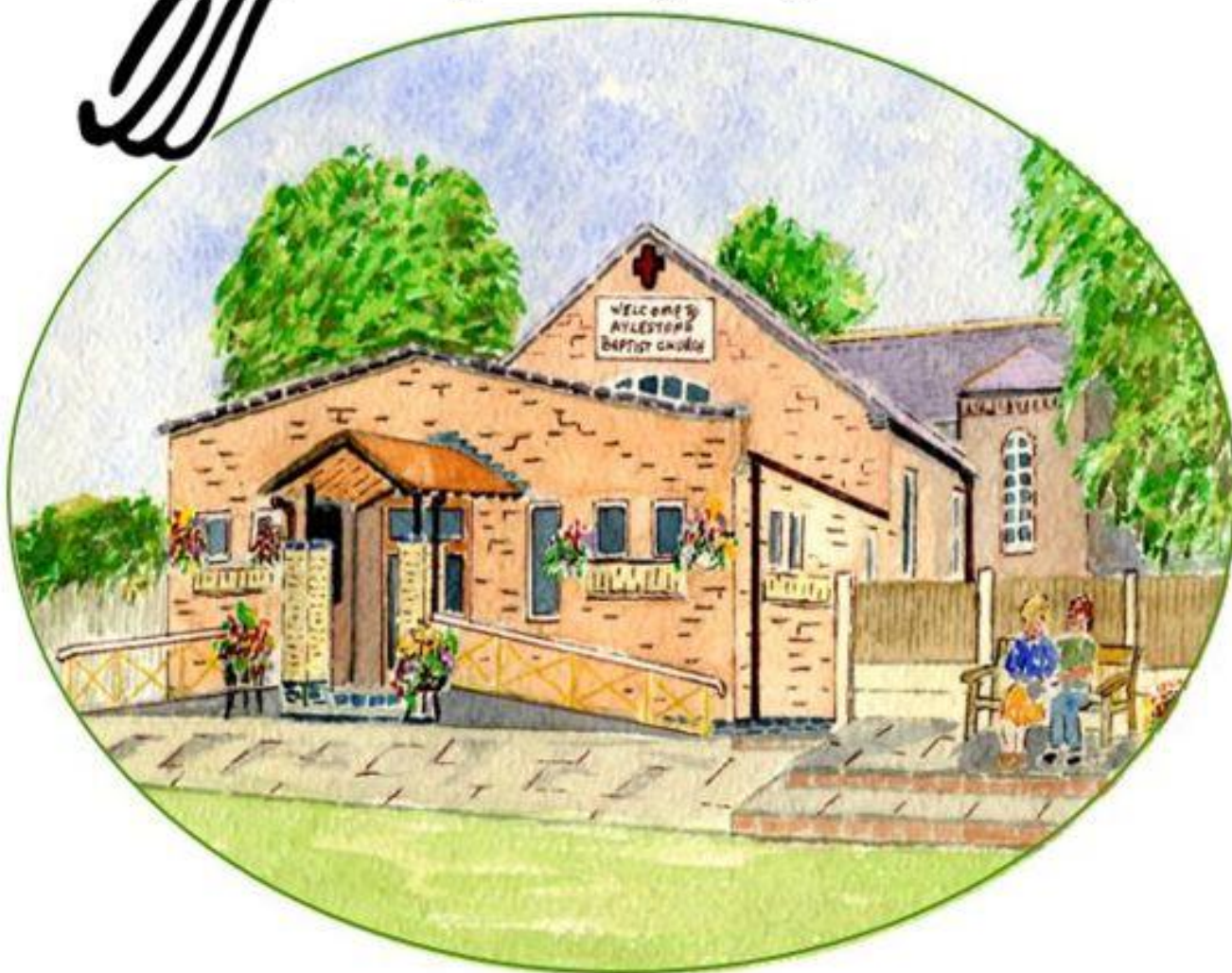




**Aylestone Baptist Church**  
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**September & October  
2021  
Church Magazine**

Dear Church Family,

I am so excited to be starting this month as your new minister. God has been blessing this church in many ways, and it's such a joy to be able to join you as partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You'll be hearing more in the coming weeks about all that is in store for us. I look forward to getting to know each of you soon and being part of the community here in Aylestone.

Last July I preached a message from John 11 on Jesus' raising of His friend Lazarus from the dead. After that message, I shared some dreams I had for the future of Aylestone Baptist Church. Going through the alphabet, I thought of one area of potential growth that our church could see, based on each letter of the alphabet. Some of you have asked me to share that list, so I thought I'd share it here now. As I said when I first shared it, this is not a vision statement or a strategy – it's just some ideas I had as I've been praying for the church.

In John 11, we see that Jesus brought life to a dead man. He did a miracle that no one was expecting Him to do. He wasn't satisfied with leaving things the way they were – He wanted to bring life-giving change through His supernatural power. And, ultimately, He wanted to see His Father glorified. I'm sure we all want to see God's supernatural power growing in our church. We want to see God glorified in this community. Here's 26 ways that can happen:

**A**ylestone – Let's give every person and every household in Aylestone the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Let's see this community transformed because of Jesus' life-giving message!

**B**aptisms – We want to see people responding to God's command to be baptised – identifying with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.

**C**ommitment to the Bible—Dedication to reading, studying, sharing it, and living it.

**D**iversity – Let's celebrate and give God praise for people of all ages, skin tones, accents, nationalities, backgrounds, and social groups.

**E**quipping everyone for ministry – So that the body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12).

**F**un – I think church should be fun, and I look forward to growing in this area.

**G**roups – Groups for everyone... small groups, home groups, prayer groups, youth groups, kids groups, Bible study groups, fellowship groups, men's groups, women's groups, any type of group.

**H**oly Spirit's Power – to be overflowing in our lives and in our church.

**I**ntercession and passion for prayer – Lifting each other up and being fervent in our time with the Lord.

**J**oyful giving – This fuels our involvement in the kingdom of God in Aylestone, in Leicester, in our nation, and to the ends of the earth.

**K**ids ministry – Let's have a ministry for children that reflects God's amazing love for them.

**L**ove – Love is an engine that gives power to everything we do – our love for God and for each other.

**M**issions – Growing in our giving to missions, supporting missionaries, serving locally in missions, and taking mission trips.

**N**ew ministries – to reach people of all ages and groups. Which new ministries would you like to see?

**O**penness to the Gospel in our community – Pray for our community to be open to the message of Jesus.

**P**arent and toddler groups – We can revive this group and see it thrive.

**“Q**uid” – We have already seen God blessing our finances, so we pray for more as we give to the church out of all He has blessed us with.

**R**evival – When we pursue Jesus, revival will come. Jesus brought His friend Lazarus back from the dead and has given us new life in Him. Let's pray for revival and new life in our community and nation.

**S**erving – So many great people serve this church. Let's see them thanked, appreciated, rewarded, and blessed for their service.

**T**hird Age – We can see a growing fellowship and even more spiritual breakthrough among our the third age.

**U**sing spiritual gifts – Learning about them and growing in them, in order to strengthen the church.

**V**ision of heaven – Like Jesus in John 11, let's not be satisfied with what we see in the world or in the current situation right now.

**W**orship – We have a great worship team, but worship is so much more than just music. Let's each live a lifestyle of worship that is contagious, exciting, passionate, and full of the Spirit and truth.

**X** – eXcitement for the Gospel and eXuberance for evangelism!

**Y**outh – We continue to focus on our young people, praying to see them on fire for Jesus, addicted to His Word, contagious in their faith, and radical in their purity.

**Z**ero discord – We want to see unity in Christ, in His Spirit, and in our vision and mission. Yes, we will have differences of opinion and ideas. But God has given us His Spirit to unify us as His church.

Those are some ideas – what are yours? What would be your dream for Aylestone Baptist? What visions, and areas of growth and investment do you think we could see? I'd love to hear your ideas. You can reach me on: 07878803387.

Yours in Christ,

Will Hall

## **Sunday Services for September & October 2021.**

Services are normally held at 10am and include Sunday School.

### **September**

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Wendy Hall with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "The Way, the truth, the life", John 13:31 – 14.14.
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Maxine Elliott with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Thankfulness" Philippians Ch.1-11.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Elaine Pantling with Maxine Elliot preaching.  
Theme: Introduction to new series "Fruits of the Spirit".  
Galations Ch.5: 1-26. Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Elaine Robinson with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Love" 1 John Ch. 3-4.

### **October**

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>      Harvest Service at 10am followed by Harvest FUN DAY.  
Service led by Wendy Hall with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Harvest" Galatians Ch. 5: 13-26.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Maxine Elliott with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Joy" Genesis Ch.21: 1-7.  
Service will include Child Dedication.
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Elaine Robinson with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Peace" 1 Samuel 25. Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>      Service led by Elaine Pantling with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Patience" Genesis Ch. 16 & 17.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>      INDUCTION OF Will Hall.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>      Service led by Stan Mackley with Will Hall preaching.  
Theme: "Kindness" Ephesians Ch. 4:29 – 5:2.

## What's on for September and October 2021

### September

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>      Tuesday Fellowship for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Age re-starts, 11am fortnightly.
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>      Sunday School re-starts.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>      Community Lunch Club re-starts, 11am, fortnightly.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>      The Open House re-starts, 11am fortnightly.

### October

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>.      HARVEST FESTIVAL & Fun Day – see poster.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>      Induction & Ordination of Graham Hill at Ibstock.
- Refresh Women's Conference at Whetstone Baptist Church –  
      See poster. Booking essential and asap as places are limited.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>      Service of child Dedication.
- Leicester Baptists in Mission are hosting a gathering at  
      Friar Lane & Braunstone Baptist Church, 6.30pm, speaker  
      Mark Clay, EMBA Regional Team Leader. A great opportunity  
      to meet together with other Baptists in our city after a long  
      Lockdown.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>      **Induction of our new Minister Will Hall.** Details to follow

For your diary – Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 7th November

Remembrance Service Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Christmas Market will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Aylestone Baptist Church**

# **HARVEST & FUNDAY**

**A free funday for all the family**

**Also an opportunity to meet our New Minister**

**Rev. Will Hall**

**Sunday 3rd October 10am-3pm**

**10am Harvest Service**

**11.30am Funday Starts**

**Bouncy Castle, Games**

**& Food "ALL FREE"**

**Donations**

**Towards Local Food Bank Welcomed**

**Come & Join US**

**Warm Welcome To All**

## *Church Family News.*

Congratulation to Julie and Jeff Lovatt on becoming first time Grandparents to Rupert. Our love to all the family, and we pray God's blessing on James, Emma and little Rupert as they begin this wonderful new chapter in their lives.



We ask God's blessing on Graham and Nikki Hill as Graham moves from being our Youth Minister to full time pastoral ministry at Ibstock Baptist Church. Graham will be missed by all, and especially our young people, but we know God has a wonderful plan for him and pray great blessings on his ministry. Graham's Ordination and Induction will take place in Ibstock on 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to attend, please contact Jill.

Please continue to uphold Diane and Mike Bland in your prayers as Diane begins treatment for cancer.

Please pray for all our children and teachers back at school after a long break, and that they will soon settle back into routine.

We pray for those going off to University – Brent Novello starts his course in Business Studies at Nottingham University, Nicolas Kaba in Durham and Daniel Blackford in Sheffield begin their second year after a difficult Covid restricted first year. We pray God's protection over them, and that they will make new Christian friends.

### **Child Dedication**

If you are interested in having your child dedicated to the Lord, please let Will know. We will have an upcoming Sunday service on October 10<sup>th</sup>, when parents will have the opportunity for child dedication.

### **Fruits of the Spirit Teaching Series**

On 26 September, we will be starting a new teaching series on the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Each week we will focus on a different fruit that the Holy Spirit grows in us. If you have any stories of how God has been developing these fruits in your life, let Will know





### **Answered prayer.**

After a difficult day down at the oncology clinic at the LRI, I was told my treatment was on hold by seven days because my white blood cells were low and that I couldn't continue with my second cycle of treatment until my white blood cells were at the correct level.

Leaving the clinic, I had to make two appointments one was for another blood test and one with my dentist to check that the treatment I'm having for secondary cancer was not affecting my teeth and gums.

Explaining my situation with my GP I wasn't happy that the only blood test appointment offered to me was on a Friday, just two days after seeing my specialist in her clinic. I knew the blood test was way too early because of how my body felt, and feeling lousy, I just knew my white blood cells wouldn't be at the correct level the oncology team wanted them to be, and I was worried and dreading making an appointment with my dentist.

Well, sitting at home feeling very low, my phone rang and it was Rachel Connor, "just calling to see how I was and how I got on at my clinic". I poured out to her my difficult day and that nothing was going right, before we ended our conversation Rachel said she was going to pray for me and hung-up.

A few minutes after Rachel had hung-up, my phone rang, it was my GP, out of the blue, to say that my blood appointment was moved back from Friday to Monday. That was amazing, where there were no appointments available for Monday, now, one had become available and it was on the day before my week was up and for my treatment to re-start again.

A few moments later my phone rang again, it was my dentist, very strange for this to be happening because our dentist never rings months in hand before any treatments. After explaining to her about my diagnoses with secondary cancer and the treatment I was on, the dentist made me an appointment on the 7/09/21 the date I'm expected to re-start my treatment. My phone rang again, It was Rachel, "Has anything happened since we spoke earlier?" she asked. I went on to tell her about these two calls that came out of the blue, and how they all fitted in with my treatment plan ... and my worrying was over. Rachel said, "I'm not surprised about your calls out of the blue from the GP and dentist - everything has been arranged by the power of prayer."

Don't stop praying, and remember to praise God always,

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

Happy Birthday and thank you to :

Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Robinson
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Mackley
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Bland – Happy 70 <sup>th</sup> !
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Lovatt
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Blackford
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Blackford
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Ellis – Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> !
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Draper
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	David German
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Chapman.



If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme and share your special day in this way, please see Denise Vernon, who will send you a card, with a donation envelope.

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It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of some local businesses:



The Scuba Diving store has gone under, the manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, the dog kennels have had to call in the retrievers, and the supplier of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded.

The Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders. The tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road, the bread company has run out of dough and the clock manufacturer had to wind down.



The pet shop has gone to the dogs, the butchers had the chop and the greengrocer is in a vegetative state. The fishmonger's been battered, the florists are now pushing up the daisies, the milkman's lost his bottle and finally, the bread man's toast!



Hosted by  
**Dianne Tidball**



9:30 AM - 3:00PM

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**WHETSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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# REFRESH 2021

*Rooted and Fruitful*



With guest speaker  
**Karen Wilson**

Karen Wilson is president elect of BWA Women; she serves as the CEO of Global Leadership Network Australia and vice-president of International Ministries of Global Leadership Network. She is a wife, mother and grandmother and inspirational in sharing from the Bible. She has spent many years working in countries all over the world and is often found in other nations working amongst those in great need.

**FOR REGISTRATION  
& BOOKING FORMS:**

[www.embaptists.co.uk/womens-day](http://www.embaptists.co.uk/womens-day)

**£15** inc. lunch and refreshments

Worship led by  
**Kate and Rachel Mould**  
with Sarah Liquorish



To refresh women  
in the grace and  
truth of God and to  
energise us for our  
walk with Jesus  
every day





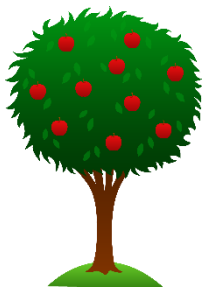
I wasn't quite sure how to start this so I thought I'd start by thanking everyone in this church who has helped and watched me grow both as a person and in my faith. Many of you have known me longer than I have, so thank you all for being there and making my upbringing so enjoyable and full of love. You really have shaped me into the man I am today. I would especially like to thank my family, for always being there for me, it's kind of their job but I mean what a family to have been raised in. I thank God everyday for blessing me with such a kind and caring family. I'd also like to thank my friends for always putting a smile on my face and the questionable

times and discussions we've had at our various youth groups over the years, Thursday group in particular has probably scarred Graham for life. And of course Graham, (Rev G). for being both a teacher and a friend. He has been there through some of my toughest and best times and has been instrumental in my coming to faith. And as many of you know he has helped my brother and family so much and I can't thank him enough. However he is losing at chess against Ben.

The bible says believe and be Baptised, but sometimes the believing part can be hard. We can have knowledge and understanding of something but to believe with our hearts is something different entirely. Sometimes we find ourselves waiting for an event or a moment that makes us believe. I myself was guilty of this. For some people that event does happen and it changes their lives. For others it might not. Sometimes God doesn't speak to us with a voice from the heavens, or send us a pillar of fire to guide us. For some of us it's small hints that usually go unnoticed. It's only when we stop and look back that we truly understand what God has done for us.

I struggled with this for a long time, waiting for that pillar of fire or the voice, that life changing event. I had the knowledge and knew in my head that the gospel was true, but my heart hadn't quite caught up. It was only when I brought this to Graham and then to God that I came to understand that it isn't about the life changing undeniable event, for some people like me brought up in a Christian family, in a loving church with knowledge of God from the beginning. For us it's about the walk with God. It's about the every day. The dedication to living by Gods will. It's about putting our faith in God. *Daniel.*

## Points to Ponder....



*"Every thought is a seed.*

*If you plant crab apples don't count on harvesting Golden Delicious !"*

*"Minds are like parachutes...*

*They only work when open."*



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## ***Smile a while .....***

Church notice bloopers:

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinsen will be the soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a terrible Experience."

Twenty two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Martha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet. The Lord knows why.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

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## **Some Acronyms.....**

**BIBLE**      **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth

**GRACE**     **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense

**GOSPEL**    **G**ods **O**nly **S**on **P**rovided **E**ternal **L**ife



## **WHAT'S ON FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> age :**

If you are over 50 you qualify for 3<sup>rd</sup> age activities, so come along and find good company, good food, and a very warm welcome. No need to book, but if you want more details, please contact Dorothy, 0116 2836422.

**Lunch Club** - held fortnightly on a Thursday.

3- course meal for £5, church is open from 11am for coffee and biscuits, meal served at 12.45.

**SEPTEMBER** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>

**OCTOBER** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup>



**The OPEN HOUSE** – held fortnightly on the alternate week to Lunch Club



Open from 11am – 2pm. Coffee, biscuits, jigsaws, knitting group, board games, and lots of chat. 2 course meal served at 12.45 - £3 per session.

**SEPTEMBER** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**OCTOBER** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> / Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

**The TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP** - held fortnightly.

This informal, friendly group meet at 11am on Tuesdays, starting with coffee and biscuits and a 'catch-up chat', followed by a Bible reading and discussion, seeing how the Bible relates to this age group. Whether you have known the Bible all your life, or a complete beginner, you are welcome as we learn together.

This is followed at 12.30 by a 2 course lunch.

**SEPTEMBER** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup>

**OCTOBER** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> / Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>



## HOLIDAY@HOME 2021

After the disappointment of cancellations last year due to COVID19, it was great to have a Holiday@Home, albeit slightly reduced to two instead of three days, with no outing and tables well spaced out in accordance with guidelines.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August saw 35 folks join together for coffee and table quizzes, followed by a meal of roast beef and vegetables, with syrup sponge and custard or fresh fruit salad for pudding. Then during the afternoon we watched a film called “This Beautiful Fantastic”, a quirky story of gardening, friendship and romance. The afternoon came to a close with afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes.



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August and again the day started with table quizzes and coffee, followed by lunch – roast pork and vegetables, followed by blackberry and apple pie and custard or ice cream.



The afternoon entertainment was a live show, featuring “songs from the shows” from Beth, a number of recitals (including “Albert & the Lion”) from David Statham and Ann Hayto,” Beatles” songs from Hazel and Rob. A great afternoon, and how blessed we are with such “home grown” talent. Thanks to all who took part.



Once again the afternoon finished off with a lovely tea and happy memories.

Thanks are due to those who moved furniture, peeled vegetables, made coffee, spread the sandwiches etc..etc.. to make it all possible. Well done the wonderful ABC volunteers.

Were we chosen?

Back in 2007 Neil and Julie Bradman gave a presentation during a Sunday morning service about the child sponsorship scheme run by Compassion. At that time, it did not seem as if we would ever have any grandchildren and we decided to become sponsors. Julie had a book of photographs of children from all over the world who needed a sponsor and we chose a little girl called Doreen in Kenya who would be supported by the Methodist Church in her area.

As for no grandchildren 18 months later our first granddaughter Isabella was born, swiftly followed by a sister and two cousins we now have 4 granddaughters.

Although I'm not the best correspondent, we kept up our regular sponsorship for Doreen through the Compassion programme and recently received the news that at the age of 21 Doreen has graduated from the programme completing her years in school and college. We probably didn't read the email thoroughly as we assumed that was the end of the sponsorship. We then received an email telling us that another child was being chosen for us. Our reaction to this was at our age do we want to start again with another child. We should have let compassion know as their system seemed to go ahead without comment from us.



A few days later a welcome pack arrived for our new child also in Kenya. Look back and check the dates above, our granddaughter Isabella will be 13 years old next birthday - Our new child also in Kenya is 13 years old and her name is Isabella. We were chosen and of course we will continue our sponsorship. I've still not read that email.



Cindy and Keith Elliott.



## Sigma update

Over the dreadful months of the pandemic in India, and in spite of the untimely death of Yesupadam from Covid, our friends in Akividu have been working tirelessly to support the community, distributing vitamins, medical supplies, PPE equipment, food and water, as well as praying and caring for them.

They also now provide small 'pensions' for the poorest widows

The financial and prayer support we have been able to give them has helped to enable this.

As a result of their selfless efforts the Church has seen great growth. Two Calvary Baptist Church Plants have been opened [ one in the shelter we raised money for].

I received the following email from Sukumar and Suguna in early September

*Huge gathering Brother. Ten people given testimonies, Jesus done great miracles in their lives. Three Calvary Baptist Churches increasing each Sunday. All the glory to Jesus. All the widows and people sending their thanks to You Brother. We provided food and monthly pensions to widows and old people who are neglected. We all are thankful to You Brother.*

We thank God that he has so blessed and honoured the work there. Services are held inside and outside at the main Church to accommodate the growing numbers.





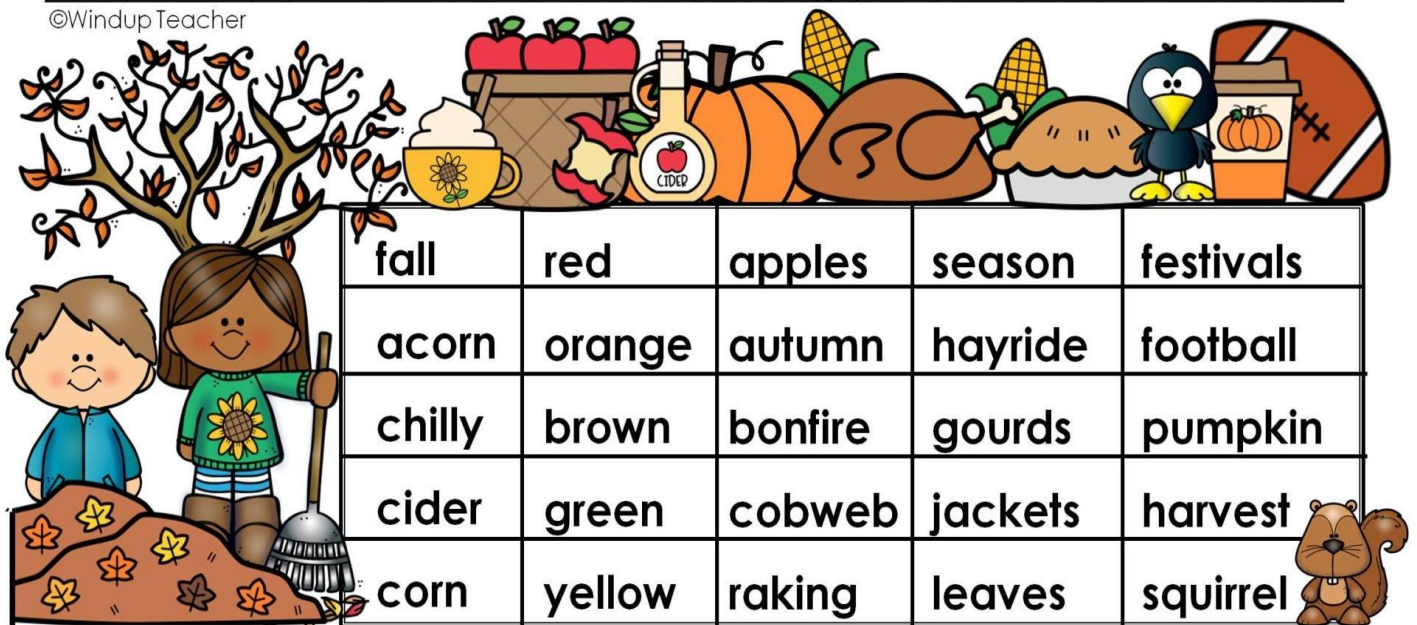
# Fall



**Directions:** Circle the words hidden in the puzzle.  
The words may be spelled vertically or horizontally.

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# **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

by Walter Rauschenbusch

O God, we thank You for this earth, our home;  
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills  
And the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses  
By which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing  
When even the common thornbush  
Is aflame with Your glory,  
O God, our creator,  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

**Minister Rev Will Hall**

**07878 803387**

## Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

### Sunday

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

### Tuesday

11.00am Seniors Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)  
**Restarting on the 7th September**

### Thursday

11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly) **Restarting on the 16th September**  
11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. 3rd Age. (Fortnightly)  
**Restarting on the 23rd September**



**Loop System Installed**



**Wheel Chair Access**



**WC Facilities**

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Community Lunch Club, The Open House, Messy Church.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. Or any of the activities

Please call us on 01162 832 527; or email:

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or by visiting the Church website at.. [www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk)

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