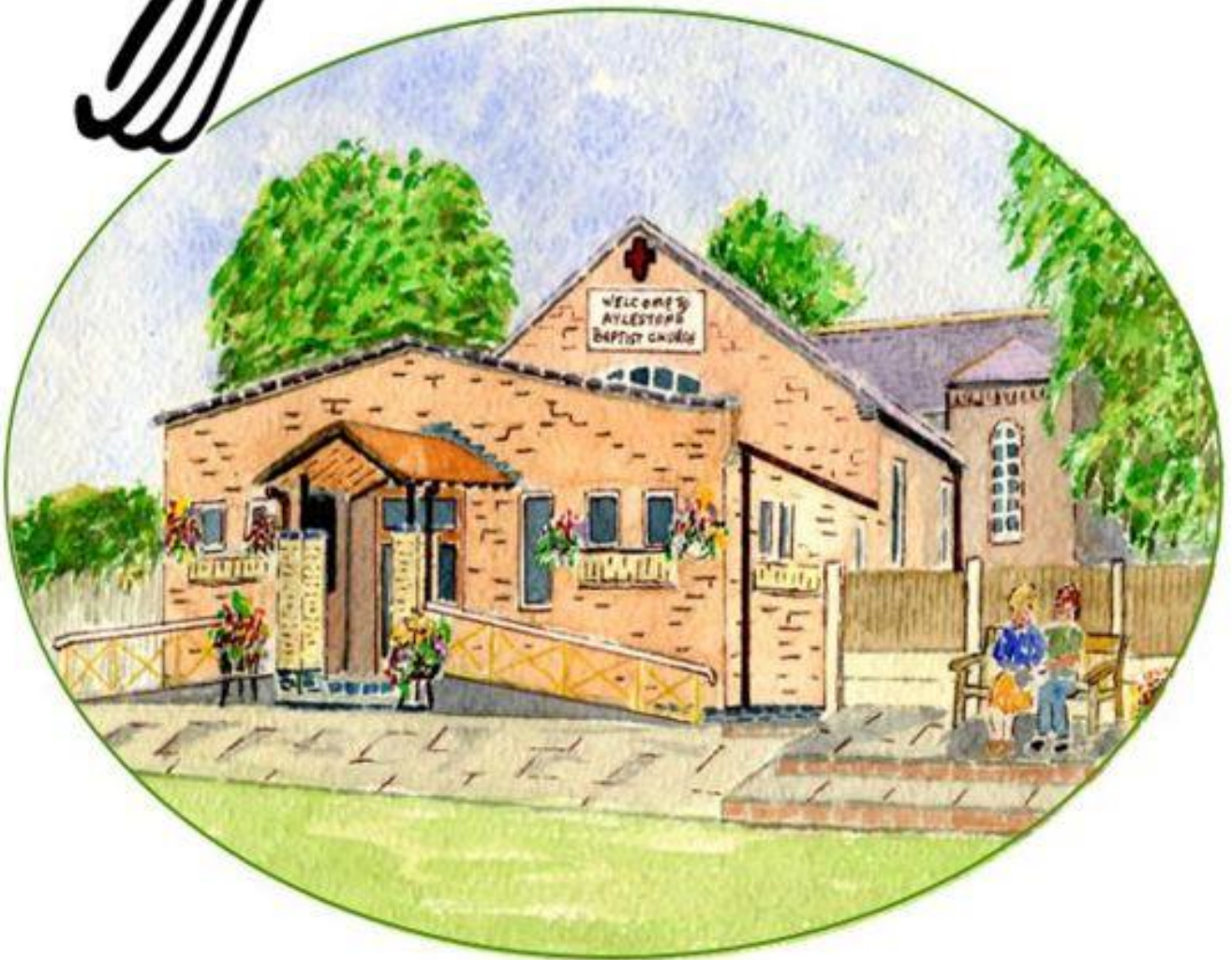




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**September & October
2019
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor...

I was set to thinking when, whilst talking of many things with a Christian friend, she commented that for Muslims their faith was a way of life. “But surely”, I said, “so is being a Christian.”

In many ways it is easier to follow a list of rules and regulations in order to live your life according to your faith, than to have to work out each day how to follow Jesus’ Commandment to “Love each other as I have loved you” (John 15:12) Where do we start?

I think the answer lies in John Ch. 14 v. 23 when Jesus says “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him.” What a wonderful image, God making His home with us. Not just being with God in Church, but sitting round the breakfast table before making off to the busyness of the day, or relaxing on the sofa before bedtime, mulling over the bills that drop through the letterbox, even God being there with us in our Facebook pages.

God making our home His home, God making His way of life our way of life, and being a part of our everyday, sometimes mundane life. When we sing that song “Abide with me” (the new song or even the traditional hymn) we are inviting God to be there in all things – to be our “way of life”.

The past two months, while our usual activities have not been running, God has been with abiding with us as we have shared some holiday fun events – what a great time we have had seeing God blessing some of the people in our community through these activities, with over 100 children each day at the Holiday Club and over 50 each day at Holiday@Home for the older folk. None of this could have happened without an army of volunteers. Thank you to all, and what a blessing it was to all those helpers because God was in the midst.

God bless you,

Dorothy.

Sunday Services during September/October 2019

Services are usually held at 10am and include Junior Church and creche facilities.

SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday 1 st | Worship led by Maxine Elliott with Martin Gage Preaching. |
| Sunday 8 th | Worship led by Lucy Satchell with Ellie Cockbill Preaching – Theme: Introduction to Romans. |
| Sunday 15 th | Worship led by Elaine Pantling with Ellie Cockbill Preaching. Theme: Romans 1: 1-18
Service includes Communion. |
| Sunday 22 nd | Worship led by Maxine Elliott with James Pate Preaching. Theme: Romans 1: 18 – 22. |
| Sunday 29 th | Worship led by Rachel Draper with Maxine Elliott Preaching. Theme: Romans 2: 1-3, 20.
Introduction to giving. |

OCTOBER

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| Sunday 6 th | HARVEST & GIFT DAY
Worship led by Wendy Hall with David Billett Preaching. Theme: Romans 3: 21 – 4:25 |
| Sunday 13 th | Worship led by Elaine Robinson. Reading: Romans 5
And including Testimonies. |
| Sunday 20 th | Worship led by Annette Johnson with Peter Vanlint Preaching. Theme: Romans 6.
Service includes Communion. |
| Sunday 27 th | Worship led by Graham Hill with Ellie Cockbill Preaching. Theme: Romans 7. |

Other Dates in September/October 2019

September

Sunday 1st **Bible Study** with Graham Hill – Ephesians. 6.30pm

Friday 6th Family Night re-starts. 6.30 – 8pm.

Thursday 12th Community Lunch Club

Saturday 14th “Stride & Ride”. Our church will be open for Refreshments for those taking part in the cycling And walking tour of Leicester churches.

Thursday 19th The Open House

Sunday 22nd Bible Study with Graham Hill, 6.30pm.

Thursday 26th Community Lunch Club

Sunday 29th Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate, 4.30pm.

October

Thursday 3rd The Open House

Thursday 10th Community Lunch Club

Sunday 13th Launch of **MESSY CHURCH** at ABC. Also 6.30pm **Bible Study** with Graham Hill.

Sunday 13th BMS Celebration Praise at Friar Lane & Braunstone 6.30pm. Speaker: Becky Hembery.

Thursday 17th The Open House

Thursday 24th Community Lunch Club

Saturday 26th Women’s Day Conference “Refresh”. At ABC, 9.30 – 4pm. Cost £15 includes lunch and refreshments. Booking essential.

Sunday 27th Messy Church at Gilmorton Est., 4.30pm.

Thursday 31st The Open House

Why are we doing a preaching series on Romans ?



Perhaps in Leicester we feel we know something about the Romans, having some significant Roman remains in our city, at Jewry Wall, but this series isn't about them!

We're going to be looking at St Paul's Letter to the Romans, probably written between 55-58AD. Paul had two purposes in writing it: to set the record of the Gospel straight – this had become distorted by off-centre teachings – and to involve the Roman church in his missionary call to Spain. Sadly, Paul never made it to Spain, being put to death in Rome. For this reason, please, whenever you holiday in Spain, remember St Paul and pray for Spain and its people.

Paul's letter to the Romans has been described as the fifth Gospel. Those of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John bore witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus: Romans bears witness to the life-changing power of Jesus. It's the most theologically profound of Paul's letters but also rich in practical insight for our everyday lives. Sometimes the letter puts us in touch with the wisdom of the ages, and at others, his message is so direct and contemporary, you might wonder if the ink on the pages has had time to dry! You might remember hearing recently of a Christian in America who was taken to court for non-payment of taxes. She was arguing that there was nothing in the Bible telling her to do so. She obviously hadn't read Romans chapter 13. If her lawyers and the judge had done so, it would have saved everyone a great deal of time and trouble.

Please note – I'm not quoting the relevant verses, so that you can find and read them for yourselves! My aim is for us all to get to know this whole letter really well – I'm sure it will help us grow as Christians. After its value was recognised, it was widely circulated, not just in Rome, but throughout the region. Clement, an official of the church in Rome, writing in around 96AD, so valued Paul's letter that he quotes it in such a way that indicates he probably knew it by heart. Be warned, however: the first few chapters are strong stuff. It's a good news/bad news letter, with the bad news coming first, that we're all sinners and under God's judgment, but it's not long before Paul tells us the good news, that God has seen us at our worst and yet still poured out His love upon us.

I do hope you enjoy journeying with me and other preachers through this powerful and amazing letter. Every blessing,

Ellie Cockbill, your moderator.

At this Harvest Time, here are some tips for the garden of your Daily Living.

Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind.
2. Peace of heart.
3. Peace of soul.



Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip.
2. Squash indifference.
3. Squash grumbling.
4. Squash selfishness.



Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful.
2. Lettuce be kind.
3. Lettuce be patient.
4. Lettuce love one another.



To finish our garden, we need thyme:

1. Thyme for God.
2. Thyme for each other.
3. Thyme for family.
4. Thyme for friends.



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit as you reap what you sow!

**LOVE & FAITHFULNESS MEET TOGETHER;
RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE KISS EACH OTHER.
FAITHFULNESS SPRINGS FORTH FROM THE EARTH,
& RIGHTEOUSNESS LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN.
THE LORD WILL INDEED GIVE WHAT IS GOOD,
& OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS HARVEST.**

Harvest Service

10am Sunday October 6th
Everyone Welcome



HOLIDAY CLUB 2019-The Greatest Show IS Earth



This year's holiday club theme was The Greatest Show IS Earth, which was a creation/circus theme. The church was all dressed up like a circus tent with drapes & monkeys on trapeze!



The church & dens were really inspiring, I don't know where the group leaders get their inspiration, but it all looked fantastic & so exciting for the children. Our groups this year included clowns, tumblers & acrobats.

We had over 110 children sign up, with a lot of younger children this year. We had a lot more teenage helpers this year, many had been coming to Holiday Club since they were little & wanted to give something back. Pray that they may come to church for other things too. 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 short films about Creation, the Trinity & Jesus' power over creation...some tricky topics this year (we like a challenge!) 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 which were different this year as we decided to do some fairground games & circus skills. The children really enjoyed the coconut shy! The morning finished off with more singing & the usual silly drama... the kids loved it as usual & booed & cheered in all the right places! Thank you to Stan, Lucy, & Chloe for being such good sports & also to many of the younger helpers who stepped up to be our circus performers.

Friday night was our final session, with the children parading on in their groups with a craft that they had made & singing songs for their parents. This was followed by a BBQ without an actual barbeque! Thanks to all those who helped this run smoothly! 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.





I would like to thank all of those who put in so much work before & during the week, there were so many fantastic volunteers 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. I couldn't do it without such a dedicated team who work hard & support me as well as giving the kids the most fantastic week of fun. Thank you to Lucy who organised all of the crafts & her team who kept the craft times running smoothly. I would also like to thank Duncan, Graham, Daniel & Stan who helped with decorating the



church & putting gazebos up etc. Thanks also to Keith who did a fantastic job on the sound desk & to Lee who set the AV stuff up for us & Mike for the fabulous publicity & printing. This year we were so worried about the weather as it had been so unpredictable, but as usual God listened & we had dry mornings & a dry Friday evening! In fact, I think it was one of the best ever (I say that every year!). I enjoyed the week so much & I hope everyone else did too! 😊

Beth Ellis

Holiday Club Extra :

Cindy asks her group “Can anyone remember that difficult name of the Book in the Bible where we find the story of Creation?”

A little hand shoots up- “Guinnesses” !!

Unluckiest boy: Ted : Bumped his head coming into Holiday Club and had to go straight home, where he was stung on his nose by a wasp. (He was back next day).

Trickiest boy: “Ow, my leg”, as he lands at the bottom of the bouncy slide, and is rushed to first aid with blood all over his ankle. Cancel the ambulance, it was “fake blood”.

The following is a Rapp written during Holiday Club by Seyi :

*“God decided he wanted to spice up the earth,
It was dark and grey like a big ball of dirt.
So on day one God said “Let there be light”
He called the light Day and he called the dark
Night.*

*On day two God made the sky
To separate our seas from the ones up high.*

*On day three God made land
Green like grass and yellow like sand.*

*On day four God made the moon and stars,
Galaxies, planets, even Mars.*

*On day five God made birds for the trees,
He also made fish to live in the seas.*

*On day six, God made man,
The last creation of His plan,
Then on day seven God laid to rest,
He'd made the Earth, he'd done his best.”*

A day for women to be inspired, encouraged and grow as followers of Jesus –

REFRESH Conference.

Saturday 26th October 2019, 9.30am to 4pm.

At Aylestone Baptist Church.

Speakers: Dianne Tidball, Sue Bonnington, Sarah Liquorish and Jenny Tidball.

Booking essential - £15 including lunch & refreshments.
Please pick up a form from the church lounge. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Volunteering for Home-Start Horizons

We have recently been approached by MP Jonathan Ashworth, Patron of this charity who support families in Leicester, Charnwood, Melton, Rutland, Oadby, Wigston and Blaby District.

Home-Start Horizons are seeking to recruit new volunteers who have parenting experience and can spare **two to three hours** of their time **per week** to support a family. The volunteers get a professional training course and the chance to help local families raise happier and healthier children.

If you feel called to help then to find out more 'phone 0116 2795062
Or info@homestarthorizons.org.uk. Because CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT.

Gama Grammar – a gentle look at the Greek N.T. and Gospels for beginners. Monthly on 2nd. Mondays starting in September, 3.45 – 5pm. at St. Andrews Church, led by Canon Dr. Stephen Foster.

If interested get in touch with Rev.Rowena Bass by beginning of September. 'phone 0116 2910021 or rowenabass11@gmail.com

Church Family News

Our sympathy to David and Eadie Billett on the passing away of David's brother. May God bless them with comforting memories.

Please remember Paul Onions in your prayers. He has now been moved from hospital to Magna Nursing Home, and is not at all well.



Our Congratulations to Cindy and Keith Elliott who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and wish to thank everyone for their good wishes on their special day – which actually was spent all morning helping with Holiday Club, and the evening with the Holiday Club BBQ.

God bless your servant hearts, and God grant you many more years together.

What a blessing it was when Emily was brought to church for the Dedication service by mum and dad, Lois and Lee. The church was full with family and friends, and there was a particularly poignant time when Lois' mother was remembered. It is lovely that Emily and her family have now become part of the ABC family, and we pray that God will protect her and be her constant friend and Saviour throughout her life.



What a joyous occasion it was when Jayanthony and Cristyn brought Jayanica to be dedicated. The church was full with family and friends, and our Moderator, Ellie, conducted a beautiful service of blessing on parents and baby, and of course "big sister" Jayanna. We pray God's blessing on Jayanica, now and throughout her life, and blessing and protection for the whole family.

Holiday@Home for 3rd Age

A 3-day event on 13th, 14th and 15th August, about 50 people each day came along to enjoy the midsummer break at ABC.



On Tuesday the day started with quizzes, coffee and biscuits. The quizzes became surprisingly competitive and certainly got the little grey cells buzzing. Lunch was served at 12.30- roast beef and all the trimmings, followed by chocolate orange sponge and custard.

The afternoon was spent playing cards, or more quizzes, but mostly crafting –



flower arranging, glass painting, mosaic books, and new this year – pyrography (burning designs onto wooden plaques).



Teatime of sandwiches and cakes before hometime.

Wednesday the morning quizzes, followed by lunch of chicken and vegetables and for dessert Banoffee pie or fresh fruit salad with jelly and icecream. Then in the afternoon we watched a film – Green book, which was very moving and appreciated by all. Teatime and more sandwiches and cakes.

Thursday we all boarded a bus bound for Hunstanton. Sandwiched between two very wet days, we were blessed to have fine weather, if extremely windy. However, the fish and chips were lovely and of course ice cream on the seafront, everyone had a great time, and at least one

managed a paddle. For some this was the first trip to the seaside for many years.



Thanks are due to all those who helped prepare the food and wash up of course, to the ladies who organised the crafts, and a big thank you to Leicester City Council who made it possible by awarding us a generous grant.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME in aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Thank you and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Sept. 9 th	Elaine Robinson
Sept. 12 th	Dorothy Mackley
Sept. 18 th	Mike Bland.
Sept. 24 th	Julie Lovatt.
Sept. 26 th	Ben Blackford - Happy 18 th !
Sept. 26 th	Daniel Blackford – Happy 18 th !

Oct. 4 th	Beth Ellis
Oct. 12 th	Rachel Draper
Oct. 20 th	Dave German
Oct. 24 th	Kirstie Sayer
Oct. 28 th	Wendy Chapman.



What's on for the 3rd Age in September & October:

Community Lunch Club

Thursday September 12th / 26th

Thursday October 10th / 24th

The Lunch Club is open to any members of the community over the age of 50. The coffee bar is open from 11am, with 3 course lunch served at 12.45 at a cost of £5. No booking necessary. Just come and have a lovely time.



The Open House



Thursday September 19th

Thursday October 3rd / 17th / 31st

From 11am – 2pm, coffee and chat, board games or knitting, (you may even have your nails painted !) Including a light lunch, £3. Open to all.

The Tuesday Group

Tuesday September 17th

Tuesday October 1st / 15th / 29th

Meeting at 11am for coffee, followed by an informal Bible Study and lunch. You are most welcome to join us.



Garden Party for SIGMA project in India.

Saturday 24th August was the day of the annual fundraising Garden Party . Phew what a hot day it was, and just right for Cream Teas, buying up lots of cakes and pies, plants, beautiful knitted items, bric-a-brac and books. A great



Bank Holiday day out for all, and wonderful blessing for the people of Akividu in India as over £600 was raised on the day, plus a very generous donation of £500, which will enable so much ministry to be undertaken by Rev. Yesupadam and the team amongst the poor people in their area.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they come under pressure from the aggressive Hinduism that prevails in India at the present time.



It is now 10 years since the charity Sigma was set up, although we were supporting the work before that.

It was founded on 10th August 2009 – on Yesupadam’s birthday, in our lounge. Yesupadam, his late wife Sanjeeva, Dorothy and Stanley were present. Over the last 10 years with wonderful support from regular givers, one off donations, and various events we have sent about £65 000 to India. This has blessed their ministry and the many poor families they work with. It has also enabled them to glaze windows in the Church and tile its floor, build a brick shelter in a very poor untouchable village where their grass dwellings get washed away in the annual monsoons. Many people have come to faith over those years, and they are well regarded in their town and surrounding area.

The Letter to the EPHESIANS

**An in-depth Bible study & discussion
over a period of 5 sessions**

Paul's letter to the Ephesians by

GRAHAM HILL

Youth Minister of Aylestone Baptist Church

**All meetings will be held in the church lounge
at Aylestone Baptist Church**

starting at 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Sunday September 1st (Chapter 1)

Sunday September 22nd (Chapter 2 & 3)

Sunday October 13th (Chapter 4)

Sunday November 3rd (Chapter 5)

Sunday November 24th (Chapter 6)





Messy[®] CHURCH

Create Café

Family Fun

Let's Get Creative Share Tea
& Friendship With Us

Sunday 13th October 4.30 - 6pm

At Aylestone Baptist Church

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Church Moderator Rev Elaine Cockbill / Youth Minister: Graham Hill

Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities
Communion on the third Sunday of each month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting – usually in Church lounge

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club (TINY BATS)
11.00am Seniors Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)

Wednesday

7.00pm Gateway Club (Adults with Learning Difficulties)

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. 3rd Age. (Fortnightly)
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to The Open House)
6.30pm Young People Meeting
7.30pm House Groups

Friday

6.30pm Family Night



Loop System Installed



Wheel Chair Access



WC Facilities

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club, The Open House, & Family Night.

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 the Church website at, www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk