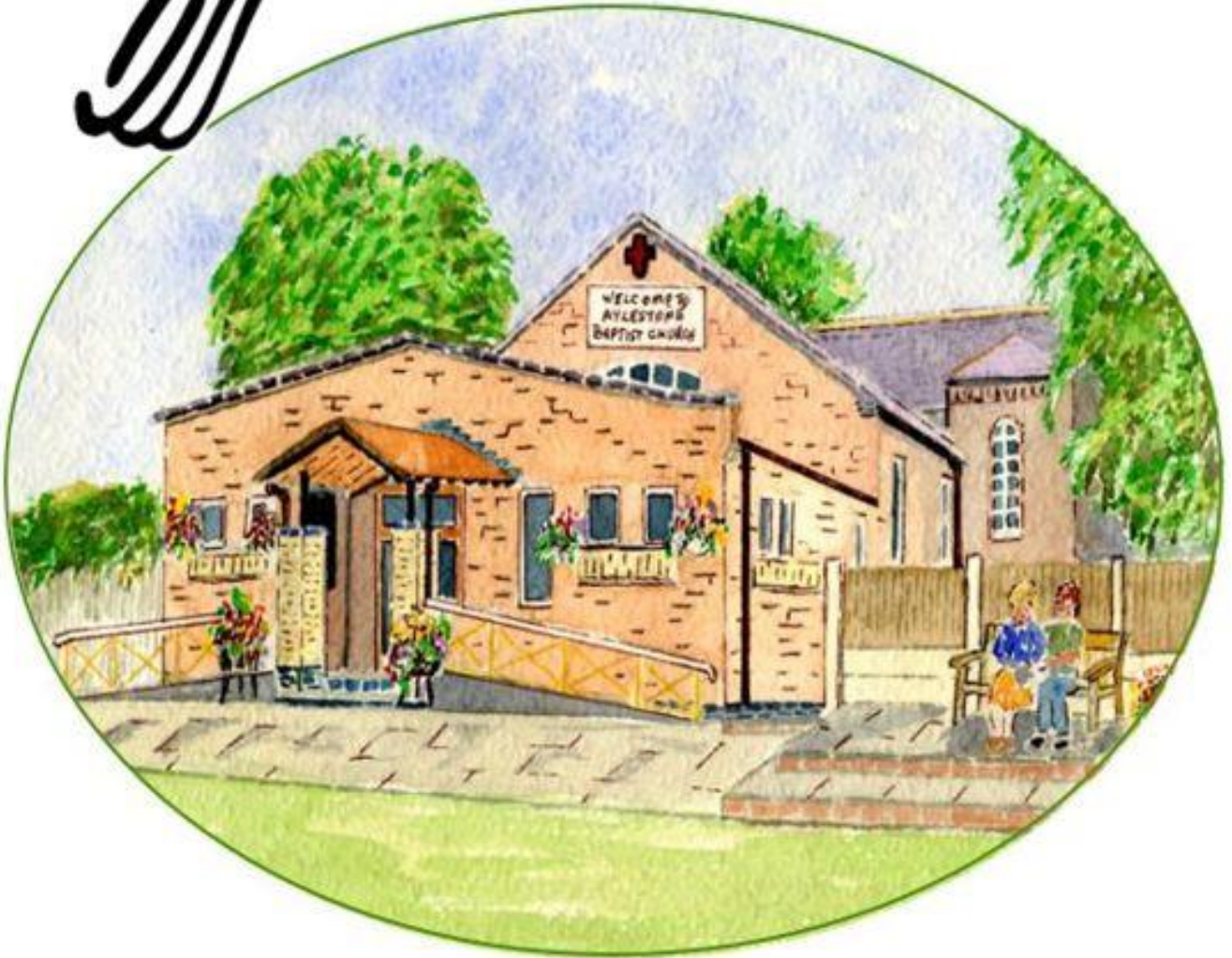




**Aylestone Baptist Church**  
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**September & October  
2020  
Church Magazine**

Dear All,

First of all, many thanks to all those whose hard work and planning made it possible to reopen the church on 16th August and host James, a prospective minister, at the end of August. Such efforts are a great encouragement in these days.

There is lots more encouragement in the church's preaching series on Hebrews, which began in August. This was planned before Covid-19, but it is SO helpful for us right now.

For instance, look at this: "The Son (that is, Jesus) is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word." (Hebrews 1.3). So, Jesus, exactly like God, is sustaining ALL THINGS by His word, and God's power is in His word! 'All things' includes you and me - we are sustained, supported, held, fed, encouraged, helped by Jesus through His powerful word, the Bible. I've lost count of the times I've opened the Bible in desperation, needing help, or guidance, and there it is, waiting for me. I recommend reading the Bible every day - just read until a verse or a word speaks to you in some way: start with the Psalms or any book of the New Testament if you're a beginner.

I'm reminded of a person who had a dream, several nights on the trot, - of a piece of desert land, with sickly flowers and trees growing in it. The person asked Jesus what it meant, and was shown that the desert was their life! The Lord asked them: what would you do if YOUR garden looked like that? To which the person replied: "I'd water it, and feed it, and tend it better"...The Lord let them think it over - and they soon went back to reading their Bible, and praising and worshipping the Lord regularly, not just when they felt like it. The Lord sustains ALL things by the power of His word, but expects us to play our part. If you're feeling weak and sickly, and finding it hard to manage even simple daily tasks, tell yourself 'the Lord sustains me by His word and His power is in His word, so He'll help me as I feed on it better.' When you pass a garden or lawn looking well cared for, or uncared for, let it speak to you of playing YOUR part in the Lord's sustaining of your life.

Finally, please remember that teaching us to wait is part of God's plan for us to learn patience and how to pray - He's not a click and collect mail order service! Hope this is helpful to you.

Every blessing,

Ellie, your moderator.

***"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him." Psalm 28.7.***

## Sunday Services for September/October 2020

Services are normally held at 10am.

### September

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Graham Hill.  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.2 v 1 – 13
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>                    Service led by Ellie Cockbill.  
Theme: Hebrews Ch. 2 v 14 – 18
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>                    Service led by Ellie Cockbill  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.3 v 1- 6.  
Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>                    Service led by Stan Mackley  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.3: 7 – Ch.4: v 13.

### October

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>                      Service led by Pip Berry - **HARVEST**.  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.4 v14 – ch.5 v 10.
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>                    Service led by Maxine Elliott  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.5 v 11 – Ch.6 v 8
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>                    Preacher to be confirmed.  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.6 v 9 – 20.  
Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>                    Service led by Stan Mackley.  
Theme: Hebrews Ch.7 v 1 – 19.

## Church Family News

Congratulations to our young people on their A level and GCSE results.

Rianna Kelly is going to Northampton University,  
Nicholas Kaba will be off to Durham University and  
Daniel Blackford to Sheffield University.

We pray God's protection over them as they move into this very different environment.

We also pray for those who have chosen not to go to University, that they will find the career path best suited to them.

Well done to Luke Bryan who has achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> in Music at Leeds University, and will be stopping on to do a Masters.

Please pray for all our teachers and youngsters going back to school in these days of pandemic.

Aaron Johnson is moving to "big school" at Castlemeade Academy, together with his mum, Annette, who has secured a new job at this school. God bless them in these new ventures.

Please uphold in your prayers those who are still shielding and finding life very lonely. Also please keep Ruth Hopkins in your prayers. She is very comfortable in Grey Ferrers Nursing home, but missing visits from family and friends, and Manoj Mackley in Deafways Care home in Preston, Stan and Dorothy have not been able to visit this year which is a great sadness.

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*Lord, make the old tolerant,  
The young sympathetic,  
The great humble,  
The busy patient,  
Make happy folk thoughtful,  
The clever kindly,  
The good pleasant  
And, dear Lord,  
Make me what I ought to be.*



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## **BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME** supporting Medical Missionary Work.

### **September**

9<sup>th</sup> Elaine Robinson.  
12<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Mackley  
18<sup>th</sup> Mike Bland  
24<sup>th</sup> Julie Lovatt  
26<sup>th</sup> Ben Blackford  
26<sup>th</sup> Daniel Blackford

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> Beth Ellis  
12<sup>th</sup> Rachel Draper  
20<sup>th</sup> David German  
24<sup>th</sup> Kirstie Sayer  
28<sup>th</sup> Wendy Chapman



If you wish to share your birthday in this special way, please contact Denise Vernon.

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Smile-a-while.....

*After the christening of his baby brother in Church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.*

*His father asked him 3 times what was wrong.*

*Finally the boy replied:*

*"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."*

*A little boy was overheard praying:*

*"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."*

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## **LOCKDOWN STORIES continued.....**

### **Grow-your-own!**



In the panic at the start of the pandemic lockdown, a rumour ran around that there would be food shortages – causing a frantic shopping spree and stockpiling.

My youngest daughter, Hannah, living in Yorkshire, thought she would “do her bit” and bought a packet of tomato seeds (never having done any gardening before).

The plants flourished, and now after 6 months she has 3 green

tomatoes! Her observation – “If I’d relied on “grow-your-own” I would have starved by now.” Fortunately there is a “Veg Box” delivery service in her area.

That was the beginning and end of her gardening adventure, and to make matters worse, if the tomatoes ever do ripen she may not pick them as a large spider has taken residence in the midst!

Dorothy.

### **Church Cake Day.**

Keeping together during these lockdown times has been difficult, and so it was decided to have a Cake Day and a chance to visit our members who we haven’t seen for so many months.

Six of our wonderful bakers set to and produced over 300 cakes, which were packaged according to size of household and put into (biodegradable) bags together with a letter from the Deacons, some colouring sheets, and bible quizzes.

These were delivered by volunteers who had some lovely doorstep visits, and all felt a great sense of God’s Blessing on the event.





## Blackberries



Once again there has been a bumper crop of blackberries on the Aylestone Meadows, and I cannot resist picking them for pies when, God willing, the Lunch Club opens again. A lady came by and stopped to chat, commenting on the abundance of fruit.

“Yes,” I replied, “but some of them are difficult to get at because of the **stinging nettles**”

“**What singing lessons**” she replied. We had a laugh about needing hearing aids, but somehow as I walked home that lovely worship song was buzzing round my head... “**All Creation is a song, waiting to be sung.....**” Stanley.



## ROSE'S HAIR

Rose has always had loads of hair. She was born with lots of black hair and it has never stopped growing. I did cut it once (but we don't talk about that!) Her hair started to get quite long and that was useful for her; she needs to be able to get it into a bun for dancing.

However, it soon went past that point and started to get even longer. We talked about the 'Little Princess Trust' which is a charitable organisation that makes real hair wigs for children and young adults who have lost their hair due to cancer or other conditions. We talked about how her long hair could be used to help make poorly children happy.

Rose said that she would like to grow her hair so that she could donate it to them. She is still growing it as they are in most need of hair that is 16" long - and while her hair is almost long enough she isn't quite ready to part with it as she also enjoys being Rapunzel! I will keep you posted and I'm sure there will be photos when she does have it done. If anyone is interested in this lovely charity have a look at their website <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk>

Rachel.

## SIGMA

We are very grateful to all who have supported our recent appeal for SIGMA. Dorothy has made and sold cakes, pies, scones, jam to folk from our Lunch Clubs and Church over a couple of weeks , and so far together with some donations, we have raised about £500. This will be of immense help to the folk in Akividu who are suffering greatly because of Covid19.



Your gifts change THIS

TO

THIS

As other fund raising events will not be possible for some time, we will continue to take orders for **Cakes** [vanilla, choc., lemon, coffee], **Pies** [steak, chicken, cottage], **Scones** [cheese, fruit, plain] etc. and when we have enough orders, make a batch . Please order from Stan or Dorothy by 'phone, text or email. [0782558667, [stanmackley@btinternet.com](mailto:stanmackley@btinternet.com)] Thanks ☺

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Our friends in Akividu have been celebrating the 259<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of William Carey who they revere greatly. They recently held a service in town and are campaigning for national recognition for his contribution to Indian life.



William Carey was born on August 17, 1761 in the village of Paulerspury in Northamptonshire, England to Edmund and Elizabeth Carey. His father was a parish clerk and a village schoolmaster as well.

Carey was an inquisitive child and was interested in the natural sciences, especially botany.

He was also proficient in many languages and taught himself Latin.

His health did not allow him to pursue agriculture, which is why at the age of sixteen he became an apprentice to a shoemaker in Hackleton. Later, he became a shoemaker himself. During his apprenticeship, Carey met a Dissenter, John Warr, and in time, he left the Church of England and joined other Dissenters to form a small Congregational Church near Hackletown



After Carey's mentor, Clarke Nichols, died in 1779, he worked under Thomas Old and soon after his death, he took over his business. By this time, he had also taught himself to read Hebrew, Italian, Dutch and French.

He was invited to preach in the church near the village of Earls Barton on Sundays and was soon baptized by John Ryland and committed himself to the Baptist denomination.

In 1785, he became the schoolmaster for the Moulton village and was asked to serve as the pastor to the local Baptist church. Carey became the full-time pastor of Harvey Lane Baptist Church, Leicester, in 1789 and a few years later, he wrote his missionary manifesto, 'An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen'. The short book contained the theological justification for missionary activities, history of missionary activities, religion statistics of every country in the world, possible objections of sending missionaries and their solution, plan for the formation of a missionary society, etc.

Carey, along with his family, sailed from England to India in 1793 in order to spread their Christian mission. He managed the indigo plantation of his son's friend for the first six years to support the mission.

More missionaries were sent to India, John Fountain, William Ward, Joshua Marshman. They all settled in Serampore in a big house that accommodated their families as well as a school. Carey started printing the Bible in Bengali and started the conversion process of Hindus.

Carey was offered the position of a professor of Bengali at Fort William by the Governor-General in 1801. In this influential position, Carey started working towards the abolition of the evil practices of sati and infant sacrifice.

He started translating literature and sacred writings from the original Sanskrit into English to make them accessible to his own countrymen. During his lifetime, he printed and distributed the Bible in 44 languages and dialects.

The mission established Serampore College in 1818 to train ministers for the church and to provide education in the arts and sciences. A royal charter made the college the first degree-granting organization in Asia.[ Yesupadam & sons Samuel and Sukumar all trained in Serampore]

In 1820, Carey founded the Agri Horticultural Society of India at Alipore, Kolkata, propagating his lifelong passion for botany.

He died in India in 1834 and the couch that he died on is now housed for exhibition at Regent's Park College Oxford, the Baptist College.

**The following poem needs to be read carefully, first from top to bottom, and then from bottom to top for it to make sense.**

**Refugees** by Brian Bilson

The have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
Should life have dealt a different hand.  
We need to see them for what they are  
Chancers and scroungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not OK to say  
These people are like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way.

**NOW READ FROM BOTTOM TO TOP**

## HARVEST GIFTS

Our Harvest Service this year is to be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

As everything is different this year we will not be able to display our harvest gifts the same way, but encourage you to bring items for the Food Bank, which will be left in the lounge as you enter the Church.

Times have become very difficult for some people and Food Banks even more necessary, so please be as generous as you can.

Please make sure all items are well in date, and include such things as cereals, pasta and pasta sauce, tinned fish, rice, tinned fruit and rice pudding, long life milk, as well as toiletries. Thank you for your kind hearts.

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Temper, temper...

There was once a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. It won't matter how many times you say, 'I'm sorry', the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one."

***If you become angry do not let your anger lead you into sin, and do not stay angry all day – don't give the devil a chance. Ephesians 4:26-27***





# Harvest Fruits & Veggies Word Search



Orange  
 Apple  
 Cabbage  
 Peach  
 Banana  
 Broccoli  
 Carrots  
 Cherry  
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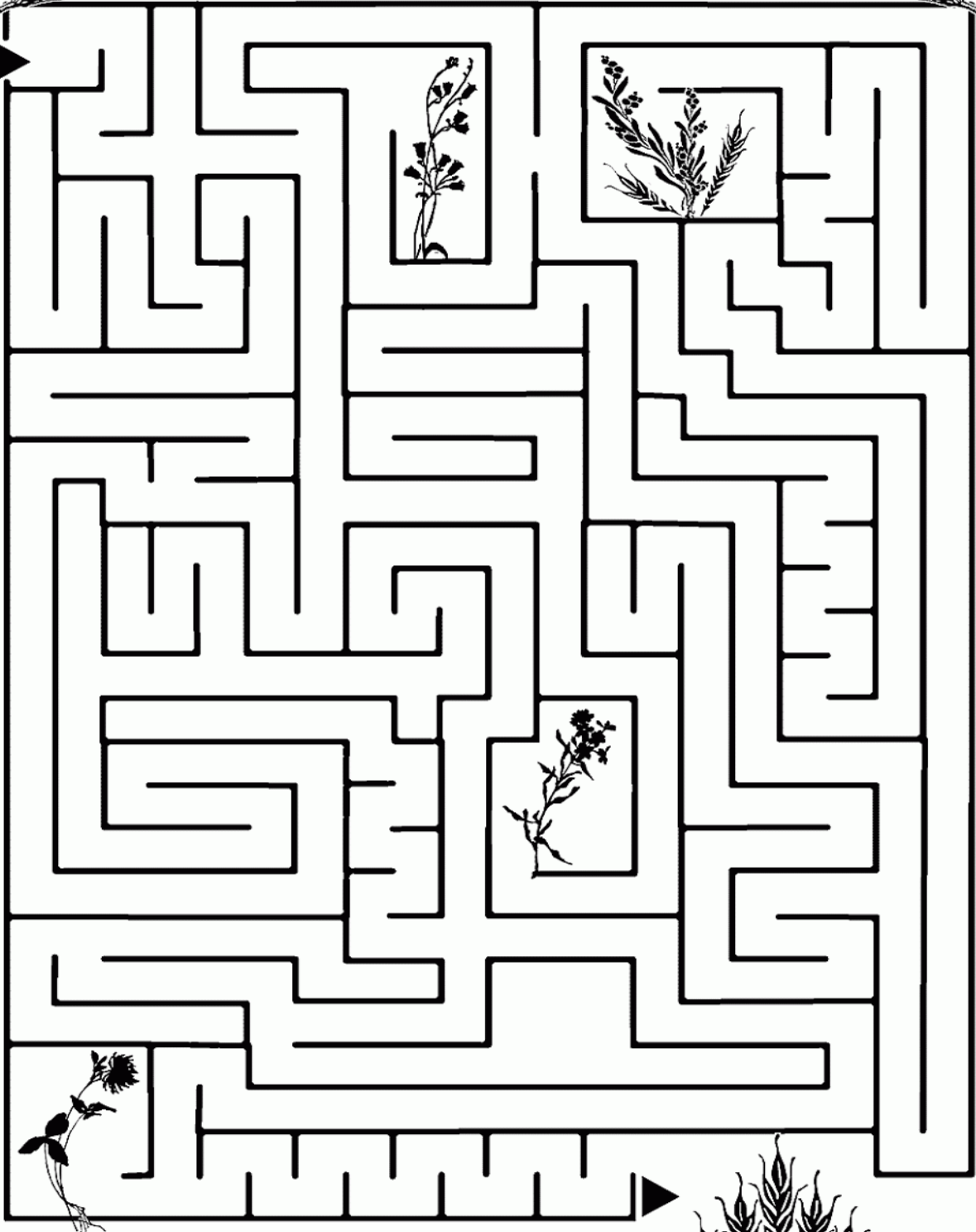


Help the owner of the field separate the wheat from the weeds

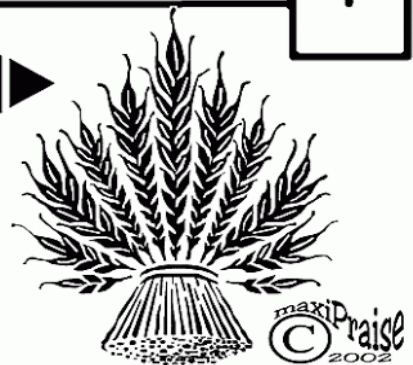
Parable

# The Wheat and the Weeds

START



Jesus said that the Kingdom of God was like a man who sowed his field with quality wheat seed. While he was sleeping his enemy crept in and sowed weeds. Rather than risk hurting the wheat he chose to let them grow together until harvest time. Then the reapers gathered the weeds to be burned and gathered the wheat into the barn



## Harvest Hymn....

We plough the fields with tractors,  
With drills we sow the land,  
But growth is still the wondrous gift  
Of God's almighty hand.  
We add our fertilisers to help the growing grain.  
But for its full fruition  
It needs God's sun and rain.  
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above,  
Then serve the Lord, O serve the Lord, for all His love.



With many new machines now,  
We do the work each day.  
We reap the fields with combines,  
We bale the new-mown hay.  
But it is God who gives us  
inventive skills and drives,  
Which lighten labour's drudgery  
and gives us fuller lives.  
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above,  
So serve the Lord, O serve the Lord, for all His love.

Then why are people starving  
When we have it so good?  
Why then in cities' rubbish  
Must men still search for food?  
Because we've been too selfish  
To share what God has given  
And so life is for millions  
More like a hell than Heaven.  
All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above,  
Then serve the Lord, O serve the Lord, for all His love.





## Healthy, Wealthy and ?

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,  
I'm just as healthy and I can be,  
I have arthritis in both my knees,  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze  
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

All my teeth have had to come out,  
And my diet I hate to think about,  
I'm overweight and I can't get thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

And arch supports I need for my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to go out on the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm alright.  
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden – I've heard it said,  
But sometimes I wonder, as I go to bed,  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
And my eyes on a shelf until I get up,  
And when sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

The reason I know my youth has been spent,  
Is my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went !  
But I really don't mind, when I think, with a grin,  
Of all the places my get-up has been.  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits,  
Pick up the paper and read the 'obits',  
If my name is missing, I'm therefore not dead,  
So I eat a good breakfast and jump back in bed.

The moral of this, as this tale doth unfold,  
Is that for you and me, who are growing old,  
It is better to say, "I'm fine", with a grin,  
Than to let people know the shape we are in.



# Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

**Church Moderator Rev Elaine Cockbill / Youth Minister: Graham Hill**

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

## **Weekly & Fortnightly Activities**

**ALL ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED AT PRESENT DUE TO COVID19**

4.30pm Messy Church is held on the second Sunday of each month

**Monday** 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

**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 weeks)  
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 & Messy Church.

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](mailto:minister@aylestonebaptistchurch.co.uk) or by visiting the Church website at, [www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk)

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