



Aylestone Baptist Church  
November & December  
Magazine  
2023

## Christmas at Aylestone Baptist Church

'Tis the season to be jolly, and this Christmas will be no exception at Aylestone Baptist Church. We invite you to join us as we joyfully celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and the significance of Christ's birth.

The holiday season is a time for cherished traditions, twinkling lights, and festive gift-giving, but it is also a time for reflection and spiritual growth. A few years ago, as I was reading through the accounts of Jesus' birth in the Gospels, I noticed something that I hadn't noticed before: nearly every event in the Christmas story involved angels. So this year we want to reflect on how angels are an important part of Jesus' birth.

Our teaching series this year is titled, "The Message of the Angels", and I hope you will be inspired as we look at how God used angels throughout the Christmas story. Without going into my sermons too much here (you'll just have to hear them at church), we'll look at how the angels gave powerful messages to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds. We'll see how these messages contained promises of Hope, Joy, Salvation, and the greatest Gift of all – Jesus.

Here's what else you can expect at Aylestone Baptist Church this Christmas:

- **Inspiring Worship and Music:** Join us for uplifting worship services filled with the joyous sounds of modern worship as well as classic Christmas carols. Let the songs and lyrics bless you and prepare you for the message of Christ. Is there a favourite Christmas song you'd like to sing? Be sure to let us know.
- **Practical Application:** Our teachings explore both the historical aspects of the Christmas story and practical insights on how we can apply it to lives. No matter what we're going through, we can all use an uplifting message on Hope, Salvation, Joy, and Gifts. The Christmas story is as relevant today as it has ever been.
- **Fellowship and Community:** Christmas is a time for coming together. Our church offers a warm and welcoming place for people of all backgrounds and walks of life. In fact, I'd say that our warm welcome is one of the strengths of our church. You're invited to stay after our services for tea and coffee, and prayer is available if you let one of our leaders know. Our house groups, community events, and children's activities also offer a great place of welcome and connection outside of normal church services.

- **Special Events:** In addition to our Sunday services, you'll find lots of Christmas events at ABC to help you celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Check the calendar for a Carols by Candlelight, a Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve, a Christmas Day service, and community events such as Carols at the Park and Carols at the Pub.

Of course, Christmas is best shared with others, so be thinking of who you can invite this season. Pass this magazine along to a friend, neighbour, or co-worker, and ask them to join you for a service or two. Let's come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we embrace the Hope, Joy, Salvation, and the Gift of God that we find in Christ at Christmas.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Aylestone Baptist Church!



Hi Everyone. My name is Hannah and I am the Children and Youth Intern at ABC this year (as well as at Reach Leicester). I am originally from Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk but have lived in Leicester for the past 3 years while studying International Relations at the University of Leicester and graduated in the summer. Since starting my internship in September, I have been helping with Junior Church, organising the Light Party and starting to put the foundations in place for a Toddler Group and mid-week Youth Group. I am really looking forward to seeing what

this year has in store for me and the Church.

As this is the Christmas edition I thought I should probably include that my favourite Christmas song is 'Mary Did you Know'.

### ***NEW LOGO***

Our church is considering a new Logo, and we are looking for Logo submissions. What Logo do you think would represent ABC and our Vision? Please send a drawing, sketch, image file, or even just a written description of an idea, to Will at [aylestonebc@gmail.com](mailto:aylestonebc@gmail.com). We will then let the church look over these and decide what could be suitable to represent our church.

The Logo we choose will be professionally produced, so don't feel you need to spend too much time getting every detail right.

## HARVEST 2023

Once again our Church looked lovely for the Harvest Service, and began with Jill giving the history of Harvest – the time for fulfilment of the growing season. And so what better day for Baptisms and we were thrilled with that witness from Gladys and Ben as follows ...

### **Gladys Koovits Testimony.**



My name is Gladys. I was born and grew up in Leicester in a happy Christian family not far from here. I came to live in Aylestone 8 years ago to be near my son and family after my husband passed away.

I saw the Holiday@Home posters in the local shops and decided to get in touch. Dorothy kindly met me at the Church door – I was so nervous walking into a room full of people I didn't know. I needn't have been worried. I was given a warm welcome by everyone.

I have met many warm friendly and caring people here and over the last few years this church has become very special to me.

I now talk to Jesus and I know He listens to me and helps me and guides me. Since being here I have learnt so much more about the Bible and about Jesus and just how special Jesus is.

I love being here and after Church on Sundays I feel quite lifted. It's a good feeling and I am happy to be baptised today.

I would like to say to everyone that helps me and supports me – a very big thank you.

*Gladys.*

## Ben Hibbard Testimony

Good morning all

Many of you here will know that my wife Victoria has been attending ABC for most of her life. Along with her sisters she grew up here. Although I was not raised attending a church, Christian values were still at the forefront; kindness, honesty, and the value of hard work. To my parents' credit, I was free to make up my own mind about God, and religion, and the values and lifestyle they encourage. I decided very early on that the existence of any God was impossible, and mocked those who believed in such. So much so that I swore off any possibility of being in a relationship with anyone who was the slightest bit religious. And then, in sixth form, I met my wife. She was such a great early encouragement for me. We both went off to Uni. and she would regularly pester me to attend a church service. Even just one, as if a single Sunday in a church would suddenly inspire me to question everything I had believed. This is exactly what happened, in a small Baptist church in Preston Lancashire. I was approached by a member of the congregation and we began to discuss my faith and my views. I agreed to attend the following week. He prayed the sinners prayer with me. I began to attend regularly. I went out into town and bought myself a bible and began to read it. I attended home groups, bible studies, church events. I had a great longing to know and understand God more.

I came home for the summer and came to ABC for the first time and I was made so welcome and at home. I met Leticia who was a great encouragement and support for me during this time with prayer and discussion. The following summer I read my bible cover to cover. I have never been so convinced, or convicted, of God's existence and His Truth and my need for Him in my life. We are commanded to believe and be baptised, and I have done the former, and now I am here to do the latter. And I want to thank you all who have encouraged and supported me throughout my time here, and I am glad you can all be here to witness this exciting new chapter in my life by God's grace.

*Ben*





Many thanks are due to those who contributed to the Harvest Giving with gifts to the Salvation Army Food Bank. It was a record collection and the people at Glen Parva were thrilled with the contributions – a testimony to kindness in these difficult days with the soaring cost of living.

*“If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy  
The desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise  
In the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.”  
Isaiah 58 v. 10 RSV*

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## **A great day of FUN for the Gilmorton Estate....**

We were blessed with a sunny afternoon on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, when a group from our Church joined with a group from St. Andrews to host a Fun Day at the Gilmorton Estate Community Room.



It began with a short service, outside in the sunshine, then all afternoon the local residents enjoyed the two bouncy slides and other outside games, crafts, face painting,



a steady supply of hot dogs and cakes, and a wonderful afternoon of 50s and 60s music led by Hozel, Rob and Don.

An afternoon of “something for everyone”. Our thanks to all who helped and to Leicester City Council who sponsored the event.

## Church Fellowship News

We send our prayerful sympathies to Ann Buxton and the family on the passing of Walter, after a short illness.

*“ Blessed are those who mourn”* Matt. 5 v 4

It was with sadness that we heard of the passing of Steve Gray's son-in-law, Jeff, at the age of 52, after a battle with cancer. Our love and sympathy to his wife Stef, Sophie and Steve.

### **Joyce Rowley.**

Dear Joyce passed peacefully away in her bed on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. She was born on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1931, was married to Don and had one daughter, Elaine. Joyce and Don ran Rowley's DIY shop on Fosse Rd. North for many years, and after Don's death Joyce moved to Glen Parva. Joyce loved life and people, and was playing bowls until a few months ago, along with attending other clubs.

A life-long church goer, she joined ABC on Easter Sunday 10 years or so ago. She threw herself into helping out where she could, joining the Tea Rota, Flower arranging, helped doing refreshments at Children's Holiday Club and really liked taking up the collection on Sundays. She loved a chat over coffee after morning service.

Joyce joined the Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Bible Study Group, which she loved, and on a number of occasions said that she had learned more about the Bible within that group & at ABC, than all her church-going years. Maybe because of the age of that group the discussion has often turned to Eternity, and Joyce now has that joy and peace at home with her Lord.

Joyce loved her family dearly, and we send our prayerful sympathies to Elaine and Richard, James, Peter and Sally and their families.

Helena Barratt has been in hospital but is now at home but not fully recovered. We send Helena our love and pray she will soon be strong and well again.

A number of our members are struggling with serious health issues, please keep them in your prayers.

## New Members

We were thrilled to welcome 5 new members into our fellowship during the October Communion Service.

Gladys Koovits, Ben and Victoria Hibbard, Prince and Eunice Mensah.

May God bless them and guide them in their service to our Church in Jesus' name.



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

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

November 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Lee Waffone
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Hall
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Elliott
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Elliot
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Mackley
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Isabelle Tate





## Family Light Party

Our new intern, Hannah, organised an alternative to Halloween with a Light Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

A great group of volunteers manned the crafts and games, and there was a plentiful supply of hot dogs and hot chocolate (of course with cream and marshmallows!). Will gave a short talk about Jesus being the Light that we were celebrating.

About 60 adults and children came along to enjoy the evening, it was great fun and very much appreciated by parents. Many thanks to Hannah and Will and all who came along to help.



COMING SOON at ABC -

For all babies and toddlers, ages 0 to 4,  
with their parents or carers



**ABC TOTS**

Wednesdays, 10am – 11:30am  
Tea, toast, toys, tunes, and telling stories



6 December – Opening Session  
13 December – Christmas Session

Aylestone Baptist Church, LE2 8PE

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Smile-a-while....

**What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?**

A rebel without a Claus

**Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much?**

Because every single buck is dear to him!

**Where does mistletoe go to get famous?**

Holly-wood!

A Christmas thought: STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.

## The Protheroe pilgrimage Sept 2023

### Day 1

We left for the Holy Land excited but apprehensive for what lay ahead. John had never been outside of Europe, although he had done so much research I felt as if I had my own personal tour guide! We landed safely and amazingly got through security and baggage claim within 30 minutes.

Our first adventure began when trying to get transport from the airport to our hotel in Jerusalem. Yom Kippur fell the day after we arrived and it seemed as if everyone was trying to get into Jerusalem, 3 hours later we arrived tired and hungry and also with headaches from the constant beeping of car horns. This was something I think we ended up getting used to as it seems every driver in Israel, aside from being incredibly good at squeezing through small spaces, also use their car horns to communicate to other drivers. We still haven't decided if this was an angry communication or not!



### Day 2

Today we walked for miles (a long way anyway) to discover how to get to places and what was where. We soon discovered that nothing is flat in Jerusalem. We started at the chapel of ascension - next door to our hotel, The Mount of Olives hotel. One of the places I was moved to tears.

We then walked to see the top of the Jewish graveyard - this is truly a remarkable area. The number of graves is phenomenal and even beyond where the vast majority are you still see some sporadically placed next to the main roads. The garden of Gethsemane was next, you really do get a sense of peace and tranquility here, no wonder this is was where our Lord spent time with his disciples.

From here we moved onto the Church of Nations and were lucky enough to be there during communion, a truly moving experience as the locals sang.

We then stumbled across the Tomb of the Virgin Mary, under ground and very ornately decorated.

We had descended at this point so we now knew that we had to ascend to get to the old city and inside the walls. We entered eventually at the Western wall, here we separated as male and female enter the wall at separate sides.

I sat and prayed for some time here and observed the other ladies who came to pray also, it was a humbling time. On the other side John touched the wall as there wasn't as many men at that moment in time as there was women. After a short walk we found somewhere to sit and have a drink to cool off. Continuing our journey we found the Christian Quarter and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was another spiritually amazing place and again I was brought to tears.

We ended our day (after lots of walking) in a restaurant opposite the hotel.

### Day 3

Today we went back along the path we walked the day before, our calves screaming at us! Entering by the Western Wall again we decided to walk onto Temple Mount. Although this is the place that holds the foundation stone I didn't get the same feelings as John did here, I guess that's the wonderful thing about faith and spirituality, its so very personal and isn't the same for us all.

From here we headed back towards the Christian Quarter and looked in some of the many shops and antiquity dealers in the area. We struck up quite a good relationship with one family and were invited to sit and drink outside, the drink being paid for by the owner, and watch the world go by. Here we met a lovely Christian couple who have messaged us everyday since. They are from an evangelical church in Hertfordshire, interestingly their names are Stanley and Dorothy!! God does move in mysterious ways sometimes.

After our break here we moved on to Bethesda, where Jesus healed the lame man (John 5). I spent time sat in the shade meditating and reading John 5 whilst John walked around the area, it really was amazing to think we stood in places where our Lord and Saviour had been.

### Day 4

We set out again on our trek down to the valley and up again (yes our calves screaming at us yet again!) Today we stopped at the tomb of the prophets and walked through by candle light. Our destination today was the City of David. We arrived after another trek down then up again then down again! Honestly nothing is flat!

I think to date what we did here is one of John and my best achievements. We walked through the remains of the city and taking in the atmosphere and what it might have been like in these times. We then had a choice to walk through tunnels, either a dry tunnel or a wet one. We videoed this and some of the commentary is quite funny. We opted for the wet tunnel and made our way

through just over a mile long of narrow, low and dark wet tunnel under the city of David. We were both so proud we had done this and someone even commented to John afterward that we would not be able to fit in there!!! He seemed quite surprised when we told him we had already done it! Once we'd dried out a bit we made our way back towards the western wall entrance and wanted to see the Jewish quarter, we found it and had one of the best meals we had during our time in the Holy land. Here we also saw the Golden Menorah which has been built in preparation for the building of the third temple. It is proudly displayed in a square within the Jewish quarter. An early night today as we have a trip booked for tomorrow and need to be at another hotel in the city for 07.30.

### Day 5

Today we are off to Masada, Ein Gedi and the dead sea. A guided tour of these area's and we are up at 5am to make sure we are there in plenty of time. We have found where to get the bus from to take us there so walk to catch it. We do eventually get there and in plenty of time so then have to find somewhere to grab a drink as we were too early for breakfast in the hotel. Our trip is fabulous and our guide is amazing. The view from Masada was just awesome and some of the remains of the Roman ramp can be clearly seen. We were unable to do all of Ein Gedi due to rock slides but we did get to go under a beautiful waterfall and get photos taken, this was lovely and refreshing in the heat. The dead sea was also great if not a weird experience. John can't swim so I was highly entertained when he was floating away from me and panicking (he he!). A long but great day, so great we decided to book another tour via the same site for a trip tomorrow to Bethlehem, the river Jordan and Jericho. Another early night is we have the same meeting time tomorrow at the same place.

### Day 6

Bethlehem was our first stop visiting the Shepherd's field, we then took a walk to the milky grotto and finally visited the nativity church. We were initially told that the grotto within the church of nativity would not be visited but we did get there relatively early and were able to get near the front of the queue. We were able to lay hands on the birth place of our Lord Jesus Christ, what an amazing experience that was too!

The river Jordan was next and we took a dip. One lady on our tour was baptised there, we didn't witness that but we did witness another baptism which moved me again to tears.

I approached the lady afterwards to talk to her and it turned out that she had already been baptised at home - the Cook Islands. She wanted to reaffirm this as 4 years previously she had been given 2 weeks to live. She told me that through her faith in Jesus Christ she overcame her condition and had only just been given the all clear to fly. Oh how wonderful our Lord God is indeed! Amen!

Jericho was last on our tour and was also truly amazing. We saw the world's largest mosaic floor, recorded in the Guinness book of world records. We were both awestruck by how huge it was and also what condition it was in after all this time, a true wonder to behold. To see the number of layers that have been uncovered on top of Jericho was also incredible, to see entrances to houses that appeared to go underground too! What another fabulous day!

### Day 7

Today I am feeling absolutely shattered so we had a lazier day and slept in a bit longer. We have done so much already but there is still so much to do! We had a day of walking around the old city today and looking in shops and stopping for food and drink. We eventually stumbled across the remnants of the Roman road that John had been wanting to show me, again the history was just amazing to see in the remains. We found a nice place to go out for dinner today to celebrate our time in Jerusalem, it was nice to get dressed up and enjoy a lovely meal.

### Day 8

We have been walking down and up everyday and now our muscles are accustomed to it so we decided to put them to the test a bit more today! We have seen the Kidron Valley everyday we have made our way into the city so decided to walk it today. It is so peaceful and the underground tombs can be seen as you walk along the valley floor. We eventually come out next to the City of David, it is then that I realise we have a massive climb to get up to the top!! What feels like thousands of stairs later we reach the top and head in at the western wall entrance for the last time this trip.

We had such an amazing time, there is a lot more to say but I just don't have the space to put it all here! We did so much but also missed so much. We will be going back in the future but are so blessed that we were able to experience what we did and when we did. Had it have been a week later we may not have been here telling this story. By the grace of God we are able to though.

Blessings to all

Jo & John

## **Man Alive – Men’s meeting...**

We recently met for a games evening in the Church Hall and enjoyed playing table tennis, pool, darts, air hockey and table football – and eating hot dogs and bacon butties! A good evening !

## **Next get together...**

Men’s Breakfast Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
10am at Church £4  
David Statham will be speaking about his experience in Public Health



## **Ladies Together :**

The ladies met together again after the Summer Break for a Saturday Morning Breakfast – which was delicious ! Following this Mari Walters talked about her time working in London with single mothers and abused women, encounters with drug dealers and some very scary moments when she knew God had intervened to keep her safe. We hope Mari’s experiences can be shared with a wider fellowship at some time.

The October meeting was an evening at Treetops mini golf when a few of us had a great time finding out we can’t play golf !



## **The next meetings are:**

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> Ladies’ Conference at Whetstone Baptist.

Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Crafts (donation of £5 towards costs of materials.) This will be straight after church. Please bring something for a Bring & Share lunch, and have a wonderful afternoon making some gorgeous Christmas decorations.

## What's on for the 3rd Age ....

All are invited to these events, no need to book, just turn up and be sure of a warm welcome.

### Lunch Club

.Doors open at 11am for coffee & biscuits & chat.

Meal served at 12.45. Cost £5.

Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> / ALSO

**December 14<sup>th</sup> 12 – 0 – clock CAROL SERVICE**

**featuring children from Granby School, followed by  
Christmas Dinner. (Cost £6)**

Start again after the Christmas Break: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024



### The Open House



From 11am meet in the lounge for coffee, biscuits, chat and quizzes followed by light lunch & lots of puddings.

Cost £4.

Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>

Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner see above.

Start again after the Christmas Break: 11<sup>th</sup> January '24

### Tuesday Group

For anyone aged over 55 – we meet together at about 11am for coffee & chat, then at 11.30 begin a Bible Study and discussion, followed at 12.30 by lunch. (£3)

Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Special & Christmas Dinner.

Start again after the Christmas Break: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**CHRISTMAS FILM AFTERNOON & TEA: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**



AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
2023

**CHRISTMAS**

**"The Message of the Angels"**

Dec 3

**All-Age Service**

10:30am

Fun, prizes, competitions, and an interactive Christmas story



**Carols by Candlelight**

Dec 17

**SALVATION**

6:30pm

The Message of the Angels to Joseph  
Matthew 1:18-25



Dec 10

**HOPE**

10:30am

The Message of the Angels to Zechariah  
Luke 1:5-25



Dec 24

**NATIVITY**

10:30am

Aylestone Baptist's very own dress-up nativity! Who will you be this year?!



Dec 10

**CAROLS in the PARK**

4:30pm

Aylestone Hall Gardens



Dec 24

**JOY**

11:30pm

The Message of the Angels to the Shepherds  
Luke 2:8-14



Dec 17

**GIFT**

10:30am

The Message of the Angels to Mary  
Luke 1:26-38



Dec 25

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:30am

Our Christmas Day service will be a time to celebrate Jesus' birth and share the excitement together.



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## Christmas Time ....

I wonder if we'll have a WHITE CHRISTMAS,  
maybe ONCE IN ROYLE DAVID'S CITY they  
did?

It may have been around the time when  
THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY.  
Do you remember the story?  
WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR  
FLOCKS BY NIGHT Angels appeared and  
proclaimed JOY TO THE WORLD.



Then there were the three wise men who liked to refer to  
themselves as WE THREE KINGS.  
They were following a star and looking for a baby, somewhere  
AWAY IN A MANGER on this beautiful SILENT NIGHT.

Apparently, Mary had arrived at the stable on a LITTLE  
DONKEY.  
Where was that stable? O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHAM  
wasn't it?

When the baby was born, people shouted HARK, THE HERALD  
ANGELS SING, I'm sure they would have been singing O COME  
ALL YE FAITHFUL.

Well, white Christmas or not, whilst we're ROCKING AROUND  
THE CHRISTMAS TREE, let's try and remember the real  
meaning of Christmas, and though it's been said many times,  
many ways

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU.

*Hazel Turner.*

# **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 10.30AM - 1.30PM**

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# Christian Christmas

## Word Search

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miracle

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prince of peace

savior

shepherds

stable

star

togetherness

ACROSS

- 1. Jesus' birthplace [9]
- 5. Herod slew the children of this age and under [3]
- 8. Peter quoted his words on the day of Pentecost [4]
- 9. A \_\_ shaken with the wind [4]
- 10. Ye shall find \_\_ babe wrapped in swaddling clothes [3]
- 12. The year from Jesus' birth [2]
- 14. Anna was of this tribe (recorded by Luke) [4]
- 15. Behold, a \_\_ shall be with child [6]
- 20. Fruits \_\_ for repentance
- 21. The wise men came from here [4]
- 22. 'He shall reign of the house of \_\_ for ever' [5]
- 23. A female ancestor of Jesus, recorded in Matthew 1 [4]
- 25. The amount of manna to be gathered per person [4]
- 27. He multiplied the widow's oil [6]
- 30. 'As soon as the voice of thy salvation sounded in mine \_\_' [4]
- 32. An altar meaning witness (Joshua 22) [2]
- 33. To increase [3]
- 35. Malarial fever [4]
- 36. To guide [4]
- 38. There was no room here [3]
- 39. These men went to see the baby Jesus [9]

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

- 1. 'Mary, of whom was Jesus' [4]
- 2. Jesus' age when he was taken to Jerusalem [6]
- 3. Jesus did not do this in the wilderness [3]
- 4. Adam's wife [3]
- 5. Mary was espoused Joseph [2]
- 6. 'They that \_\_ soft clothing are in king's houses' [4]
- 7. Zacharias said 'I am an --- man' [3]
- 8. Grandson of 23 [5]
- 11. A place near Bethel [3]
- 13. 'A pair of turtledove's two \_\_ young pigeons' [2]
- 16. 'That \_\_ might be fulfilled' [2]
- 17. 'The \_\_ of God was upon him' [5]
- 18. Mother-in-law of 23 [5]
- 19. This went before the wise men [4]
- 20. The mother of Jesus [4]
- 24. He was king at the time of Jesus birth [5]
- 25. '\_\_\_ that one would hear me!' [2]
- 26. Jesus was laid in this [6]
- 28. The spirit did this to Jesus in the wilderness [3]
- 29. Thus [2]
- 30. The first garden [4]
- 31. 'Where is he that is born king of the \_\_?' [4]
- 32. A priest in the time of Samuel [3]
- 33. A tree of the olive family [3]
- 34. To put into water [3]
- 37. '\_\_\_ Angel of the Lord appeareth' [2]

# Carols in the Park

**Sunday 10th December  
Aylestone Hall Gardens  
Starting at 4.30pm**

**“Celebrate the Christmas Story,  
with music accompanied by  
Southfields Brass Band.**

**Bring a Torch....**

**Free Hot Drinks & Mince Pies are available.**

**“Donations to Local Charities welcomed”**



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# Carols in the Pub

**The Black Horse Pub  
Narrow Lane, Aylestone  
Monday 20th December  
Starting at 7.00pm**

**With Carols & Readings  
Accompanied by:**

**The Wigston Enterprise Band.**

**Refreshments will be on sale**



**In support of Christian Aid &  
The Rainbow Children's Hospice**

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# Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

Church Minister Rev. Will Hall

## Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

### Sunday

10.30am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities  
Communion on the third Sunday of each month

### Tuesday

11.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)

### Wednesday

10am ABC tots - for 0-4 yrs. With carers & parents (starts 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.)

### Thursday

11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly)

11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. (Fortnightly)

(Community Lunch Club & The Open House run on Alternate Thursdays)

A number of home groups meet during the week – please ask for details



**Loop System Installed**



**Wheel Chair Access**



**WC Facilities**

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

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc.

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