



# Aylestone Baptist Church

GROWING, LEARNING, EXPERIENCING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



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2024

Dear friends,

Welcome to another edition of Aylestone Baptist Church's magazine. Whether you're a long-time member of the church, or you just picked this magazine up at Aylestone 2024 or another church event, we hope you enjoy reading and find some inspiration on these pages.

As my wife Hannah and I are preparing to welcome our new baby in August, I've been thinking about the basics of life. We'll soon be going back to changing nappies, bottle feeding, and trying to get sleep any moment we are able. All of our time will be spent simply trying to keep our baby healthy and keep ourselves sane!

But this has also made me think about getting back to the basics of the Christian faith. While I love studying theology and looking at details of specific Bible verses, it's important to reflect back on the essentials of the Christian faith. If you've ever wondered what Christianity boils down to, let me go over the basics with you.

At Aylestone Baptist Church, we think a good way to share our faith is with the letters ABC. This stands for Admit, Believe, and Commit. Let's explore this a little more:

A – Admit. We've all made mistakes, and part of being a Christian is simply admitting this. The Bible says “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). When we admit to God that we have sinned, we say we are sorry and we repent (turn from) our wrongdoing. Because sin separates us from God, recognising our need for forgiveness is essential to being a Christian.

B – Believe. Once we've admitted we have sinned, we turn from our sin and turn to Jesus. It's through our belief in Jesus Christ that we can have forgiveness and new life. Jesus said in John 3:16, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** We believe that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins, was buried, and rose again, conquering sin and death.

C – Commit. As Christians, we commit our lives to Jesus, knowing He saved us and gave us new life. We commit to following Jesus and living according to the teachings of the Bible.

This doesn't mean life will be perfect, that we will never sin again, or that we won't go through difficulties. But it means that because we are following Jesus, we know He's with us whatever we go through. We live in the full, abundant life He promised (John 10:10), but also with the promise of eternal life in heaven.

So being a Christian is as easy as ABC.

One of the things I love about Aylestone Baptist is that there are so many people on different steps of their faith journey. Some are very new to the Christian faith, some have come from other religious backgrounds, and some are long-time Christians. But even those of us who have been in church for a long time are still learning more about our faith.

So I invite you to come along to the church to learn more about what we believe. In our Sunday services, we'll get a little deeper than just ABCs. And in our house groups, we explore more of what being a Christian is about. But it's always important to get back to the basics - we all need a reminder that following Jesus is as easy as ABC – Admitting our sin, Believing in Him, and Committing our lives to Him.

God bless you, no matter what step of your faith journey you are on.

In Christ,



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There was a big double-decker bus, and on the side of the bus, there was a big poster. The poster read, 'Egg and Bacon: the Great British Breakfast'. The bus went past a field, and in the field there was a chicken and a pig. The chicken turned round to the pig and said, 'Look, look, look! We're famous! Egg and Bacon - the Great British Breakfast. Wherever the bus goes, people see us.' The pig turned round to the chicken and said, "It's alright for you, isn't it? You only have to make a contribution, for me it costs me my life." Christianity is more than making a contribution; it is about giving our lives. (From J John)

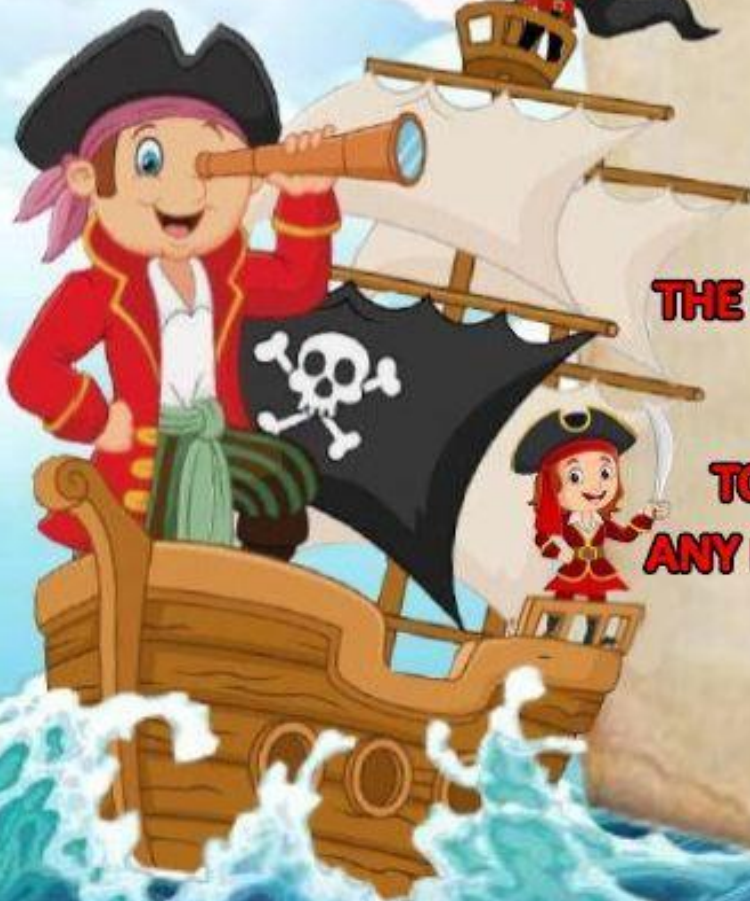




**AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
HOLIDAY CLUB 2024  
29TH JULY - 2ND AUGUST  
"BUCCANEER BLAST  
A PIRATES ADVENTURE"  
9.45AM - 12.15PM  
COST: £15 PER CHILD  
(FOR THE WEEK)  
CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11YRS  
ON LINE BOOKINGS...**



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## 50 Years of Holiday Club

In 1974, our minister at the time, Rev. Michael Johnson, suggested doing a children's Holiday Club. And so it began.

In those days there was no "health and safety", so posters went out inviting all to a week of Christian activities. (No signing up, no ratio of child to adult



helpers). And so on the first morning we looked out of the vestry window to see a queue of parents and children winding down the church drive and on down the Lutterworth Road. 150 children, all ages, turned up and had a great time. In the years after we regularly had 150 – 200 children.

The activities included a Bible spelling quiz, story time, a film using a slide projector, Bible memory verse, singing with Stan leaving work for half an hour to lead this session with his guitar, and a live drama serial that went throughout the week. The Holiday Club song began ... "Aylestone Holiday Club, Oh it's jolly fine, it's for children 1 to 99 etc. "

Points were gained throughout the week and Saturday morning was a breakfast and prize giving.

The Holiday Club progressed over the years, at one time on Saturday morning we had a parade around Aylestone, led by our Brigades band – the children all dressed up in whatever theme of the week. This stopped when the police were no longer able to supervise it. The breakfast also had to stop as so many children began having activities on Saturday mornings – ballet, football etc.





parades in the 1990s

Rev. Brian Thomas was fully supportive and he and his wife, Beryl, were at the heart of Holiday Club for the 22 years of Brian's ministry.

When Rev. Tim Fergusson came along (young and keen !) he suggested ways to bring the Holiday Club more up to date. Also new regulations had come in and so we moved forward.

Bookings and details had to be taken and age related ratios of adult to children in each group. The groups began to have exciting identities, and their own decorated "dens" . The church installed a new sound system so that films could be shown, the songs are full of life and actions. Each day now the children arrive and meet in their dens with their leaders, then into the church for singing and a film, back to dens for a talk about the Bible story, then split, half doing crafts, half going outside to play games and whizz down the bouncy slide, back for a second session in groups, swop the groups for craft and games, back in the church for the drama and more singing. At the end of the week, on Friday night, parents are invited to see the children perform a little song or dance, sing some songs, watch the grand finale of the drama serial – followed by a BBQ.

Holiday Dramas in the 1990s







Over the 50 years the Holiday Club has been run by an army of volunteers giving a week of their holidays to help, so we take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to each and every one – and may the ABC Holiday Club continue for many more years to come.

The difference between 1974 and 2024 –



The format may have changed but the fun and the Blessings for children and helpers alike stay the same. Holiday Club Drama 2022 (our minister, Will, in the feathered head-dress)

The ABC Holiday Club has touched many lives over the 50 years. If you came as a child, and still have those good memories, come along to the Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. We'd love to see you again – there will be pictures old and new – and cake!

## Church Family News:

Congratulations to Don and Mari Walters on the birth of their grandchild, Noah, and to parents Ben and Fleur, and sister Nancy. We send love and blessings to the little family.

Also congratulations to Liz Brittain on the birth of her granddaughter, Eva. May God bless Eva and her parents, Rebecca and Nick, as they begin their new lives as a family.

Gladys Head celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday in June – she survived the Blitz in the East End of London and has gone on to live a full and good life. Bless you Gladys.

Congratulations to Elaine and Richard Robinson on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless their life together.

And still going strong - Stanley & Dorothy Mackley and Cindy & Keith Elliott, both couples celebrating 55 years of marriage. Friends from their teens and still working together in our Church.

Welcome new Church members, Rob and Helen Wells, with son Seb. May God bless them and make them a blessing to our fellowship here at ABC.

Our sympathies to Sam and Martin Bruce on the passing of Sam's father, Paul Turton. Despite his illness, Paul was a regular at our Open House group, and could be found at the jigsaw table each week. He will be sadly missed by his friends, but especially by his wife, Kath, and all the family.

A number of our fellowship are having health issues, we pray God's healing hand on them.

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**“Spiritual Remedies”** Can I have a little more .....

***Common sense***, to take people as they are.

***Cheerfulness***, to share my happiness instead of my sorrows.

***Humility***, to do God's work when I would rather be looking to my own comfort.

***Perseverance***, to keep doing the above.

***Prayer***, to leave a space in my heart where God can speak and I can listen.



## Rainbow by Hazel Turner

Disappointment comes again,  
It rears its ugly head.  
I cry as I walk in the rain  
And remember what's been said.

My head is hung, my shoulders bent,  
My heart is fit to break,  
I can't believe those words were meant,  
It's hard for me to take.

But then the sun peaks through the clouds  
And starts to dry the rain.  
A robin starts to sing out loud  
I try to smile again.

Suddenly, above the rooftops  
I see a flaming bow  
That makes an arch across the world  
And sets the sky aglow.

And then my heart is lifted  
When I think of all You do,  
With your angels' help and an artists brush  
You paint a rainbow in the blue.



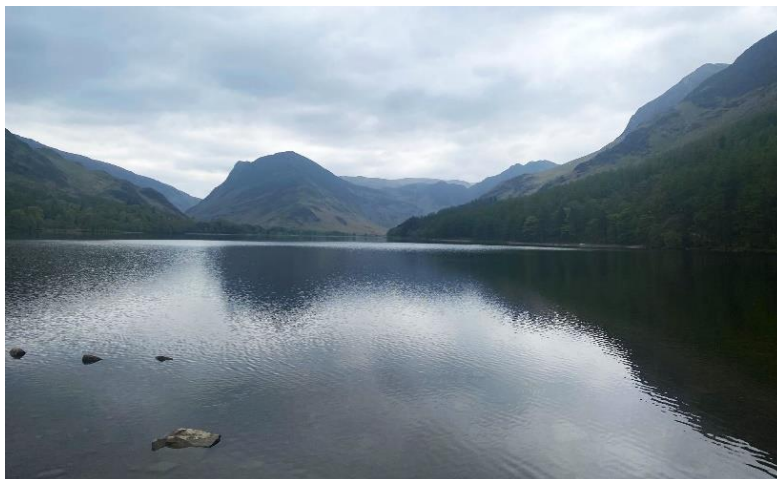
“Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer *is* the greater work.” - Oswald Chambers

## ABC Young Adults Weekend away

The Young Adults group had a weekend away in the Lake District. We went up on Thursday, with Will, Kaityln and the two Hannahs arriving in the afternoon. Due to vehicle issues, the rest of us, Ben, Victoria, Eunice, Prince and Esfe, left around 22.30 and arrived at almost 3am to the Wonky House.

Still up and around early the following day, a few of us had a walk around Keswick Town Centre.

By the time we had walked back to the Wonky House, we all drove to Lake Buttermere and walked around it which took a few hours. We enjoyed the amazing views, meditated on God's word, enjoyed some local ice cream, Kaitlyn chased Prince halfway up the mountain, and even saw a ewe give birth to a lamb.



After that long walk, Hannah had prepared Spaghetti Bolognese for us all.

Each evening after dinner we would hold a prayer meeting where we would reflect on the day, share our requests and pray for each other.



The next day, following a fried breakfast, we set out again this time into Glenridding by Ullswater for a mid morning steamboat trip across the lake into Howtown and then made the 7 mile hike back. Eunice, Prince, Hannah and Kaitlyn stayed on the boat and visited a few towns around the lake and had a more relaxing day enjoying the views.

After we got home, Eunice and Esfe made us a lentil and pea curry with lamb chops which was really nice.

We then had our evening prayer meeting again and afterwards we played a few board games before bed



On Sunday morning, we had Church at the house with Prince leading us and sharing some testimony. A few others then headed into Keswick while Victoria and I made roast chicken for lunch. Eunice and Prince later went to a mining museum. I got dropped off at the train station and went home because I had work on Monday. There was lots of leftover food from the week's cooking so they had that for dinner.

The next morning after a pancake breakfast they all tidied up the house and came back to Leicester, arriving mid afternoon. Overall it was a really enjoyable experience, getting to know each other more and enjoying each other's fellowship, appreciating the natural beauty of God's creation. Psalm 121 says



“I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” When you are staring in awe at a mountain, surrounded by all these valleys and lakes, a verse like this

connects with you and I think that's an experience we will all take with us. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.

*Ben*

A good tip to learn to rest is to remember:

Daily Divert

Weekly Withdraw

Annually Abandon

Remember, rest is the one job you can't delegate to anyone else!

# SIGMA CREAM TEAS + SAT. 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 2-4.30pm

Tea & Cream Scones



Cake & pie stall

Book Stall



Have a lovely afternoon and raise money for Sigma  
Project in India





## BIBLE QUIZ – THE LIFE OF JESUS

1. Who ordered the census which brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?
2. Where did Joseph, Mary and Jesus live?
3. What type of work did Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) do?
4. How old was Jesus when He first taught in the temple?
5. How long was it before Joseph and Mary discovered Jesus was missing?
6. Where was Jesus baptized and by whom?
7. What were the three temptations that Satan gave to Jesus?
8. Who was the first disciple to come to Jesus in John 1?
9. What was the first recorded miracle of Jesus?
10. Whom did Jesus call the "generation of vipers?"
11. What was Jesus doing when the disciples were scared during a storm on the sea?
12. How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus brought him back to life?
13. What was the reaction of the people after Jesus cast the legion of demons into the swine?
14. Jesus said, "Get thee behind me Satan" to which disciple?
15. Who anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume and then dried His feet with her hair?
16. How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?
17. How many loaves of bread and fish did Jesus use to feed the 5000 in John 6?
18. Which disciple first refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet?
19. In whose new tomb was Jesus buried?
20. What was Jesus' final command to the disciples before ascending to Heaven?

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# Bible Word Search

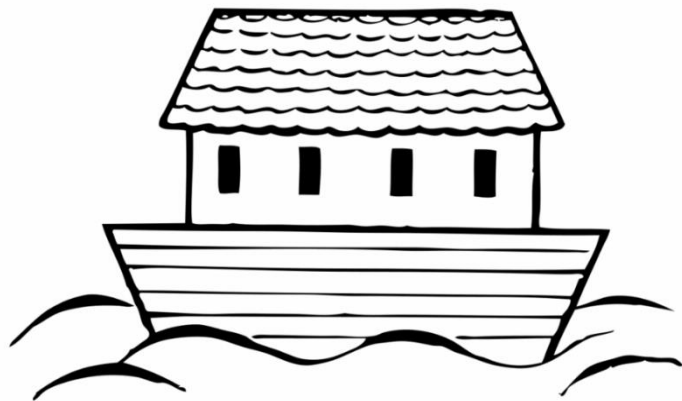


## Noah and the Ark



### Word list:

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| ANIMALS   | LAND     |
| ARK       | MOUNTAIN |
| BELIEVE   | NOAH     |
| BUILD     | PAIRS    |
| CREATURES | PROMISE  |
| DOVE      | RAIN     |
| EVIL      | RAINBOW  |
| FLOOD     | TWO      |
| FORTY     | WATER    |
| GOOD      | WOOD     |





**BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME** supporting medical missionary work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to..



July 21<sup>st</sup>. Grace Elliot

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Maxine Elliot

July 25<sup>th</sup> Duncan Ellis

July 27<sup>th</sup> Sarah Brazier

July 29<sup>th</sup> Angela Wafforne

July 31<sup>st</sup> Steve Gray

August 4<sup>th</sup> Sophie Gray

August 4<sup>th</sup> Aaron Johnson Muskve

August 10<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson

August 18<sup>th</sup> Stanley Mackley

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Katelyn Hall

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Joe was a man who always had to be right.

Then he was disciplined at work for something he did wrong.

“There were mitigating circumstances,” he told me “but I messed up. It made me feel sick.”

When he told his wife this, she said, “Every time you have insisted on being right, you’ve probably made the person in the wrong feel just like that.” “I’ve changed my approach since then,” he told me.

“Now I remember the old maxim, **if you need to choose between being kind and being right, choose being kind – and you’ll be right.**”

## Choirs & Cakes

The church was packed for our annual concert, raising money for Christian Aid and also the Baptist Missionary Society.



The ABC choir sang varied songs from Les Miserables to Worship songs, we enjoyed the Magna Band, and a recorder group, and our hearts were touched with songs from the Granby School Choir.



Afterwards a huge amount of cake was consumed and thoroughly enjoyed.

Thanks to all who took part, all who came along, all who baked cakes, and especially to Beth Ellis who organised it all and trained the choirs and Sophie Gray for the band and recorders. We have been able to send: £150 each to BMS World Mission & Christian Aid

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

### Lunch Club

All welcome for a two course roast dinner, cost £5.  
Doors open from 11am for coffee and chat, lunch served at 12.45. No need to book. Held fortnightly.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – there will be a Thanksgiving service at 12-o-clock, followed by lunch. All welcome.

Lunch Club will be closed for the summer break – re-open Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.



### The Open House



Open from 11am – 2pm for coffee, chat, quizzes, knitting, or have your nails painted. Lunch served at 12.30. Cost £4.00 includes unlimited coffee/tea and biscuits.

There will be no Open House over the summer – please join with Lunch Club for an end of the year meal and thanksgiving service, 11<sup>th</sup> July. (see above).

The Open House will re-start after the summer break on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### Tuesday Fellowship

Last session before the summer break –

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will go for a meal at the Manor, meet at church 12-0-clock.

Tuesday Fellowship will re-start Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.



### Holiday@Home - Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>

This is a little scaled down this year – but will still be loads of fun.

August 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am quizzes, lunch, craft afternoon, sandwiches and cake.

August 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am quizzes, lunch, film, sandwiches and cake.

Cost £15 : Please book in for catering purposes. List in Church Lounge or

Contact Dorothy: 0116 2836422 or email [dozzamac46@.cloud.com](mailto:dozzamac46@.cloud.com)



## Ladies Together

The ladies enjoyed a meal out at the Manor, and also a Saturday morning breakfast, where Maxine Elliot was the speaker. There will be a break over the summer and meetings will re-start in the Autumn.



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## Man Alive – Men's meeting

The men have enjoyed a full English Breakfast meeting, and also a crazy golf evening. There will be a break over the Summer, resuming in the Autumn.

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## CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Make a note of the date....

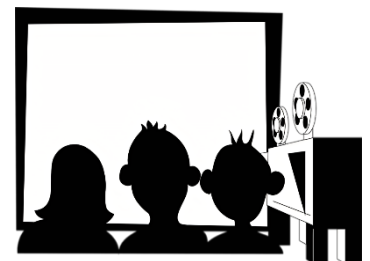
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September



After church – going to Oakfield Park, Hospital Lane, Blaby (Lifts will be available). Bring a picnic and something to sit on. There is a children's play area, and we will have ball games too. (In the event of rain we will hold it in the church hall!).

## Children's Film Club

Come along and watch a Disney type film, then enjoy a home-cooked meal. (Children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult).



Mondays – 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> August, 11am – 2.

Cost per person, £1. Please book (for catering purposes) with Dorothy

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# SMILE a WHILE

## Late Night Birth

It was late at night and a lady who was expecting her second child was at home only with her 3-year-old daughter, Molly. The lady started to go into labour and called 999.

Only one paramedic was able to respond to the call. The room was dimly lit, so the paramedic asked Molly to hold a torch so he could see better to deliver the baby. Soon, a little baby boy was born and the paramedic lifted him up, smacked him gently and the baby began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked the wide-eyed Molly for her help, and asked her what she thought about the baby boy. She quickly responded, “He shouldn’t have gone in there in the first place – smack him again.”

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## What it says on the sign

*\*At an optician’s office:* **“If you don’t see what you’re looking for, you’ve come to the right place.”**

*\*In a podiatrist’s office:* **“Time wounds all heels.”**

*\*At a car dealership:* **“The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.”**

*\*Outside a car exhaust centre:* **“No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.”**

*\*In a vet’s waiting room:* **“Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!”**

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## Answers to Quiz

1. Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1
2. Nazareth. Luke 2:3
3. He was a carpenter. Matthew 13:55
4. Twelve years old. Luke 2:42-47
5. After one day they knew He was missing, but it took a total of three days to find Him. Luke 2:42-47
6. In the Jordan river by John the Baptist. Matthew 3:13-17
7. Satan asked Him to turn the stones into bread: Matthew 4:3; To prove that He was invincible: Matthew 4:5-6; To worship Satan for the purpose of having the kingdoms of the world given to him: Matthew 4:8-9
8. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother and one of John’s disciples. John 1:40
9. Turned the water into wine and the marriage of Cana of Galilee. John 2:1-11
10. At various times the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. Sometimes separately and sometimes together. Pharisees and Sadducees: Matthew 3:7; Pharisees: Matthew 12:34; Scribes and Pharisees: Matthew 23:33
11. Sleeping. Mark 4: 35-41
12. Four days. John 11:39
13. They were angry and wanted Him to leave their city. Matthew 8:28-34
14. Peter. Matthew 16:23, Mark 8:33
15. Mary, the sister of Martha. John 12:3
16. Three. The widow’s son: Luke 7:11-17; Lazarus: John 11:43-44; Jairus’ daughter: Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56
17. Five loaves of bread and two fish. John 6:1-13
18. Peter. John 13:4-9
19. Joseph of Arimathea. Matthew 27:57-60
20. Go into the world, preach the Gospel, baptize believers and teach them. Matthew 28:19-20 Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8

# Aylestone Baptist Church

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Church Minister Rev. Will Hall

## Weekly & Fortnightly Activities:

### Sunday

10.30am Morning Service / Junior Church / Creche Facilities

### Tuesday

11am Tuesday Fellowship (3<sup>rd</sup> Age Bible Study) meet Fortnightly

### Wednesday

9.30am ABC Tots -

(For all babies & toddlers. Ages 0 – 4 and their carers - open during School Term)

7pm Youth Group ( fortnightly – term time)

### Thursday

11am Community Lunch Club (Meet Fortnightly)

11am The Open House (For the 50's & over. Meet Fortnightly)



Loop System Installed, Wheel Chair Access, & WC Facilities

To inquire about Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, Church Membership,  
House Groups,

The Community Lunch Club, The Open House, or any other activity,  
Please contact the church.

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A warm welcome awaits you.