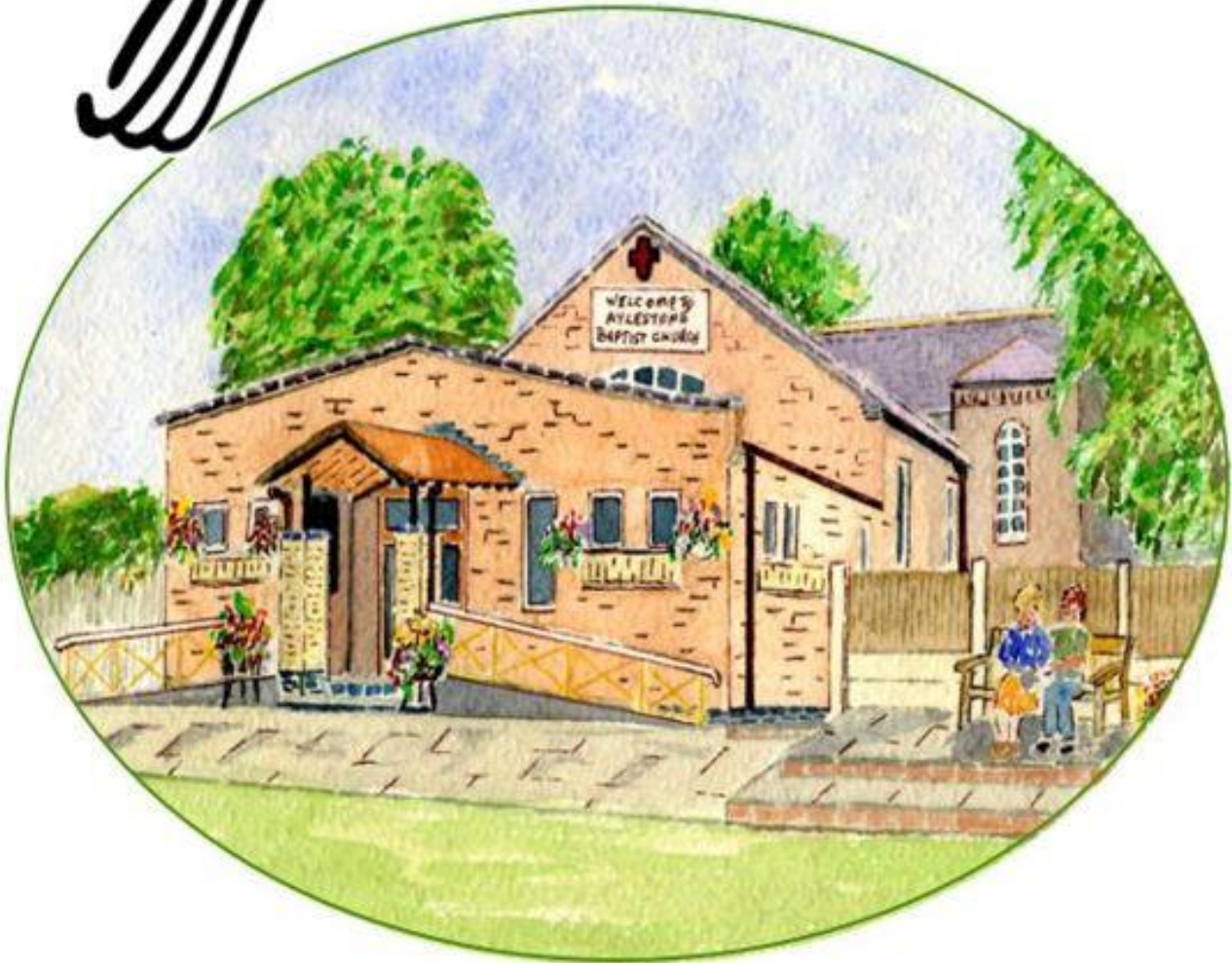




Aylestone Baptist Church  
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**November & December  
2018  
Church Magazine**

## Letter from the Editor.

Dear friends,

I recently found myself in panic mode (something I don't usually experience) as so many things seemed to have piled up – things that needed doing immediately or at least a.s.a.p. Everything was whirling round in my head, when the doorbell rang – someone needed a chat. What do I do – say “I'm sorry, I'm busy just now”, or invite them in? Well, the kettle went on and after an hour of talking of this and that, I came back to my tasks with my head strangely clear, and set about steadily making my way through the tasks that had seemed insurmountable that morning.

Christmas is coming and it is easy to find ourselves wound up with producing the “Perfect Christmas Day” as portrayed by the M & S or John Lewis adverts on TV. Many times, after the special day, I have spoken with people who have “shopped till they dropped”, prepared food enough for thousands, and when asked how it had gone got the answer “alright”. Just alright! Would we dare, this Christmas, to have enough food without extravagance and waste, a meaningful and thoughtful present not a sack full of gifts we have been told we cannot do without, in other words, say NO to consumerism and do Christmas another way, (almost) stress free and making time for those we love.

Recently in Sunday worship we have been studying Ephesians, and in Stan's sermon on Ephesians Ch.3 we looked at the words in verse 10 :  
***“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

For sure those in the Heavenly Realms must have wondered why the “darling of Heaven” should be sent to earth to die for humankind. So this Christmastime let us treat this celebration with the respect it deserves – in a way that demonstrates to the Heavenly Realms that God made the right, the only choice, in sending Jesus down to earth to be born on that first Christmas Day.

God bless you each one, *Dorothy*

## **Sunday Services for November/December 2018**

Service is normally at 10am and includes Sunday School for children 4-16 years. A creche is available.

### **NOVEMBER**

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Maxine Elliott with Martin Gage Preaching. Ephesians 4:1-16.
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>                      REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
Led by Stan Mackley with Jill Walton – service includes the act of Remembrance.  
Ephesians 4: 17-32
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Lucy Satchell with Alistair Gibb Preaching. Ephesians 5: 1-20.  
Service includes Communion and there will be a Church Meeting immediately after the Service.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Ben Kaba with Graham Hill preaching.  
Ephesians 5: 21- 6:9

### **DECEMBER**

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Service led by Dorothy Mackley with Dianne Tidball Preaching. Ephesians 6: 10-24.
- 4.30pm **ADVENT SERVICE** with other churches in Aylestone.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Maxine Elliott with Freddie Damalie Preaching. Luke 1: 26-38  
**Carols in the Park** at Aylestone Hall Gardens, 4pm.
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Amanda Goodliffe with David Basoah Preaching. Luke 1: 39 – 56.  
Service includes Communion.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Service led by Donna Nicholls with Maxine Elliott  
Preaching. Luke 1: 57 – 80

6.30pm **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
led by Stan Mackley & followed by mince pies.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CAROLS FOR KIDS** 4.30pm Led by Beth Ellis.

**Midnight Communion** starting at 11.30pm  
Led by Stan Mackley.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Led by Wendy Hall.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Service led by Susanna Damalie with Sam Dunn  
Preaching. Luke 2: 21 -29.

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### **Cameron's great adventure:**

17 year old Cameron Bruce has signed up with Camps International to do charity work in Costa Rica. This may include conservation and environmental protection issues such as reforestation efforts and wildlife conservation, interacting with local communities etc.



This will be a potentially life changing experience for Cameron, and the 'learning' side of it has already begun as he has to raise £4000 to fund the trip. Cameron has been working hard – cleaning cars, dog sitting, car boot sales, cake sales (with a little help from his dad!), and has raised £2,200. The remaining £1,800 has to be raised by March 2019. Cameron will be showing a short video about the project during the service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, and he will have a stall to raise funds after the service, so please make sure you come prepared so that we can bless Cameron and help him achieve this dream.

## Other Dates for NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

### NOVEMBER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup>

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup>

Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup>

Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>

### Launch of Church Family Night.

The Open House.

EMBA Day at Mansfield Rd. Baptist Church, Notts.

Teaching on the Holy Spirit led by Graham Hill, 6pm.

Deacons' Meeting.

Community Lunch Club.

The Open House.

Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate. 4.30pm

**FILM : "The Shack" - 5pm.**

### DECEMBER

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** – come along and buy your Christmas presents, and have a lovely lunch and a Visit to Santa in his Grotto.

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrews Church.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADVENT SERVICE** – 4.30pm.

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Gateway Club Nativity Play & Carol Service 7.15pm.**

Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Open House.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

**CAROLS in the PARK** – 4pm at Aylestone Hall Gdns.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Deacons' Meeting.

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup>

Lunch Club **CAROL SERVICE & CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
12 -o-clock.

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup>

**CAROLS in the PUB** at the Black Horse, 7.30pm.

Mon. 17<sup>th</sup>

Film Afternoon and tea for 3<sup>rd</sup> Age.

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT** – 6.30pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

**CAROLS for KIDS**

**11.30 – Late night Communion Service.**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE 9.30am.**

Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>

Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm

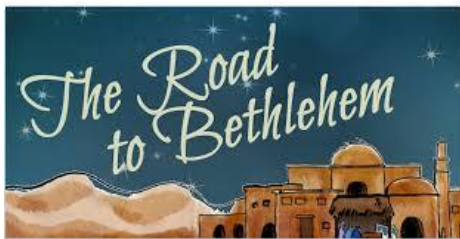




**A New Weekly Innovative  
For The Whole Family....**

Starting Friday 2nd November  
from 6.30pm till 8.00pm every Friday  
Aylestone Baptist Church  
Cost £1.00 per Family for all ages  
Fellowship  
Games Include:  
Table Tennis, Snooker, Scrabble, Cards  
Hot Dogs for 50p  
Tuck Shop

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Come, let's walk along the road that leads to Bethlehem,  
I'll take you as you are, and you take me as I am.  
And we'll forget our differences, and learn to look within  
Each other's heart until we see an unforgotten friend.

Let's walk the road to Bethlehem together, side by side,  
You forget your anger, and I'll forget my pride  
And we will make the years roll back, to when we both were young,  
I'll write a song for us to sing, that never has been sung.

This is a night when angel wings softly brush one's cheek,  
And every heart is filled with joy, too wonderful to speak,  
When broken hearts are mended, and doubting hearts believe,  
Down the road to Bethlehem upon this Christmas eve.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

We share the sadness of those of our Church Family who are hurting at this time.

Teresa Sleight's mum passed away quite suddenly, although she had ongoing illness. Family were able to come together from near and far to celebrate her life which was a great blessing to all. Please uphold Teresa in your prayers, especially as she supports her father.

Freddie Damalie's mum passed away, in Ghana. It has been desperately hard for Freddie and Susanna and the children to be so far away at this sad time. Freddie will be flying over for the funeral, please pray for strength for him, it is bound to be difficult.

We ask God's blessing on all our fellowship who have family in far away places, especially as Christmas time approaches.

We pray for healing for Shirley Gray who is not well at all.

Please remember Paul Onions and Ruth Hopkins, both in Residential Homes and comfortable but missing the fellowship.

Congratulations to Donna Nichols who has gained her MA in Clinical Nutrition and will now be looking for a permanent position as a Paediatric Consultant.

We are blessed to have Jean Dixon join our fellowship "officially" as she was made a member in October. God bless you Jean.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Harvest collection. There was a huge amount of food and toiletries and these were shared between The Gilmorton Estate Food Bank and the South Wigston Salvation Army Food Bank. Both groups were very grateful for the goodies which will be a great blessing to local people.



Congratulations to St Andrews Church who are celebrating their 800 year Anniversary. The year of events begin on St. Andrews Day, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## **BMS Church Partners**

We now have three new contacts for BMS Church Partnerships



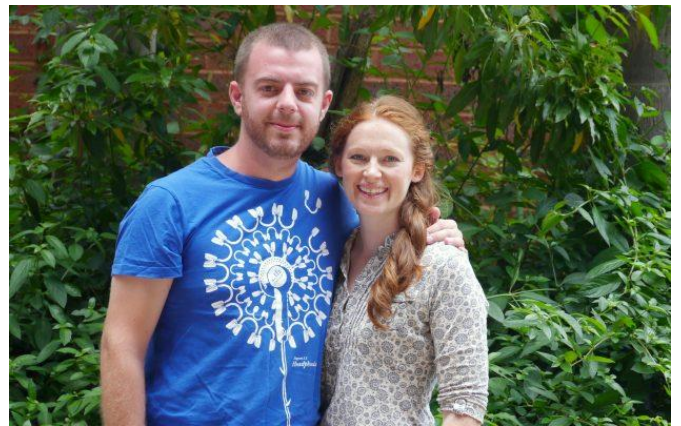
### **Chris and Debbie Carter in Tirana, Albania**

Both teachers in a Christian secondary school and also involved in a project enabling marginalised groups to access healthcare.

**Check out their blog at [bmsworldmission.org/cdcarter](https://bmsworldmission.org/cdcarter)**

### **Joe and Lois Ovenden in Uganda and their two children Connie and Reuben**

They work alongside local communities in post-conflict northern Uganda. Building livelihoods through development programmes.



**Check out their blog at [bmsworldmission.org/jlovenen](https://bmsworldmission.org/jlovenen)**



### **John and Sue Wilson in France**

They have been long term missionaries in France since 1988. They serve now in Lyon. They helped to develop a thriving church with a cosmopolitan congregation , supporting many students and young people. They continue to grow their ministry with running Alpha and marriage courses.

**Check out their blog at [bmsworldmission.org/jswilson](https://bmsworldmission.org/jswilson)**

Please look at the notice board in the church lounge for more detailed information and for points for prayer.

BMS supports people all around our world so please continue to pray for all that



## A Passion for Jesus and Fellowship with the bikers:



In September we were fortunate enough to be on holiday at the Christian holiday site, Spring Harvest, in Le Pas Opton which is in the Vendee region of France.

We were told the previous year that the last week at Le Pas Opton was a week given over to bikers, our immediate thought was cyclists, on push bikes, but how wrong we were. These bikers were bikers with big bikes, like the Harley Davidson's, Honda's, Triumph's, e.g. with big engines.

On the Monday they arrived, we were having drinks at the onsite café at Le Pas Opton when we heard this roaring thunderous loud noise followed by twenty to thirty bikers arriving on site in their leathers. On the backs of their leather jackets, many of the bikers displayed large white crosses to show that they were followers of Our Lord Jesus..

Over the week, the bikers led the daily worship, they told their testimonies on how they were saved by the powerful name of Jesus, they led bible studies and preached the word of God to all on site, One song in particular "I'm no longer a Slave to sin, I am a child of God" was a great favourite where they raised the roof and the room shook with their voices in praise.

It was an amazing blessing to everyone, in the final week at Le Pas Opton. Sharing our faith, praying together, sharing stories of the work being done back home in the name of Jesus.

The bikers come from all over the UK and Ireland for this one week a year sharing the greatness of God and sharing how lives are being changed through the name of Jesus. their moto is "A passion of sharing the Christian gospel".

You can follow them and their passion for Jesus by visiting their website:

<https://bike.org.uk>

*Mike & Diane Bland*

## What's on for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age in November/December:

### The Lunch Club

Dates for November/December:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS LUNCH,  
starts with Carol Service at 12-o'clock.

Re-opening after the Christmas break:  
on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### The Open House



Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Re-opening after the Christmas break:  
on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Tuesday Fellowship

Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas readings & carols  
followed by Christmas Lunch.

Re-opening after the Christmas break:  
on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### FILM AFTERNOON



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm,  
followed by Festive tea.  
Please book by adding your name  
to the list.  
This is a **FREE EVENT**.

## **BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME** in aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Happy Birthday and Thank You to:

November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lee Wafforne - Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Lee !

“ 5<sup>th</sup> Wendy Hall

“ 6<sup>th</sup> Amy Craston

“ 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Elliott

“ 10<sup>th</sup> Carl Chapman

“ 27<sup>th</sup> Sam Elliot.



December 6<sup>th</sup> Sue Craston

“ 11<sup>th</sup> Hannah Mackley

“ 18<sup>th</sup> Isabelle Tait.

“ 22<sup>nd</sup> Chris Sayer.

If you haven't already joined the Birthday Scheme, please consider it for the new year – just give your details to Denise Vernon, who will send you a BMS Birthday Card on the day, plus an envelope for a donation. What a lovely way to celebrate your special day.

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## **SIGMA , India**

Many thanks to those who supported the recent Family Quiz Night. 30 folks came along and enjoyed the challenge of the questions – especially challenging was the “Identify the bird” question, when the colours didn't come true on the screen, and the shapes were somewhat elongated, but still Steve Gray got most of them right.

The hot dogs and cakes went down a treat and, together with donations, £200 was raised for SIGMA.

Please uphold Yesupadam and the team as they prepare for the Christmas celebrations in Akividu – hosting about 3,000 people for the children's performances, and feeding everyone after, on the week before Christmas, and at least 2000 people on Christmas Day, also giving them all a good curry, and giving out blankets to the old people.

The team there at the church do all the work, but it is our money that makes it possible. Many thanks for the kindness of all who support this ministry.



# Christmas Market

Saturday 1st December 10.30am-1.30pm

Aylestone Baptist Church

There are many stalls to browse....

Home Made Cakes - Hand-Made Crafts - Jewellery

Bric-a-Brac  
& More....

Home Cooked  
Lunches  
From 11.00am



Visit Santa in his Grotto  
£1.50 per Child



# *Christmas Quiz*

*Challenge your guests on Christmas Day:*

- 1) The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas Flower, originates from which country ?
- 2) In which fictional land was it “always winter but never Christmas” ?
- 3) What day does Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, start ?
- 4) What breed of dog is Santa’s Little Helper in the Simpsons ?
- 5) What did the Grinch want to steal in the 2000 American Comedy Film ?
- 6) In which Christmas film does Buddy accidentally learn that he is Human ?
- 7) Which famous scientist born on Christmas Day was the first Scientist to be buried in Westminster Abbey in London ?
- 8) In the Christmas Song “Jingle Bells”, how many horses pulled the sleigh ?
- 9) A year contains 365 days so on what number day does Christmas Day fall ?
- 10) What is the most common gift received from a Christmas Cracker?
- 11) Rudolph the red nosed reindeer had a red nose, but did he have Antlers ?
- 12) Santa’s nine reindeer share how many hooves ?

(Answers on the last page)

## NAZARETH - Home Town of Jesus

The word “Nazareth” has the root meaning of “blossoming” or “guarding”. There the child Jesus grew in stature, as other children do, and in knowledge and in favour both with God and man, as none other has ever done, under the careful guardianship of Mary and Joseph. Nazareth was an agricultural settlement in the Iron Age. Remains of cisterns, mills and oil presses have been found, and grain stores, often six feet deep and connected by underground passages.



The town suffered under many invaders. It was destroyed by the Romans during the Jewish Revolt of AD66-67. The Crusader, Tancred, built churches, Saladin captured the town, and the Mameluk Bibars so devastated Nazareth in 1263 that it lay nearly desolate for some 400 years before Christians were allowed to resettle there. Later the town was taken by Napoleon’s troops briefly, then the Turks, the British and in 1948, by Israeli troops.

There is no mention of Nazareth in the Old Testament, and Jesus is often pictured as leading a sheltered youth, untouched by the outside world, but Nazareth is only three miles from Sepphoris, Herod’s capital of Galilee until AD18, and the greatest city in all Galilee according to Josephus. There Jesus could have seen some of the life familiar to us from His teaching – a judge in court, a prison, soldiers, tax-collectors, even a king who made a marriage feast for his son. It is an ironic sidelight of history that because of Jesus, Sepphoris is now an insignificant village, while Nazareth is world famous!

From the hills above Nazareth the boy Jesus would have seen the places He had heard about in the synagogue school: Mount Carmel, where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, Jezreel the place of Naboth’s vineyard and Queen Jezebel’s death, and Giboa where Saul and Jonathan were killed by the Philistines. From the hills he would see the sea, the plain of Esdraelon and, far to the north, the town of Safed, a city set on a hill which could not be hidden, with the snowy peaks of Hermon beyond.

When H.V.Morton visited Nazareth in 1934, he found a whole street of carpenters, some making the characteristic Galilee cradle on wooden rockers, others shaping simple ploughs, yokes, ox-goads and winnowing fans, squatting on the ground and using primitive tools. Carpenters would contract to make and keep in repair all the agricultural tools of a village, collecting their pay at harvest time in olives, barley, wheat or sesame.





Nazareth is now dominated by the huge modern Basilica of the Annunciation. Excavations before it was built discovered remains of Crusader and Byzantine churches, and below these, traces of a very early synagogue-church, used by Jewish Christians with Greek inscriptions such as "Christ, Son of God."

Tradition tells us that the family of Jesus remained in Nazareth, and the martyr Conon, in the third century declared in his defence, "I am of Nazareth, a relative of the Lord, whom I serve, as did my ancestors here."

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### **The Gold Wrapping Paper**

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.



# Merry Little Christmas



ANGEL  
BELLS  
BLESSED  
CAROLS  
CHILDREN  
COMFORT  
DING DONG  
FAMILY

FESTIVE  
GLAD  
GREETINGS  
HOPE  
JINGLE  
JOLLY  
JOYFUL  
LIGHTS

MIRACLE  
MUSIC  
PEACE  
REJOICE  
SHINING  
SINGING  
THANKFUL





# Carols in the Park

Sunday 9th December

Aylestone Hall Gardens

Starting at 4.00pm

“Celebrate the Christmas Story,  
with music accompanied by  
Southfields Brass Band  
& Choirs from Aylestone Churches”

Bring a Torch....

Free Hot Drinks & Mince Pies will be available.

“Donations to Local Charities Welcomed”



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# Carols in the Pub

The Black Horse Pub

Narrow Lane, Aylestone.

Thursday 13th December

Starting at 7.30pm

With Carols & Readings

Accompanied by....

The Wigston Enterprise Band

Refreshments will be on sale.

In support of Christian Aid &

The Rainbows Children's Hospice



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## Answers to the Christmas Quiz:

1) Mexico 2) Narnia. 3) Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. It ends on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4) Greyhound. 5) Christmas 6) Elf. 7) Sir Isaac Newton. 8) One. 9) 359. 10) A hat (every cracker has a hat). 11) Yes, he did. 12)Thirty Six (36).

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## Boxing day left-overs potato cakes:

Mix together mashed potato, chopped up parsnips, brussels. Fry some rashers of smoked streaky bacon, then chop this into small pieces and mix in with the veges. Season with salt and pepper. Dust your hands with plain flour, then mould the mixture into burger sized patties and fry in oil over a medium heat until golden brown (about 5 mins per side).

(Other left-over veg. will work just as well). Serve with poached or fried egg.

Yummy!

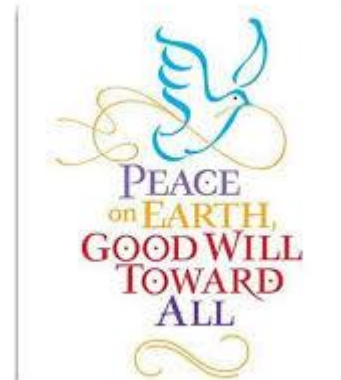
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## The way to a better world

We can only live in peace  
When we learn to love each other  
And accept all human beings  
With the compassion of a brother...

It takes the Christ of Christmas  
To change man's point of view,  
For only through the Christ child  
Can all men be born anew....

So in the Christmas story  
Of the Holy Christ Child's birth  
Is the answer to a better world  
And good will and peace on earth.



# 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 (5pm, 6pm & 7.15pm / Boys & Girls Club from Ages 4 – 18)

### Wednesday

7.30pm Gateway Club

### Thursday

11.00am The Open House. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

6.30pm Church Family Night



**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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