word Search

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list.
Circle each word that you find until you find all of the 24
vegetable-related words.

Word list

brussels sprouts	
potato	cucumber
pumpkin	lettuce
alfalfa	parsley
artichoke	rhubarb
avocado	carrot
broccoli	radish
cabbage	beans
cauliflower	spinach
celery	zucchini
com yam	pea
asparagus	pepper

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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 the 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)

Wednesday

7.00pm Gateway Club.

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 & 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