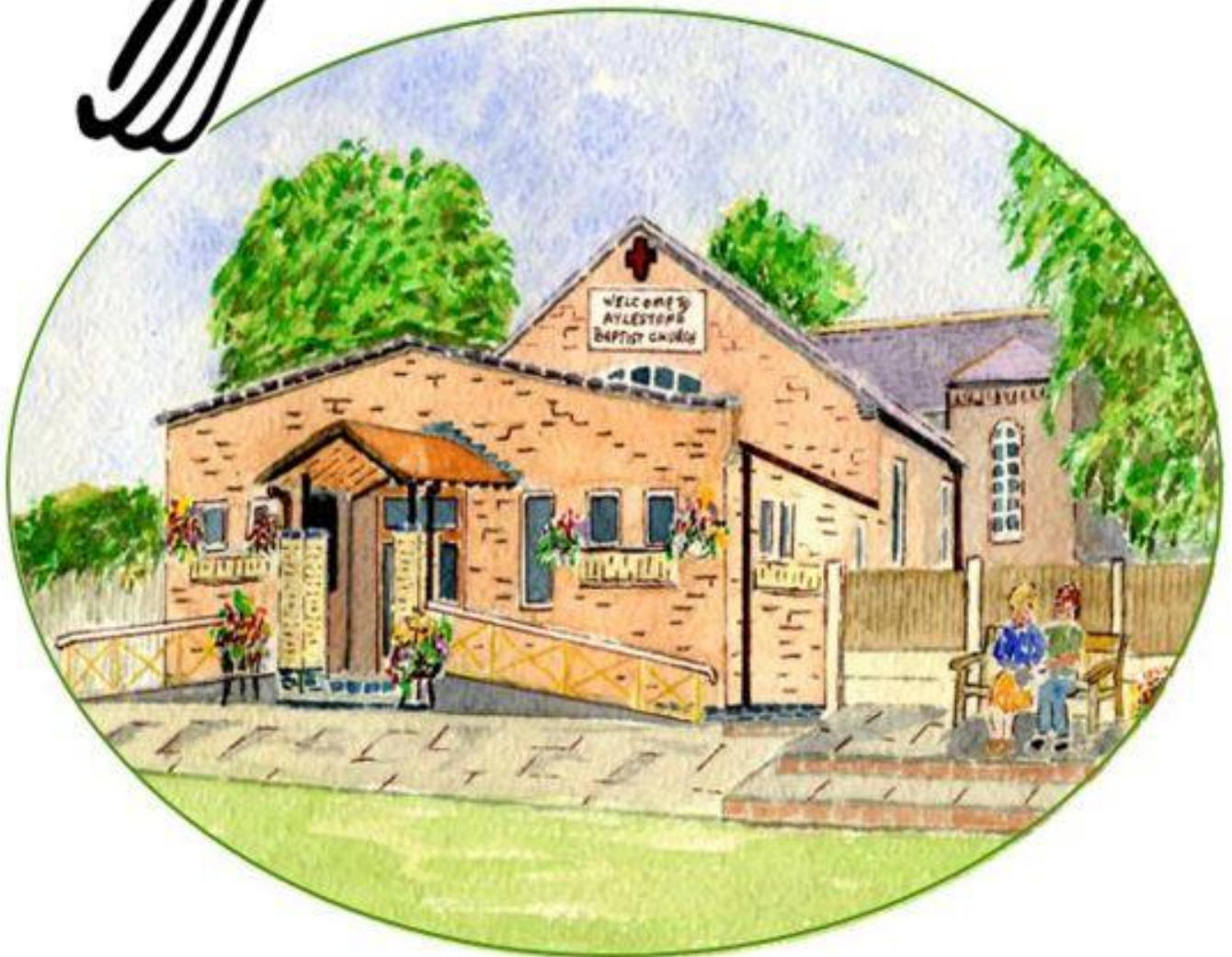




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**January & February
2019
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor.

Well here it is – 2019! We made it! It really doesn't seem two minutes since we were contemplating the New Millennium – with its predictions of the end of the world, the computers crashing and planes falling from the sky. Those much earlier ideas that by the year 2000 we would be flying down to the Supermarket rather than driving, and all wearing those silver all-in-one cat suit type clothes, which quite appealed at the time – not so much these days! None of that came to pass, and here we are – 2019.

We had a visit over the Christmas period from our Yorkshire based daughter and her 2 spaniels. This delighted our greyhound, Maisie, and it was great to see the dogs running and chasing across the meadows – running for the sheer joy of running. JOY – it is a Gift of the Spirit that we don't often focus on, but this Christmastime I felt my heart filled with joy as I had the privilege of attending all our special Christmas services, from the moving Gateway Service to hundreds at Carols in the Park, from the reflective Carols by Candlelight to the energetic, full on Carols for Kids, and more in between as you will see further on in this magazine.

Despite the gloomy predictions over Brexit, despite the cloud of sadness due to local tragedy, even despite the debilitating pain in my shoulder, I experienced the JOY of Christmas, but the wonderful thing is, **JOY** is not just for Christmas – it's for **LIFE**! The sheer **JOY** of knowing Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

May there be "Joy to the World", no matter what 2019 throws at us, and I commend the words from Romans Ch. 8 v. 37 -39 to hold on to throughout the coming year:

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all Creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God bless us all in 2019

Dorothy

Sunday Services for January/February 2019

Service is usually held at 10am each Sunday and includes Sunday School and a creche area.

January

Sun. 6th Service led by Freddie Damalie with Martin Pantling preaching.
Theme: Exodus 2: 1-10

Sun. 13th Service led by Revd Pam Bryan who will also be preaching.
Theme: Exodus 2: 11-25

Sun. 20th Service led by Dorothy Mackley with Revd Mark Burleigh, Hospital Chaplain, preaching. Theme: Exodus 3: 4-17.
Service includes Communion.

Sun. 27th Service led by Lucy Satchell with Dave Billett preaching.
Theme: Exodus 12.

February

Sun. 3rd Service led by Donna Nicholls with Martin Gage preaching.
Theme: Exodus 13 – 14

Sun. 10th Service led by Freddie Damalie with Graham Hill preaching.
Theme: Exodus 16.

Sun. 17th Service led by Wendy Hall with Arnold Jacob of Barnabas Fund For Persecuted Christians. Theme: Exodus 19.
Service includes Communion.

Sun. 24th Service led by Maxine Elliott with Revd Tim Fergusson preaching.
Theme: Exodus 25.

OTHER DATES FOR JAN/FEB 2019

JANUARY

Thursday	10 th	The Open House
Saturday	12 th	Induction of new minister to Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church, 3pm.
Thursday	17 th	Community Lunch Club.
Friday	18 th	Church Family Night re-opens.
Saturday	19 th	Leics. Baptists in Mission Meeting, 12 -3pm, here at Our church. Guest speaker Jane Edwards, who has been working In Mozambique with BMS World Mission. Soup and drinks available, please bring a sandwich etc. to complete your lunch – see poster P4
Sunday	20 th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Service at St. Edwards Catholic church, 4pm.
Sunday	20 th	Film: The Shack – 7pm. See poster P11
Thursday	24 th	The Open House.
Sunday	27 th	4.30pm Messy Church at Gilmorton Est.
Thursday	31 st	Community Lunch Club.
Thursday	31 st	7pm Aylestone Ward Community meeting at our Church.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday	6 th	Gateway Club Service.
Thursday	7 th	The Open House.
Thursday	14 th	Community Lunch Club.
Thursday	21 st	The Open House.
Saturday	23 rd .	QUIZ NIGHT with hot dogs & cakes, 6 - 7.30pm. funds to SIGMA. Look out for tickets soon!
Sunday	24 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm.
Thursday	28 th	Community Lunch Club.



Leicester Baptists in Mission

New Year Lunchtime Mission Meeting



Guest speaker:

Jane Edwards

*who has been working with BMS World Mission in Justice
Ministry as a lawyer in Mozambique*

Saturday 19 January 2018 12.00 – 3.00pm

at Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road, Leicester LE2 8PE

*Soup and drinks provided, bring your own
sandwiches*

Looking back over December, the lead up to Christmas at ABC & the Community of Aylestone

The Christmas Market



Christmas shoppers browsing & buying and Father Christmas very popular with the young children and parents at the Christmas Market – over £1,200 was raised for church funds.

Churches Together Advent Service

St Andrew's and Aylestone Baptist choirs joined together on the first Sunday of Advent in a Service that saw members from all the Churches in Aylestone join together in celebrating the start of Advent



The Gateway Club



Great fun with “the 12 Days of Christmas” as you’ve never seen it! plus the Nativity with the ever popular Dancing Angels. Thanks to the ABC choir for their support.



Babies & Tots

Party food after a good old bounce on the bouncy castle at the Babies & Tots Christmas Party. Beth also led a Christmas Service featuring hunt the figures from the Christmas Nativity set.



Carols in the Park & Carols in the Pub 2018



These events were again organised by Spirit of Aylestone Group

Well over 400 hundred people came along and enjoyed Carols in the Park in Aylestone Hall Gardens, lighting up the carol sheets with tiny, colourful finger torches which added to the atmosphere. Thanks are due to Leicester City Council for funding, and the Bowls Club for facilitating hot drinks and hot mince pies.

Also funded by Leics. City Council was Carols in the Pub, held at The Black Horse. Over 150 people sang heartily under the marquees, led by the Southfields Brass Band.

Comments: a lady from Leeds "I was visiting my daughter last year and came along – had to come specially this year as I loved it so much." a couple recently moved into Broughton Astley – "We googled a good place to eat and came along not knowing this was on – it was fantastic, it has made our Christmas."

Thursday Community Christmas Lunch Club.



We held a Carol Service, which featured the children's choir from Granby Primary School, and was followed by a traditional Christmas Dinner. The whole event was enjoyed by all.

Carols by Candlelight



Featured meditations on aspects of the Christmas story, interspersed with congregational carols, the choir, and also a recorder quartet who played the haunting Coventry Carol.





The 3rd Age Film afternoon

was thoroughly enjoyed, and followed by a scrumptious Festive Tea, supplied by ASDA- our thanks to Debbie and the team at ASDA for their continued support of our work.

Carols for Kids

A church packed with toddlers, parents and grandparents, enjoyed the Christmas Story as told by 3 “old ladies” who observed the goings-on at the Inn. Oh dear – Gertie got it wrong when they were knitting gifts for the baby!



Children dressed up to make a charming Nativity scene, and Beth told the story from the donkey’s point of view – working hard for the Lord, then

standing back and giving Him the glory. A lesson for us all from the Christmas Eve Carols for Kids.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Later that night, at the Midnight Communion, we sat around the manger, reflected, then when we lit candles in the manger, a wonderful light rose up – the glow from the manger piercing the darkness. Thank you Stan for a very moving communion service.



Christmas Day



Pass the Parcel at the Christmas Morning Service had a special meaning as Rachel Draper told the Nativity Story through the different wrapping paper.

Many people worked extremely hard to make these Christmas events possible. Too many to name, but special thanks to Wendy Hall and the team who decorated the church so beautifully, to Beth Ellis for playing at all the services and training the choir, to Lee Wafforne for all the beautiful images on the screen, and to Mike Bland who designed and organised all the publicity.

THE SHACK

SHOWING AT 7PM ON
SUNDAY JANUARY 20TH
AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH



Refreshments are available.. Donations are Appreciated.

CHARITY MONEY SENT IN DECEMBER

SIGMA

Christmas Card Board	67.54
Gateway Club Nativity Service	144.63
Carols for Kids Service	106.88
Lunch Club	62.74
Total of	£382.79

With over £1400 from gift aid and regular donations we were able to send £2180 to India in December.



The following E-mail was sent from Rev. Yesupadam in Akividu, India

“We wish You A Happy and Blessed New Year to You and Your Family and all the Church Families. We pray our Almighty God Richly bless You and Guide You in a fruitful way throughout 2019. God help our SIGMA Project for the poor Children and untouchable people and winning more souls for Christ.

I will increase the number of people and animals living on you, and they will be fruitful and become numerous. I will settle people on you as in the past and will make you prosper more than before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 36:11

Yours Indian Family, Rev.Dr.I.Yesupadam.”

Also from collections at Carols in the Park, Carols in the Pub and Lunch Club collection Box we sent the following amounts:

LOROS HOSPICE	£150
CHRISTIAN AID	£150
RAINBOWS CHILDREN’S HOSPICE	£150

B.M.S .Birthday Scheme

In aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

Jan. 8th Rachel Connor
Jan. 14th Barry Hall
Jan. 17th Jonathon Craston
Jan. 18th Cindy Elliott
Jan. 20th Rachel Vernon.

Feb. 2nd Paul Onions
Feb. 6th Joseph Elliott
Feb. 9th Rachel Craston
Feb. 15th Greg Chapman
Feb. 15th Jill Walton
Feb. 16th Mick Elliott.



If you wish to join the Birthday Scheme and share your day in this special way, please see Denise Vernon.

Let me be a Blessing.

*Forever longing to be free, to hear your voice so sweet..
To be a blessing in this world to others that I meet.*

*To kiss the face of a crying child and know it's you I see
Giving, caring every day -Lord work Your way in me.*

*To soften someone else's steps, to know it's not by chance..
That only You prepare the way and form each circumstance.*

(Jill Lemming.)

Smile-a-while

A Nursery teacher was observing her classroom while they were drawing.

She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



A small church was having a re-union. A former member who attended the celebration had become a millionaire. When he testified about how God had blessed him over the years, he related an incident from his childhood.

He said that when he earned his first shilling as a boy, he decided to keep it for the rest of his life. But then a guest missionary preached about the urgent need on the mission field. He struggled with his conscience about giving his shilling.

"At last" he said, "The Lord won." Then with a sense of pride he added "I put my treasured shilling into the collection plate. Now I am convinced that the reason God has blessed me so much is that when I was a little boy, I gave everything I possessed."

The congregation was awestruck at this testimony, until a lady near the front spoke up "I dare you to do it again."

At the end of each day, if it has been better than we expected, let us remember to thank God and not be like the man who was lost deep in the woods. Later, in describing the experience, he told how frightened he was and how he had even knelt down and beseeched God to help him. "Did God answer your prayer?" someone asked. "Oh, no" was the reply, "Before God had a chance, a guide came along and showed me the path."

What's on for 3rd Age for January/February 2019

Community Lunch Club

Open to all over 50 yrs. On the following days:

Thursday January 17th / 31st

Thursday February 14th / 28th

Coffee bar is open from 11am, 3-course lunch is served at 12.45, cost £5.

All welcome – no pre-booking necessary.



The Open House



Unlimited coffee & biscuits, knitting, board games, chatting, two course lunch - £3 per person. No pressure, just enjoy! 11am – 2pm.

Thursday January 10th / 24th

Thursday February 7th / 21st

The Tuesday Fellowship

Find a place of friendship and caring, where we look at how the Bible speaks to us today (and share a 2 course lunch after). 11am for coffee, 11.30 for discussion time.

Tuesday January 8th / 22nd

Tuesday February 5th / 19th.



God's plan.....



"The Paris doctor warned us that the baby would never reach full term, and without an abortion, he warned, my own life would be in danger.

Our ears took in the words; our minds refused them. Destroy the child we'd waited for? Thus, after three years of roaming Europe as travel writers, John and I hurried home to the specialist my anxious family had located in New York City.

Only to confront a second crisis. Two major New York newspapers had recently folded, scores of expert writers were out of work. The jobs we applied for had waiting periods before we could even get on a list.

Doctors' bills were mounting and the one resource we had, our writing experience, was worth nothing. The one resource, that is, that we knew about... We had no idea back then in 1950 about the all-sufficiency of God.

Our anxiety had reached the desperation point when John found a stop-gap job. Just until something better turned up, he was to be a reporter for a little sixteen-page religious pamphlet published out of a couple of hotel rooms. He thought the name was Guideposts.

"Religious?" I asked incredulously, "Did you tell them we don't go to church or anything?" He had, but the editor, a man named Len LeSourd, had simply smiled. "God has a plan for you John, no matter how hard you try to run from it."

The baby was born, full term and healthy – our son John Scott, now thirty-nine, a country music writer, a husband and father himself.

And John and I were launched on a lifetime of Christian writing – and the biggest travel adventure of all: the journey of faith.

"God has a plan for you....." It's true of every human being. Sometimes when you're deaf as John and I were, it takes seeming disaster to point it out."

(from Glimpses of His Glory by John and Elizabeth Sherrill)

New Year's Word Search

C F B E G I N N I N G F G Y O P R X C X
 C E R X Y R A U N A J O H N A H X B V L
 C L L A B T O O F M E O J O Y O P Z X I
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Words to Find!

BEGINNING	JANUARY	TIME	HAPPY	HOPE
CELEBRATIONS	FRIENDS	NEW	FAMILY	PLANS
EXPECTATIONS	MIDNIGHT	YEAR	PARTIES	FOOTBALL
RESOLUTIONS	HOLIDAY	JOY	FOOD	GAMES

Rules from God for 2019

1. Wake Up !

Decide to have a good day.

"Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalms 118:24



2. Shut up !

Say nice things and learn to listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

"He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3



3. Stand up!

For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

"Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."

Galatians 6:9-10



4. Look up!

To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13.



5. Reach up!

For something higher. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."*

Proverbs 3:5-6



6. Lift up!

Your prayers. *"Do not worry about anything, instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."*

Philippians 4:6



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. 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

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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