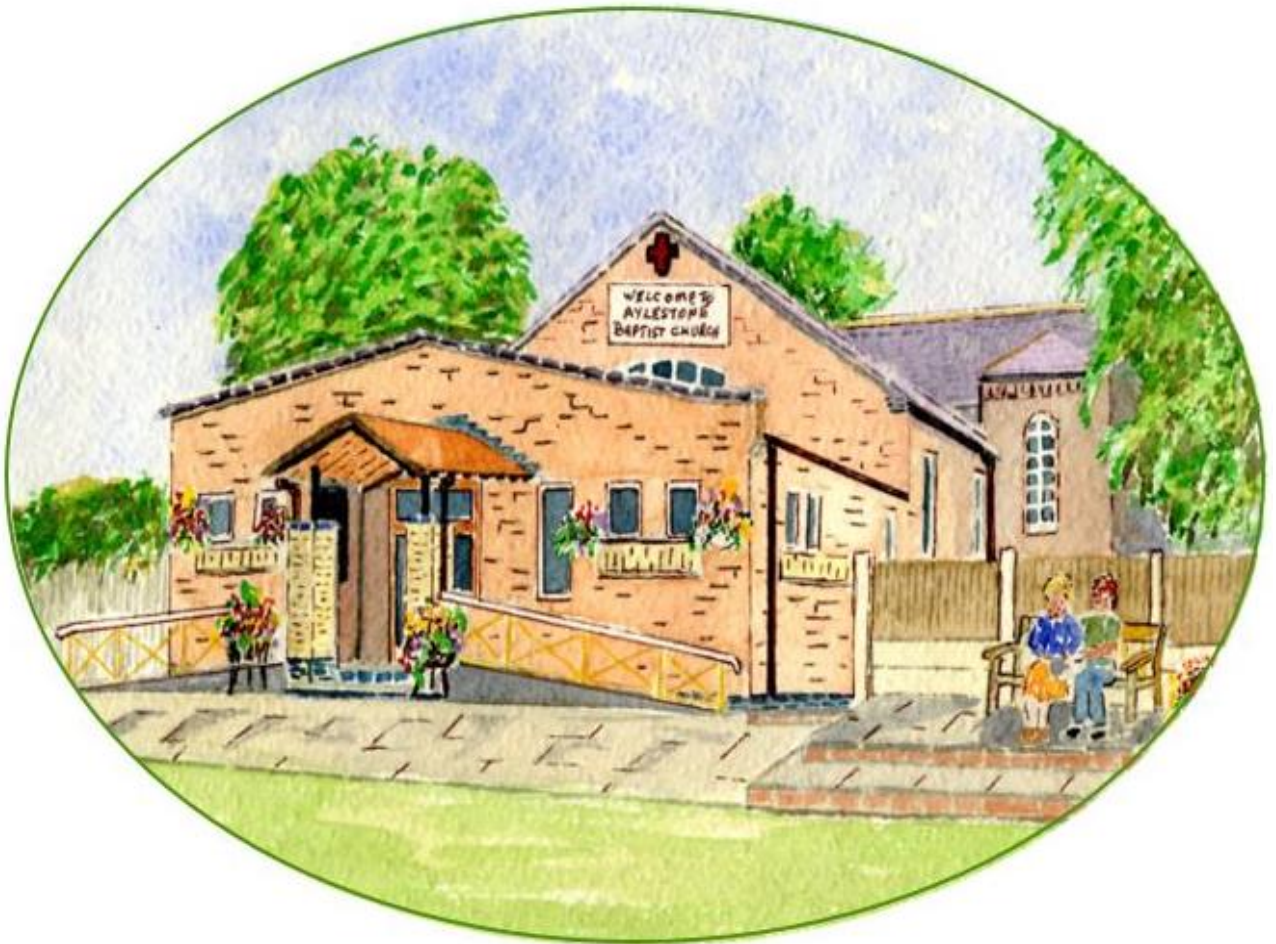




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's love, Sharing God's love



**May & June
2018
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor - May/June 2018

Do you like to bury yourself in a good book? As the holiday season sets in I hope we will all find time to be transported into other worlds and lives through reading. (Of course, first and foremost we daily read the Bible!) , but it is relaxing to curl up with a cup of tea and a book.

I often read what I call “easy” novels, but what I really love is getting to grips with Dickens, and I am currently engrossed in “Our Mutual Friend”. Dickens was a great exponent of Victorian life, an advocate for social reform exposing the scandal of Victorian hypocrisy among the wealthy, and the hopelessness among the poor. For instance there is the grotesque figure of Rogue Riderhood, making his living by dragging drowned bodies from the murky Thames (and robbing them too), or the destitute but proud Betty Higden, who dreaded ending her days in the Workhouse. But the figure that struck me was the Jew, Riah. A caricature of a Jew with his broad brimmed hat and flowing coat, and with the kindest of hearts, who quietly helped the vulnerable around him, and yet was subject to anti-Semitic abuse by those who thought themselves above him.

As I was reading this, the media were reporting on many cases of anti-Semitism within the Labour Party, and no doubt else where.

It saddened me to think that in 150 years attitudes have not changed. Jesus said *“The Poor will always be with you”* (John 12:7). The challenge is how do we treat the poor, the stranger, our neighbour?

May 13th to 19th is Christian Aid Week - a chance to use a little of our wealth to help the abject poor in our world, and overlapping, from May 10th to 20th (Ascension to Pentecost) we have the initiative “Thy Kingdom Come”, joining with Christians World Wide to pray for our world and all our peoples.

We no longer see people in London making a living through re-claiming drowned bodies, and the Workhouses are gone, but don’t turn your back on opportunities to be Jesus to those in need around you, take the opportunity to engage in Christian Aid Week and Thy Kingdom Come – and make a difference.

Dorothy.

Incredible Journeys'



Holiday Club 2018
Sign Up Date

Saturday June 9th 12noon - 2pm
Aylestone Baptist Church

Holiday Club 2018 Dates

July Monday 30th - August Friday 3rd

Contact Details: Beth 0116 299 2179

Sunday Services for MAY / JUNE 2018

Service starts at 10am and includes Sunday School classes for children and teenagers and creche area.

MAY

- Sunday 6th Service will be led by Donna Nicholls with Paul Cleaver Preaching. Theme: Acts 1: 1-11.
- Sunday 13th Service led by Wendy Hall with Alan Kemble of the Bible Society preaching. Theme: Acts 1:12-26
- Sunday 20th **PENTECOST PARTY 11am** Service led by Elaine Robinson with Graham Hill Preaching. Theme: Acts 2:1-41.
the service is part of a FUN DAY and BBQ.
- Sunday 27th Service led by Lucy Satchell with John Cass preaching.
Theme: Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-37

JUNE

- Sunday 3rd Service will be led by Ben Kaba with Martin Pantling preaching Theme: Acts 3:1 to 4:22.
- Sunday 10th Leading, preaching by Stan Mackley. Theme: Acts 4:23-31.
At 6.30pm there is a special service when we are privileged to welcome **the President of the Baptist Union, Rev. David Gregory**, and also other Baptists from Leicester
- Sunday 17th Leading and preaching by Rev. Pam Bryan. Service Includes Communion - followed by Church Meeting.
Theme: Acts 5:1-11.
- Sunday 24th Service led by Rachel Draper with Martin Gage preaching.
Theme: Acts 5:42.
- Sunday 1st July - AYLESTONE 2018 Open Air Service and event at Aylestone Hall Gardens. (Please note – no service at our Church).

Other Dates in May/June 2018.

May

- Thurs. 3rd The Open House.
- Mon. 7th Deacons' Meeting.
- Wed. 9th Gateway Club Worship.
- Thurs. 10th Lunch Club.

Thurs 10 th	Ascension Day -Start of the week of prayer “Thy Kingdom Come” for times etc see list in this magazine.
Saturday 12 th	CHOIRS & CAKES for Christian Aid. 6-8pm BU Assembly at Peterborough.
13 th – 19 th	Christian Aid week.
Thurs. 17 th	The Open House.
Sunday 20 th	PENTECOST Service & Fun Day/BBQ. 10am.
Wed. 23 rd	Beginners guide to prayer 7pm – for those who are not confident about praying aloud
Thurs. 24 th	Lunch Club.
Sunday 27 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm.
Thurs. 31 st	The Open House.

June

Mon. 4 th	Deacons’ Meeting.
Thurs. 7 th	Lunch Club.
Sat. 9 th .	Children’s Holiday Club Sign Up Day.
Wed. 13 th	Gateway Club Worship.
Thurs. 14 th	The Open House.
Sat. 16 th	Coffee morning with Cakes, Plants, books, cream scones, 10 – 12.30.
Thurs. 21 st	The Lunch Club.
Sat. 23 rd .	6.30pm PRAISE & WORSHIP Evening
Sun. 24 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm.
Thurs. 28 th	The Open House.
Sunday 1 st . July	AYLESTONE 2018. held at Aylestone Hall Gardens, An Open Air Service followed by sports, bouncy castles, Live entertainment and refreshments. Look out for Sign-up sheets as we will need lots of help Manning the Bouncy castles, stewarding, marshalling the Sports etc. We will need lots of help so that this amazing Community Event runs smoothly and is a great success.

Future Dates: Children’s Holiday Club: July 30th – Aug. 3rd. Booking essential - **Don’t miss the sign-up day on June 9th.**

Seniors’ Holiday@Home, August 14th /15th/16th.

Good Friday witness:



Organized by the Spirit of Aylestone "Churches in Aylestone" We met up at 10am at St Andrew's Church where we spent a time in prayer, reading passages from the bible and singing Easter hymns before setting off on our walk of witness though Aylestone village. On the way we took the opportunity of handing out hot cross buns to bewildered passers-by as we made our way to our next destination, St Edwards Catholic Church, along the Aylestone road before heading back to

Aylestone Baptist Church where we had a service telling the story of the crucifixion and we listened to the ABC choir, afterwards we shared fellowship together over hot drinks and hot cross buns.



Good Friday Service held at Aylestone Baptist Church

Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday took on a totally different stance altogether after the sadness and darkness of Good Friday. The church looked lovely, a time for celebration, a time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and victory over the evil and darkness.

A time to be together as believers in Christ Jesus and to worship him and share in the meal that our Lord Jesus commended to us.



A Date not to be missed Sunday June 10th at 6.30pm



Newly elected President of the Baptist Union, Revd David Gregory will be at Aylestone Baptist Church on Sunday June 10th at 6.30pm

During David's presidential year his theme: Divine Windows, "Glimpses of God, through Life, the Universe & Everything"

Dave has a background in physics and astronomy and in Bracknell worked in research at the Met Office and European Weather Centre for 15 years,

In his profile, he explained how the Apollo moon landings inspired an interest in science when growing up. He studied Physics and Astrophysics at the University of Leicester and became a Christian while at Imperial College in London researching thunder storms.

David particularly asked for his visit to Leicester to be held at ABC as he worshipped with us whilst a student (at the time Rev.Brian Thomas was minister), and this marked the renewal of his Christian journey.

Compassion..

Abraham Lincoln once said, characteristically, "I am sorry for the man who can't feel the whip when it is laid on the other man's back....."

Jesus wept tears of compassion at the graveside of a friend. He mourned over Jerusalem because as a city it had lost its appreciation of the things of the spirit. His great heart was sensitive to the needs of others.

Tears shed for self are tears of weakness, but tears of love shed for others are a sign of strength. I am not as sensitive as I ought to be until I am able to "Weep o'er the erring one and lift up the fallen." And until I have learned the value of compassionately sharing others' sorrow, distress, and misfortune, I cannot know real happiness.

(from The Secret of Happiness by Billy Graham).

Church Family News

We rejoice with Jean Dixon on having the “all clear” from cancer. Jean has written the following message to the fellowship:

“I wish to thank everyone for all prayers and thoughts given to me over the last 11 months. I have been on a hard uphill journey, but with prayers and my strong faith, I have reached the top with God’s blessing, and now enjoy my new life again. My love to all and thanks once again. Jean.”

Our deep sympathy to Charlotte and the family on the passing away of her brother, Michael. We pray for comfort for all the family.

Please pray for Martin Bruce and the family, as his brother-in-law passed away in Scotland.

Gladys Head is making slow recovery after a fall in her garden. Thankfully she has not broken any bones but is badly shaken up and bruised.

Ruth Hopkins has been very poorly and is back in hospital at the present time. Please pray for Ruth, that the right care will be found for her.

Also keep in your prayers Paul Onions, now in South Lodge Residential Home, and missing our fellowship greatly. Also Michael Gamble is suffering as the cold weather makes his condition so much worse.

Please continue to pray for Rev. Brian Thomas, who after successful treatment for bowel cancer, now has a diagnosis for Prostate cancer. Also please remember Beryl as she is not well herself, and is finding it difficult to look after Brian. But we do congratulate them as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 10th. A marriage that has truly lasted “in sickness and in health” and firmly rooted in deep Christian faith.

Congratulations to Lee and Angela Wafforne who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless them and their family.

God: “Whew! I’ve just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on earth.”

Angel: “What are you going to do now?”

God: “Call it a day!”



THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an

invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Following the success of our event last year, we are again giving opportunity for prayer at the Church each day at various times, hoping that everyone could find a time which would suit them to take part. We will pray for our Church in interregnum, for friends and family, for our community, nation and world! – that God's Kingdom may come!

Copies of the programme will be available in Church. All meetings at Church

Programme we have put together for our Church to pray is as follows

Thursday 10 th May	Opening Service & prayer 7.30 – 8.30pm
Friday 11 th May	Church open for prayer 6-7pm
Saturday 12 th May	Prayer Breakfast 9-10am
Sunday 13 th May	Prayer meeting 8.30-9.30 am
Monday 14 th May	Prayer Meeting 9-10am Prayer Meeting 7.30-8.30pm
Tuesday 15 th May	Church open for prayer 2-3pm
Wednesday 16 th May	Prayer meeting 7-8am
Thursday 17 th May	Prayer Walk in Aylestone 7-8pm
Friday 18 th May	Church open for prayer 11-12am
Saturday 19 th May	Church open for prayer 6-7pm

This year the above event overlaps with **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**, and there is a joint study guide available – please ask Stan for a copy for your personal use.

We are also hoping to do some **DOOR TO DOOR** collection for Christian Aid – Please sign up with Stan if you can help in any way I know it isn't easy, but when I heard Prosperity Raymond speaking about the amazing difference Christian Aid is making to people's lives in Haiti, it is clearly essential we do something! One of the CA 'catchphrases' is **DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NOT WHAT IS EASY!** Please support the 'Choirs & Cakes if you can – part of our fundraising.

Christian Aid Concert

Choirs & Cakes

 & Supporting Musicians

Aylestone Baptist Church
Saturday May 12th 6 - 8pm
Adults £3.50 & Children £1.50
Refreshments Include Tea & Cakes





Testimony – Nicholas Kaba

After coming to the UK, my family found themselves in this Church. Being only an infant at the time, I don't really remember much, anything actually. This is the only church I've really ever attended, the church I grew up in, attending Sunday school and learning more and more about Jesus. Luckily for me, being such a welcoming and nurturing place, I was never too far away from the LORD via Aylestone Baptist Church, whether it be on a Sunday morning, or through the regular youth groups.

I first gave my life to God when I was 11, on something called Hungarton camp – which is a Christian summer camp for quite a range of age groups. It was nearing the end of the week and after the main meeting time we would talk to our group leaders in our tents about something related to whatever was the topic that day. After this particular talk I remember talking to one of my group leaders about becoming a Christian, and we prayed and I became a follower of Jesus.

It was around this time I first began drumming in Church, having been taught by Joel. I'm sure many of you remember him but for those who aren't familiar with him, he was the son of our old minister, Tim, and a very talented drummer. In this way I think I found my spiritual gift of music and began to serve God through the worship team here.

Later along the line, Graham became the youth worker here at ABC and started the Thursday group known as 'meet and eat' in which as the name implies, people meet, and eat – with discussion surrounding God following. It was at this group, as I'm sure Graham remembers, I asked lots and lots of questions, and in this way I learned more about God and my faith grew and I began feeling more confident in my own faith.

So far, I'd say my Christian journey had been one of overall positive growth although not without stagnation at points. Personally, I love analogies. I think an appropriate analogy can be extremely useful in helping people to understand your perspective, so I'm going to use one here. Up to this point I'd liken my

Christian journey to a status bar. I'm sure we've all been frustrated when updating a phone or computer or downloading something quite big, sending a text, loading a website, watching the status bar inch forward take a little break... inch forward... stop a little. Sometimes the software tries to help you out by telling you there's x amount of time left, but most of the time you watch this number go up and up when really it should be going down! Well, I think that would be an accurate description of my journey up to that point. Going in the right direction, but very steadily.

Now, to much more recent times, at the beginning of the year, baptism started coming up in conversations, and I began considering it but at the same time I never really took it seriously, until I was listening to Stan preach about Jesus' baptism. I feel now like this was one of those instances in which people say that God was trying to say something because the timing was so appropriate and fitting. I remember sitting at the front and what really resonated with me was this little passage; Mark chapter 1 verse 10 on the topic of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan says 'As soon as he came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the spirit descending to Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' It was at that point I felt, what are you waiting for? Why delay?

From there, I pondered and prayed and before I knew it my baptismal service was 3 weeks away and now, it's here. Being a young person it can be quite difficult to not be influenced by others and stick to what you believe is right and true. I'd like to share with you a verse I hold very near to me and return to often for strength and guidance. Romans 12:2 says 'do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.' Self discipline is not easy, however we can do all through Jesus Christ our LORD and as it is written, 'God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able.' 1 Corinthians 10:13

To finish, I'd just like to return to that status bar analogy. Often, there comes a point where the status bar stops messing around and then suddenly shoots forward with some new found purpose and life and energy. I'd like to think my baptism marks the point at which my journey with Christ takes new purpose and life and energy and that just as I would delight in seeing my software update moving towards conclusion, the lord delights in seeing me bear His fruit.



Aylestone Baptist Church

You are invited to join us for a

PENTECOST PARTY

To celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church

On Sunday May 20th at 11am

A Family Celebration Service with...

Drama, Dance, & Songs

On the day there will also be...

Bouncy Castle, Children's Crafts,

BBQ & Refreshment... All FREE!

Pentecost

The words below are taken from Acts 2, where we read the story of Pentecost. Circle the words as you find them in the puzzle.

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GALILEANS
MEDES
MESOPOTAMIA
CAPPADOCIA
ASIA
PAMPHYLIA
LIBYA
ROME
PROSELYTES
ARABIANS

LANGUAGE
PARTHIANS
ELAMITES
JUDEA
PONTUS
PHRYGIA
EGYPT
CYRENE
JEWS
CRETES
DAVID

LORD
WIND
TONGUES
FIRE
REPENT
BAPTIZED
SINS
PETER
THREE
THOUSAND



BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME – Happy Birthday and thank you to:

May 30 th	Jo Williams
June 9 th	Leo Craston
June 12 th	Denise Vernon
June 15 th	Jason Pickett
June 17 th	Gladys Head
June 23 rd	Ruth Hopkins.



If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme – please see Denise Vernon, who, on your special day, will send you a birthday card, with an extra envelope for you to give a donation to BMS and share your birthday in this lovely way



Easy Fundraising for the Church!

DO YOU BUY ON- LINE? IF SO YOU CAN RAISE EASY CASH FOR THE CHURCH!

You can now help Aylestone Baptist Church by joining **easyfundraising** ! - you can collect free donations every time you shop online. It won't cost you a penny extra.

So sign up to support ABC with **easyfundraising** ! It's a really easy way to raise extra money for the Church without costing you a penny!

easyfundraising is the UK's number one charity cashback site. There are over 3,100 shops and sites where you can collect free donations for Aylestone Baptist Church including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Argos and Sainsbury's.

Show your support and sign up for free here
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aylestonebaptistchurch>
and collect donations on everything from groceries to getaways.

Thank you, your help will make a real difference.

Lucy & Keith

What's On for the 3rd. Age.

Lunch Club



Dates for May / June 2018

Thursday May 10th / 24th

Thursday June 7th / 21st

Church is open from 11am on Lunch Club Days for coffee, and the meal is served at 12.45.

The Open House

Dates for May / June 2018

Thursday May 3rd / 17th / 31st

Thursday June 14th / 28th

The Open House runs from 11am – 2pm, a place to chat, knit, play games, drink coffee and enjoy a meal together. All members of the Community (over 60) are welcome.



The Tuesday Group



Tuesday Seniors Fellowship

Dates for May/June 2018.

Tuesday May 1st / 15th / 29th

Tuesday June 12th / 26th

Tuesday Group meets from 11 – 2pm for Bible Study and lunch.

Please note the meeting on Tuesday 10th July will be an outing – details to be confirmed.

SIGMA NEWS

Our brother Yesupadam wrote to us to update us on forthcoming ministry events:

This year Vacation Bible School from April 27th to May 31st in Akividu and many surrounding villages. This programme reaches many non Christian Children and strengthens them spiritually.

June 12th schools reopen. Many needs for poor Children. Books, bags, pens ...

August we focus on Women groups. Many Women have difficult time in India

September we conduct Gospel missions for home to home in towns & villages.

December - Christmas programmes, thousands of people receive Good News!

Kindly pray for toilets – we have no toilets for these large events in our Church – only our house toilet!

He writes :- *'My humble requests - Please pray for all these programmes; this year many extra funds needed for increasing calls on our ministry, please help if you can'*



On Palm Sunday they did a parade of witness in Akividu



On the Tuesday before Easter we ran a Fun Day to raise funds for SIGMA. Over 100 children came Plus parents! We had a great day and raised over £550! Thank you!



If you would like to join the group of regular supporters of SIGMA – please see Stan or Dorothy. Thanks 😊



AYLESTONE



YOUR LOCAL GAMES

Aylestone Hall Gardens

Sunday July 1st 10.45am - 4pm

A Free Fun Day For The Aylestone Community Organised By
The Churches in Aylestone & Will Include:

Open Air Service, Children's Games, Mass Zumba,
Inflatable Football Shootout, Face Painting, Treasure Hunt
Entertainment, Live Music, Bucking Bronco, Bouncy Castle & Slide,
Have a Go Bowls, Tennis Coaching, Medals for all Children
Subsidised Food & Drinks & Supporting Local Charities:

BOOK THE DATE TODAY! MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW


Hospice for Children and Young People
Aylestone Local Games 2018 Supports


A Churches Together Initiative


Leicester
City Council

Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

7.30pm Gateway Club

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 Thursday Youth Group
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