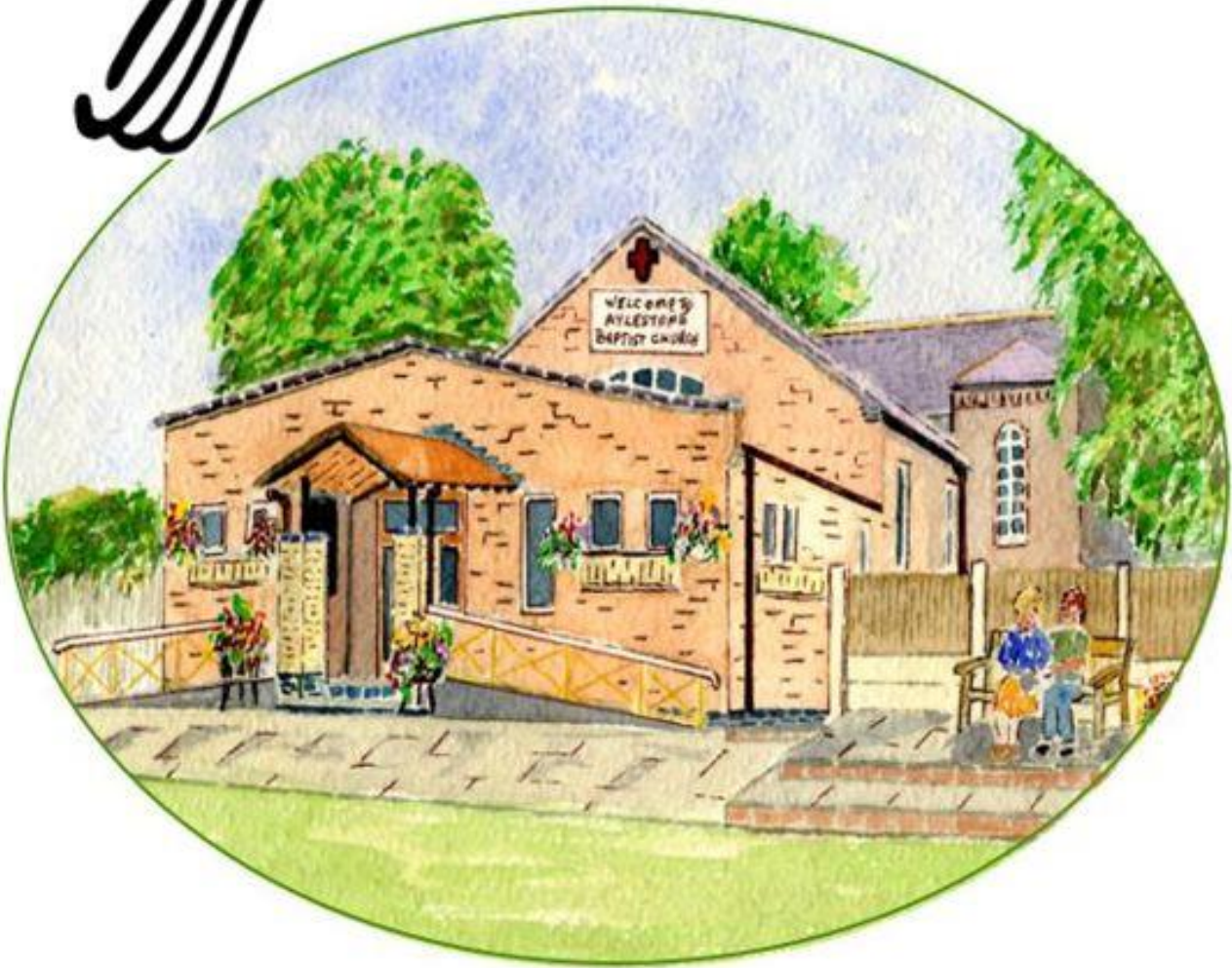




Aylestone Baptist Church

Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**July & August
2018
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor

How lovely the gardens are looking this Summer – I must confess I am not much of a gardener, but I am inspired by the TV gardener Monty Don. I love to watch him pruning here, planting there, with his faithful dog, Nigel, placidly laying on the path watching his master work. It all feels so relaxing and even therapeutic.

So out I go the next day, with the latest edition to our family, Maisie the rescue greyhound, at my side. I do a bit of planting here, pull up a weed there, whilst Maisie chomps through yet another of Stanley's prize geraniums. After an hour (about the time of the TV programme) I have had enough, and some-how that hour didn't seem as productive as Monty's hour!

However I have followed one of Monty's suggestions to the slug problem, that is to create a "Frog Pond" in the border. I had a very large Tupperware bowl, left over from the 70's, which I let into the ground, put in some stones, a water plant, filled it up. Around the edge I put some suitable rocks and planted a fern to give the area a little je ne sais quoi!

Everything is perfect except for one thing – no frogs.

I found myself singing an old chorus we sang on Church Camps back in the day, "I cannot come to the banquet" – based on Luke Ch. 14 v. 15-24, many are invited to the wedding feast, but "don't bother" to come, and so they are left out and those who are just passing by, and the poor and lowly, all are brought in to enjoy the wonderful feast.

The seats are laid out in the church, the music group are tuned up, the coffee is on – the doors are open for all to come in, it is an open invitation to come and worship the only true God, our Saviour. And as a bonus – on 29th July the Baptismal Pool will be prepared, two people have already accepted Christ's invitation – is He inviting you to be Baptised? Come along and see what it's all about.

And if I find newts in my "Frog pond" – I won't be disappointed.

God bless you, and may you find peace and rest over this holiday time.

Dorothy.

Sunday Services for July/August 2018

Service is usually at 10am and includes Sunday School for children and young people.

JULY

Sunday 1st Community Day at Aylestone Hall Gardens – Aylestone 2018, service at 10.45am in the Park. (Please note there is no service in our building on this date.)

Sunday 8th Dave Sunman will be leading and preaching.
Theme: Acts 6:8 to 7:40.
Following the service there is a Bring & Share lunch.

Sunday 15th Service led by Maxine Elliott with Stephen Heygate Preaching. Theme: Acts 8:1-25
Service includes Communion.

Sunday 22nd Service led by Amanda Goodliffe with Graham Hill Preaching. Theme: Acts 8:26-40

Sunday 29th **BAPTISMAL SERVICE**
Service led by Maxine Elliott with Craig Sweeny-Essex Preaching.



AUGUST

Sunday 5th Service of Testimonies and worship led by Dorothy Mackley.

Sunday 12th Service led by Rachel Draper with David Basoah preaching.

Sunday 19th Stan Mackley will be leading and preaching.
Service includes Communion.

Sunday 26th Service led by Wendy Hall with Martin Pantling preaching.

Other Dates for July/August 2018

JULY

- Sunday 1st Aylestone 2018 at Aylestone Hall Gardens.
- Monday 2nd Deacons' Meeting.
- Thurs. 5th Community Lunch Club.
- Thurs. 12th The Open House.
- Sat. 21st Sausage supper at Robert Hall BC with the Parnell family Missionaries, 6.45 – 8.30pm.
- Sun. 29th Please note there will be NO Messy Church On that day.
- Sun. 29th Meeting for all those helping in HOLIDAY CLUB. 5pm.

AUGUST

- Mon. July 30th to Friday August 3rd. HOLIDAY CLUB
"Incredible Journeys" 9.45 – 12.15 each morning,
With BBQ and Service on Friday Evening.
- Tues. 14th, Wed. 15th, Thurs. 16th - HOLIDAY@HOME for 3rd. Age.
- Sat. 25th GARDEN PARTY to raise funds for SIGMA,
2- 4pm. Cream scones, cake stall, books etc.
Bouncy castle.
- Sun. 26th Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30 – 6pm.

Church Family News

Our sympathies to Ann Buxton and the family as Ann's sister, Pamela, passed away after a long illness.

Please remember Ruth Hopkins in your daily prayers. Ruth has been very poorly, and has decided that living at home has become too difficult and is now in Grey Ferrers Nursing Home.

Michael Gamble has been very unwell, we pray that his pain will be eased.

Also remember Paul Onions, in South Lodge Nursing Home, where he is being very well looked after, but longs to be back among us.

We are thrilled to welcome new members into our fellowship – Wendy Chapman, Lydia and Bulus Ezekiel, Richard Wiggins and Nicholas Kaba. May God bless them and make them a blessing to our fellowship.

Congratulations to Rachel and Tony Connor who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 10th.

We have said farewell to Janet Sterland who has moved to Litchfield to be near her son. We wish her happiness in her new life, and pray she will soon find a church who will welcome her into their fellowship.

Thanks to those who helped at the Coffee Morning on June 16th - £300 was raised for Church Funds, and a lovely morning was enjoyed by all.

*Loosing one glove is sorrow enough
But nothing compared with the pain
Of losing one glove
Discarding the other,
Then finding the first one again!*

(Piet Hein)

What's on for the 3rd Age in July/August 2018.

Community Lunch Club



Thursday July 5th / 19th.

There will then be a break for the Summer re-start: Thurs. 20th Sept.

Many thanks to those who give to the "loose change" collection each Lunch Club – we were able to send donations of £70 each to LOROS and SIGMA.

The Open House

Thursday July 12th.

The Open House will re-open after the summer break on Thurs. 13th Sept.



Tuesday Fellowship



Tuesday 10th July – Going out for lunch!

Tuesday Fellowship will re-start on Tues. 11th September.

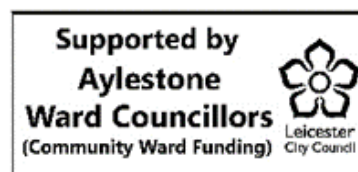
HOLIDAY@HOME 2018

Tuesday 14th Aug. 2- course lunch, followed by Crafts/games afternoon and finishing off with afternoon tea.

Wed. 15th Aug. 2-course lunch, followed by film show and finishing off with afternoon tea.

Thurs. 16th Aug. Luncheon cruise on the Nottingham Prince, River Trent.

The cost is £5 per session, and booking is essential.



Choirs & Cakes for CHRISTIAN AID



What a Musical Extravaganza!

The children's choir from Overdale School sang beautifully and with gusto, songs from various films, Daniel played piano, including accompanying Beth with the beautiful "Summertime", Nicholas played the sax, a soft jazz version of "Over the Rainbow" and duetted with Beth on "Song of Solomon", and the ABC CHOIR sang a range of songs, from spiritual to ABBA.



The evening rounded off with cakes, cakes and more cakes.

Many thanks to Beth Ellis for organising it all – playing, conducting, singing (and she made some cakes) – this event, and our Church collections raised £1,181.55 for Christian Aid.



Smile-a-while.....

Spotted on the back window of a car “Second Book of Kings, Chapter 9 verse 20”.

The verse in question says: *“And the driving is like the driving of Jehu, son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously.”*

The wife of a Lancashire man died, and the inscription he chose for her headstone was: “LORD, SHE IS THINE”.

When he visited the grave he found the stone read:

“LORD, SHE IS THIN”.

He went back to the stonemason and told him he had left out an E. The craftsman apologized and said he would correct it.

When the husband next visited the grave the inscription read:

“EE LORD, SHE IS THIN”

Question? What’s the difference between Ignorance and Apathy?

Answer: I don’t know and I don’t care !

Mrs. Willencot was very frugal. When her husband died, she asked the newspaper how much it would cost for a short obituary. “It costs £2 for 5 words.” “Can I pay for just 2 words?” she asked – “Willencot dead.” “No. £2 is the minimum. You still have 3 words.”

Mrs. Willencot thought for a moment – “Volvo for sale.”

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME in aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

July 10 th	Richard Chapman
July 21 st	Grace Elliot - Happy 21 st !
July 23 rd	Maxine Elliot
July 27 th	Sarah Brazier
July 29 th	Angela Wafforne

August 2 nd	Teddy Gent-Craston
August 4 th	Sophie Gray
August 4 th	Aran Johnson Muskore
August 10 th	Annette Johnson
August 18 th	Stanley Mackley
August 28 th	Jude Randall



If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme, please see Denise Vernon, who will send you a card on your birthday, with an envelope enclosed for you to make a donation to the Missionary Society. Thank you to all who share their special day with those in need.

Improvements to the Church Sanctuary

At a recent Church meeting it was agreed that the following improvements will be done as soon as possible:



A “suspended ceiling” to improve acoustics and insulation.

Secondary Double glazing on all windows.

Blinds on all windows.

Replacing all bulbs with LED lights.

We hope the work will take place with as little disruption to Church Services as possible.

Pentecost Sunday



The Birthday of the Church !

In true birthday fashion there were balloons, cake and fun!

The service was lively, and included a Bible reading in 12 different languages. Graham gave an inspirational message,

the worship “raised the roof” and then the balloons and party poppers caused joyful chaos.

There were burgers and salad for lunch, and a bouncy castle for the children. The weather was beautiful and it was lovely to sit in our Church garden and enjoy fellowship together.



Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian Church! - our church will celebrate 147 years of witness to the people of Aylestone later this year.



What an excellent evening it was on Sunday the 10th of June when we welcomed the Baptist President of Great Britain, the Revd David Gregory to Aylestone Baptist Church.

David recalled his time here in Leicester when he was a young student, a scientist at the University of Leicester studying physics and astrophysics.

It was while David was in Leicester studying that he found his reconnection with his Christian faith after being challenged one day by a student colleague who asked him, "Are you a Christian?" (David was an atheist when he started university) this stopped David in his tracks and as he began to think about the wonder of God, the greatness of God.

David's message on the evening was from the book of Job, where God answered Job about the greatness of God.

In his newly renewed Christian faith David searched for a church to attend and it was



at this time David, together with his girlfriend (who became his wife), Caroline, came to Aylestone Baptist Church in the early part of the 1980's and worshipped with us on a regular basis when the Rev Brian Thomas was the minister here at ABC.

David spoke about starting small for God. The importance of one to one in our conversation with people, for it's God who blesses the small things that bring Him glory and bigger things follow.

Who would have foreseen this young man studying in Leicester as a physicist struggling with his faith would one day become a church leader, minister and the leader of the Baptist Union. Praise God.

Hear more of David's talk at www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk/media

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask

Seek

Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
 U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L
 O R R K P U J I U R Z D C K O
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 O Q K I F B E K P I V J E L A
 N M M W N M J J P V W E M Y P

FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK



Jesus prayed for His friends.

Use the code to find some of His words.

=A	=E	=I	=M	=Q	=U	=Y
=B	=F	=J	=N	=R	=V	=Z
=C	=G	=K	=O	=S	=W	
=D	=H	=L	=P	=T	=X	

He said,

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Poetry Corner....



Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues to tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word;
What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy with other work than His?
What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him and hasten His return?

Taken from a book of prayers by children:

Dear God,
I know it says turn the other cheek but what if your sister hit
you on the eye. Love Ben.

Dear God,
I didn't think orange went very good with purple until I saw the
sunset you made on Tues. That was cool. Eugene.

BMS Sausage Supper & Mission Meeting

Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church

Sat. 21st July 2018 6.45-8.30pm

**To welcome back to UK the Parnell family who have
served in Nepal for many years. Hear about their work as
you enjoy a Sausage Supper and fellowship.**

A variety of sausages & rolls provided



GARDEN PARTY

Aylestone Baptist Church

Saturday 25th August 2pm - 4pm



Bouncy Castle

Refreshments

Various Stalls....

Bric a Brac & Plants

Cakes & Books,

Preserves, etc...

All proceeds from the Garden Party go to... **SIGMA**

Supporting India Gospel Ministries Akividu.

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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

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club
11.00am Seniors Bible Study (Fortnightly)
5.00pm Urban Saints (5pm, 6pm & 7.15pm / 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 age group. (Fortnightly)
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to Open House)
6.30pm Thursday Young People's Meeting
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

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