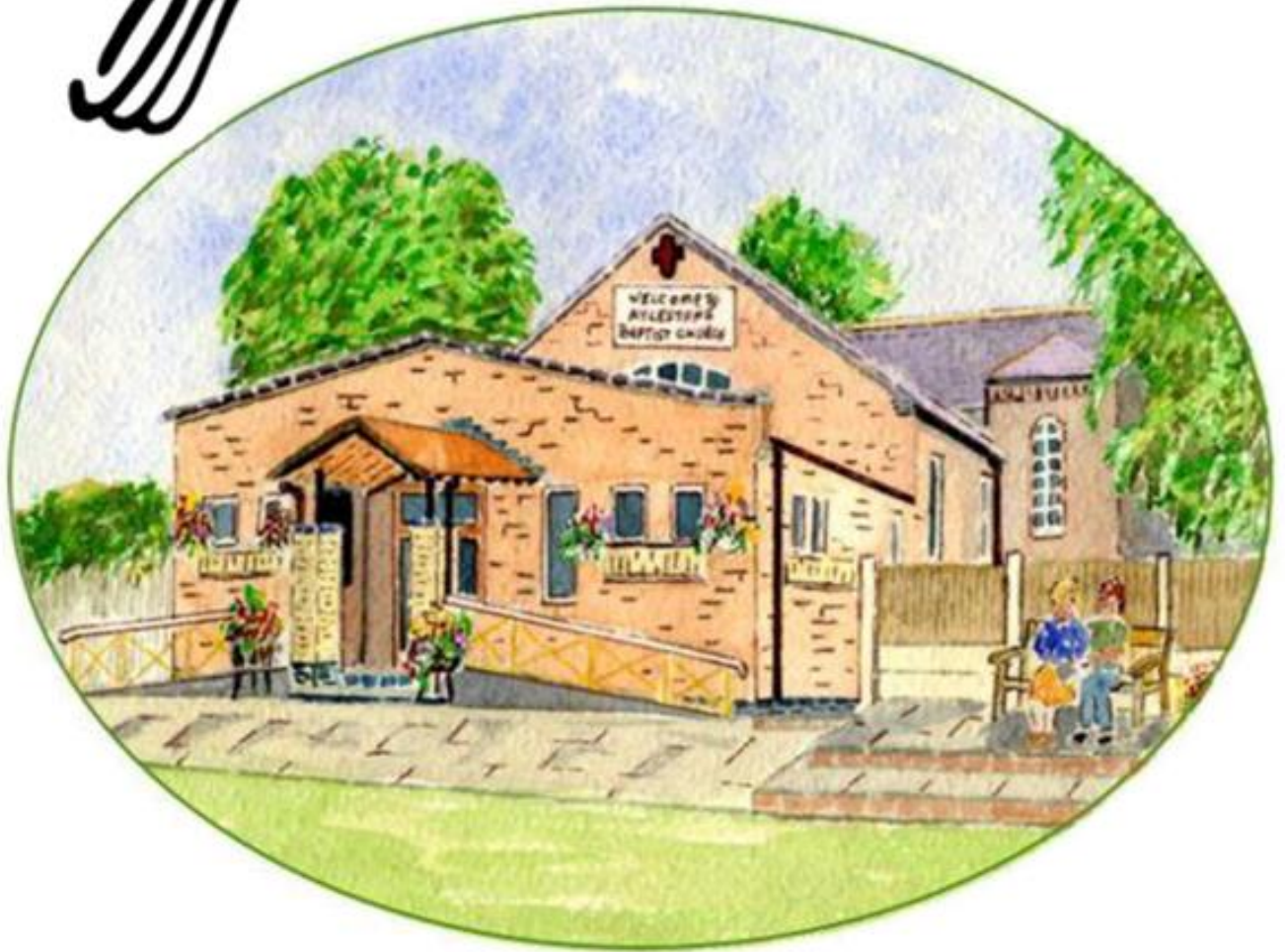




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GROWING LEARNING EXPERIENCING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE



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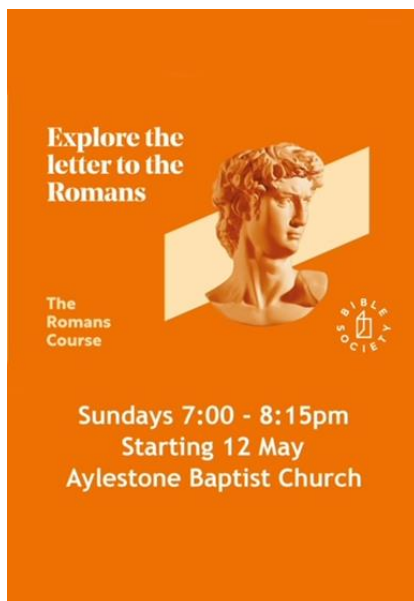
May & June

2024

Dear Church,

This Spring we start a two new teaching series. Our Sunday morning sermon series will be going through the Ten Commandments, while on Sunday evenings we will have a special video and discussion series on Romans.

The Romans Course is open to anyone to attend, whether you have Bible knowledge or not. We'll be meeting on Sunday evenings, 7:00pm to 8:15pm, starting 12 May. This 10-session series will take us through the key themes in the book of Romans. We'll watch some videos presented by Andrew Ollerton, a Bible teacher and pastor, and then discuss each clip and the information in it.



The book of Romans in the New Testament is one of the richest but also theologically deep books in the Bible. I personally am looking forward to learning through this course as there is so much in this great book that I haven't explored yet.

This course is a great way for all of us to get to know each other better while learning about the Bible. I hope you can join us. If you're curious or what to know more, feel free to send me a message, or just come to the first session on 12 May to check it out.

I'm also really looking forward to our series on the Ten Commandments. You would naturally think that a series on the Ten Commandments would last ten weeks, right? Well, we want to get a little deeper into some of the commandments, so this series will go a bit longer than ten weeks. You'll have to wait to see which ones we explore more.

There are some interesting facts about the Ten Commandments that I've been learning about:

- The Ten Commandments are found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.
- Another set of Ten Commandments is found in Exodus 34:11-26. These are commandments about rituals and are referred to specifically as the ten commandments (Exodus 34:28).
- An early print of the King James Bible left out the word “not” in the seventh commandment (Exodus 20:14). This meant the verse read, “Thou shalt commit adultery.” The printers were fined heavily and the books were destroyed. This edition of the Bible became known as the “Wicked Bible.”

- God Himself inscribed the Ten Commandments on stone tablets with his finger (Deuteronomy 9:10).
- Even while Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God, the Israelites were disobeying them by worshipping a golden calf (Deuteronomy 9).
- The Old Testament actually contains over 600 commandments.
- Different Jewish and Christian traditions have different ways of listing the Ten Commandments. For example, Exodus 20:17 is sometimes listed as two commandments, whereas we generally keep it together as one: “You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.” And in some traditions, what we know as the first two commandments are listed as one (“You shall have no other gods before me” and “You shall not make for yourself an image...”)
- The first four commandments are primarily about our relationship with God, whereas the last six commandments are about our relationship with others.
- In the United States, The Ten Commandments are depicted on the façade of the Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. They are part of a series of marble friezes on the building's exterior, representing historical figures and symbols of law and justice. Ironically, the Supreme Court has had to hear cases on other courthouses displaying the Ten Commandments. The United States is founded on the belief of separation of church and state (also a Baptist principle), and religious imagery on government buildings has long been a topic of debate and legal challenges.
- The Bible says that even if we have broken one commandment, we have broken the whole law (James 2:10-13, see Matthew 5:19). Thankfully, even if we have violated the Ten Commandments, Jesus offers us a way to be forgiven and restored. By believing in Him and confessing Him as our Lord and Saviour, we can be forgiven of our sins.
- The Ten Commandments can be a great tool to use in evangelism. Jesus referred to them when he was asked how to receive eternal life (Matthew 19:16-30). In the same way, we can point to the Ten Commandments to show others of our sinfulness and need for salvation.

I hope you find the Ten Commandments as fascinating as I do. I look forward to learning more with you.

God bless,
Will

If you want to hear more about the 10 Commandments, you can watch a video series by J John, a popular UK speaker. J John goes through 10 sessions in reverse order, and this series has been given all over the UK.

<https://just10.org/sessions/>



Jesus said....

"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew Chapter 7 v. 12

We now have a Defibrillator on our church wall for the use of the church and community in case of emergency.



**GAMES
BIBLE STUDY
DISCIPLESHIP**

YOUTH GROUP

YEAR 6 - 11

FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS

08/05 22/05

05/06 19/06 03/07

19:00 - 20:30

AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

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BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME supporting medical missionary work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to..

- May 11th Hazel Turner
- June 12th Denise Vernon
- June 17th Gladys Head
- June 23rd Ruth Hopkins





The Coin...

Doing some garden work, Harry uncovered an 1893 Victorian half-penny.

“I looked it up”, he told me, “It’s really not worth much unless it’s in mint condition. But this one was worn, like it had been through many pockets, tills and purses. A deep score ran across it, and I wondered if it had been made by a spade, plough or blade. I tried to remember the history of the land and guess whether a farmer or traveller had lost it.

“If it had been preserved straight from the mint, it would have been story-less We’re all born in mint condition,” he continued “but life marks and shapes us. That’s what makes us unique; that’s what gives us our worth. So I’ll keep the ha’penny until I lose it in my turn. It’s worth more to me for having ‘lived’ “

I looked at Harry for a moment and considered the ways life had marked and shaped him , and wholeheartedly agreed.

QUIZ A

- 1 - What is the 1st of the 10 Commandments?
- 2 - What were men trying to do at the Tower of Babel?
- 3 - Who got Joseph of Egypt thrown into prison by lying about him?
- 4 - What catastrophe did Joseph predict from Pharaoh's dream?
- 5 - Which New Testament book has Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
- 6 - Who were the first two apostles to follow Jesus?
- 7 - What animal does Moses compare the people of Israel to when speaking to the Lord?
- 8 - How many books are in the New Testament?
- 9 - Who was the King of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth?
- 10 - What does the word "gospel" mean?

QUIZ B

- 1 - What occupation did Zacchaeus have?
- 2 - What were Gideon's weapons when he fought the Midianites?
- 3 - Matthew was written primarily to whom in his letters?
- 4 - What will be the outcome of honoring your father and your mother?
- 5 - In Ecclesiastes 4:10, if one falls down, who can help him up?
- 6 - In Luke, the woman cleans Jesus feet with what two things?
- 7 - Where did Elijah meet with the prophets of Baal to prove that God is the one true god?
- 8 - What is the name commonly given to the first five books of the Old Testament?
- 9 - What does this name of God mean: Jehovah Rapha?
- 10 - What were the two plagues that afflicted the Egyptians physically?

Easter Walk of Witness in Aylestone



The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was a beautiful experience, as over 60 people walked from St. Andrew's Church, to St. Edwards Church where there was a short service at each church, then to Aylestone Baptist for a slightly longer time of worship with a very moving message from Will. The morning finished with hot cross buns and tea and coffee, and a time of fellowship between the churches.



What's on for the 3rd 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 May 9th / 23rd Thursday June 6th / 20th.



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.

Thursday May 2nd / 16th / 30th Thursday June 13th / 27th

Tuesday Fellowship

A small group and ladies and gentlemen meet together at about 11am for coffee, then at 11.30 hold Bible Study and discussion, followed by lunch. Everyone welcome – if you are some-one who is curious about the Bible and wish to know a little more, you are welcome here.

Tuesday May 14th / 28th Tuesday June 13th / 27th



Holiday@Home - Tuesday August 13th & Thursday August 15th

This is a little scaled down this year – but will still be loads of fun.
August 13th from 11am quizzes, lunch, craft afternoon, tea and cake.
August 15th from 11am quizzes, lunch, film, tea and cake.
Cost £15 : Please book in for catering purposes. List in Church Lounge or
Contact Dorothy: 0116 2836422.

Here are some words from the 1st Letter of Peter, Chapter 5, in the New Testament, and though the words are given to Church leaders, they should be true for anyone in a caring situation....

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

In her novel, “Three apples fell from the sky”, Narine Abgaryan explains the names of several fictional Armenian villagers who lived through World War 1.

One is named after her promise to pay back a debt, one is named after the foreign wife he brought home, one for her complexion, one for the type of hat he wore, and so on.

Imagine if we each had a name other than our given one – an earned one.

If we were called after a personality trait, or the impact we had on the community, would we like it? If not, might we learn to live our lives in such a way that we earned a name we would love ?



Article from the BMS World Mission Engage Magazine 2024
A LETTER FROM UKRAINE



Your prayers and generous giving have provided relief and pastoral care to survivors of the war in Ukraine since 2014. Two years on from Russia's full-scale invasion, Pastor Igor Bandura reflects on how churches are sharing Christ's love even in the depths of war.



Dear friends,

Nothing is more worthy than life and freedom. On 24 February 2022, an 180,000-strong army of Russian soldiers tried to take away our life and freedom when they attempted to completely occupy our country. The heroic resistance of Ukrainians continues to this day.

On the streets we see people with war-tired looks, suffering from amputations and post-traumatic stress disorder. At times we feel powerless in the face of such a large enemy. But as Psalm 124 says, "If the Lord had not been on our side... they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us."

An important task of the Church today is to care for survivors of war. Churches are forming chaplaincy groups to visit defenders in their places of deployment,

hospitals and rehabilitation centres. Churches are taking care of families, helping them rebuild or find temporary shelters. We want churches to become a model of encouragement, healing and bringing people back to life through the love of Jesus Christ.

Millions of Christians around the world are standing with us. We bring our prayers to God for every one of you and for your support. Our prayers are also for God to stop this lawlessness as immediately as it began. God will demonstrate his glory and justice; his love will heal every wound and his peace will bring freedom and prosperi

Thank you,
Igor Bandura
Senior Vice President of the Baptist Union of Ukraine

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**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

[abcholidayclub@gmail](mailto:abcholidayclub@gmail.com)





Children with special needs in Guatemala love the Greatest Story Ever Told. (Extract from Bible Society “Bible a Month”.)

Alfredo and Irene Salazar’s son was an outcast in society. He wasn’t even made to feel welcome at their local church. The reason for all of this was that their son, Alfredo Jr., had Down’s syndrome. But the couple, who live in one of the poorest regions of Guatemala, prayed for guidance and received an amazing response.

Thanks to the generous donations of Christians from other churches in the region they were able to set up Tebow Down Centre in northern Chimaltenango, an area where two thirds of residents live in poverty. The centre’s aim is to serve children who have special needs and/or physical disabilities.

But God’s answer to prayer didn’t end there. Alfredo and Irene now run a total of four centres for 150 children with special needs or disabilities. Here they receive a mix of therapeutic care and education. And, just recently, they set up a school, too.

Bible Society’s Open the Book programme has also been introduced to the school, enabling these children to understand the message of hope found in Scriptures, and to understand that Jesus loves them. Scripture storytelling teams visit Tebow Down fortnightly, and have adapted their Bible stories to be fully understood and appreciated by the children they serve.

There is little governmental support for children with special needs in Guatemala so Tebow Down staff members meet with new parents who have just found out their child has special needs or a disability. The staff tell the parents that their child is such a special gift from God, which is so important when they are sometimes hearing negative views from other people about their child.

(To find out more about the Bible Society visit biblesociety.org.uk)

SIGMA UPDATE

As you will have heard in the Media, India has national elections just now. Because of the size of the population [approx. 1.3 Billion] it is taking 6 weeks to complete the voting.

The prediction is that Prime Minister Modi's BJP party will be returned for a further 5 years, If he gains a large majority, it is expected that government opposition to Christians, Muslims and other faiths will increase. Already it is said that India is one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters at Calvary Baptist Church as, in spite of the dangers continue to take the gospel into all the surrounding areas. The work is growing – but with that success is coming spiritual disruption by Satan.

Pastor Sukumar sent this message to me recently as their annual Vacation Bible School [a bit like our Holiday Club] is about to start

“Please pray for Vacation Bible School in Calvary Church and surrounding villages from April 29th to May 15th. Please pray for travel arrangements, provision of food, materials, books, gifts and sports items. This year we arrange sessions in new areas because our ministry has increased. We need much prayer. One side of ministry increasing, one side Satan creating many problems”

We'll keep you updated as we get further information – meanwhile please pray!



AYLESTONE 2024

A FREE

COMMUNITY FUNDAY

AYLESTONE HALL GARDENS

30/6/2024



11am – 4pm: look out for further details

Ladies Together



Programme for May and June:

Monday May 20th, 6.30pm – Dinner at the Glen Parva Manor.

Saturday June 15th, 10am, Continental Breakfast with speaker, in Church lounge.

Ladies of all ages are invited to these meetings, but please book by adding your name to the list in the Church lounge.

HAPPINESS: keeps you sweet.

TRIALS: keep you strong.

SORROW: keeps you human

FAILURE: keeps you humble

And GOD: keeps you going.

Man Alive – Men's meeting

In May there is an opportunity to attend a Men's Day Conference on Saturday 18th at Whetstone Baptist Church from 10am-4pm



This year our theme is **'You can't always get what you want: following Christ and dealing with disappointment'** and our speaker is Tim Nelson Co Founder and CEO of Hope for Justice.

[cost £20 – help could be available]

Friday 28th June Crazy Golf/pitch & put
at Blaby Golf Centre



CHOIRS & CAKES CONCERT

& Supporting Musicians

Saturday 8th June 4.30 - 6pm

Aylestone Baptist Church

Adults £3.50 & Children £1.50

Includes Tea & Cakes





Pentecost

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SMILE a WHILE



A man lay upon his deathbed. His family hurried to his bedside, and wept bitterly as they held his hands. The man opened his eyes, and uttered to his sisters..

“Don’t cry for me Marg and Tina” ...

New Boy at Sunday Club

A new boy turned up at a Sunday Club and the leader asked him a few questions to break the ice and ended with asking him what his father did. He’s a magician, sir,” said the boy.

“How interesting,” said the leader, “What’s his favourite trick – what is he really very good at doing?”

The boy replied, “He’s very good at sawing people in half.” The leader was impressed.

“Now tell me something more about yourself, do you have any brothers and sisters?” asked the teacher. “Yes sir,” replied Johnny, I have one brother and two half sisters.”

Film Evening

A man running a little behind schedule arrived at a church film evening and, in the semi darkness, he managed to find a seat.

As his eyes adjusted to the darkness, he was surprised to see a dog sitting beside its master in the row ahead, intently watching the film. It even seemed to be enjoying the film, wagging its tail in the happy bits, drooping its ears at the sad bits, and hiding its eyes with its paws at the scary bits.

At the end the man approached the dog’s owner, “Wow, I’m amazed at how your dog really seemed to enjoy the film” The owner replied, “Yes, I can’t believe it myself, because he hated the book.”

QUIZ ANSWERS

Quiz A 1. You shall have no other gods before me 2. Building a tower up to heaven 3. Potiphar’s wife 4. A seven year famine 5. Matthew 6. Peter & Andrew 7. Sheep 8. 27 9. Herod the Great 10. Good News

Quiz B 1. Tax collector 2. Trumpets, pitchers, lamps 3. Jews 4. You will live long in the land 5. His friend 6. Her tears and her hair 7. Mount Carmel 8. Pentateuch 9. The Lord who heals 10. Gnats and boils

Aylestone Baptist Church

Lutterworth Road Aylestone Leicester LE2 8PE

Church Minister Rev. Will Hall

Weekly & Fortnightly Activities:

Sunday

10.30am Morning Service / Junior Church / Creche Facilities

Tuesday

11am Tuesday Fellowship (3rd 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)

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.

Rev. Will Hall on 07878803387 or Email aylestonebc@gmail.com

Don't forget to visit our website

<https://www.aylestonebaptist.com/>

A warm welcome awaits you.