



Amersham Methodist Circuit

Amersham
High Street

Chesham

Deanway Utd



Gerrards Cross

Little Chalfont

Prestwood

**"What you plant now, you
will harvest later"**



Plan

September to November 2023

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Ministers' Days Off

Rev'd E Adam Wells

Monday

Rev'd James Patterson

Thursday (Study Day) and Friday (Day Off)

The Ministers are always willing to be called in pastoral emergencies.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

GNB

Good News Bible

H&P

Hymns & Psalms

MHB

Methodist Hymn Book

MP

Mission Praise

MSB

Methodist Service Book

MWB

Methodist Worship Book

NIV

New International Version Bible

NRSV

New Revised Standard Version

SOF

Songs of Fellowship

StF

Singing the Faith

PLAN INFORMATION

Can all requests for the December 2023 to February 2024 Plan be to
sent to the Circuit Administrator Lu Gigg **by 01 November 2023**.

(email: amcircuitmethodist@gmail.com).

CHURCHES' CONTACTS

AMERSHAM HIGH STREET

StF, GNB, H&P, MWB, NRSV Mission Praise volumes 1 and 2

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CHESHAM

StF, H&P, NIV, MWB, Mission Praise volume 1(words), Partners in Praise, Own compilation song book. Access to other editions of Modern Hymn Books with CCL licence.

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DEANWAY UNITED CHURCH, CHALFONT ST GILES

H&P, MP volume 1, BBC Songs of Praise Hymnbook, NIV

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GERRARDS CROSS

H&P, StF, SOF volume 1, NIV, MSB, MWB (Communion and Covenant section). 'Electronic' version of MWB and a church copyright licence which covers the church for reproducing words and music.

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LITTLE CHALFONT

StF, SOF volume 1, NRSV, MWB, CCL and MRL licences give access to songs not in SOF volume 1

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PRESTWOOD

StF, H&P, Partners in Praise, SOF, NIV Bible, MWB, MWB Children's edition. CCL licence & overhead projector gives access to MP, and other modern hymnbooks.

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Message from Rev'd Adam Wells

Dear Friends,

Methodism relies on the ministry of Local Preachers, which goes back to the time of John Wesley. Without them we would be sunk. Local Preachers, however, do so much more than fill appointments on the Circuit Plan. They also bring a richness and diversity of experience, which benefits the life of the whole Church.

John Poston contacted me to advise that he felt it was time to step back from regular preaching. I therefore invited John to write a few words for this Plan:

"It is with considerable regret that I have come to this decision, for I still feel the calling to preach and to lead worship but have been finding it harder to do that in recent months.

It has been discovered that I have a considerable narrowing of the spinal column, which gives me issues in my legs, making it difficult to stand for moderate periods and sometimes impacting on my walking as well.

When I started to lead worship, I was still a teenager (!) and would never have been expecting to still be taking services at the age of 84, which I will reach on October 4th this year.

It has always been an enormous privilege, wonderfully enhanced when I was authorised to lead Holy Communion services in the Circuit. I am so grateful to the people of the circuit churches for the way they have greeted me and helped with preparation and taking of the services, especially the stewards AND all the organists. Music has always been important to my view and experience of worship.

Thank you, all of you. John."

On behalf of you all, I thank John for his years in preaching and ministry in this Circuit as well as others.

Adam

WHAT'S ON Gerrards Cross

Music and Make - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.00noon

Movers and Shakers every Wednesday 10.30am to 1.00pm

Little Chalfont

Quiz Night and Supper - Saturday 14 October from 6.30pm, all are welcome, details to follow!

Tuesday Fellowship/Cell Group, alternate weeks from 2.30pm

Coffee Stop every Wednesday from 10.30am

Coffee Morning first Saturday in every month from 10.30am

Prestwood

Friendship Club third Wednesday each month 2.15pm to 3.15pm with tea beforehand.

Circuit Vision Day on 05 November 2023

Will be held at Restore Hope, Latimer (HP5 ITU) from 10.00am to 3.00pm with lunch provided. Please attend if you can to share your thoughts and ideas on the future direction of the Amersham Circuit. More details to follow separately.

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday morning from 10 am to 11 am on Zoom. All are welcome and may join and leave the meeting at any time in the hour. Further details from tinahillas@gmail.com.

WHAT'S ON

Amersham High Street

Coffee morning every Wednesday at 10.00am

Harvest Festival Cream Teas on Sunday 10 September from 12.30pm to 4.00pm

Harvest Supper on Monday 11 September at 7.00pm
(£7.00 each)

Gentleman's Ploughman's Lunches on Monday 25 September and Monday 13 November at 12.00pm

Friday Fun and Friendship last Friday each month at 2.30pm. Topics will be Homeward Bound (29 September), Musical Items (27 October) and Fair Trade (24 November)

Chesham

Movers and Shakers every Monday at 9.30am

Hobbies Club every Monday from 1.30pm

First Monday Club, monthly from 2.00pm

Tuesday Group on 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 2.30pm

Treasured Memories Club, 3rd Friday each month 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Rainbows every Friday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Players every Friday from 7.45pm to 9.30pm

Bible Month Studies

Bible Studies, using the Bible Month material on the book of Revelation, will be led from 30 October and throughout November by Adam and James and all are welcome to attend.

Dates are as follows:

Amersham High Street from 10.00am on Mondays:

30th October
6th November
13th November
20th November

Zoom from 7.30pm on Tuesdays:

31st October
7th November
14th November
21st November

(Please let Adam know if you would like to attend via Zoom and he will send you the link)

Little Chalfont from 2.00pm on Thursdays:

2nd November
9th November
16th November
23rd November



Amersham Methodist Circuit Plan September to November 2023

Date		03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
Sunday		Ordinary 22	Ordinary 23	Ordinary 24	Ordinary 25	Ordinary 26	Ordinary 27	Ordinary 28	Ordinary 29	Ordinary 30	All Saints	Ordinary 32 Remembrance	Ordinary 33	Last before Advent
YouTube Editing		Field	Williamson	Appleby	Wells	Field	Williamson	Appleby	Wells	Field	Williamson	Appleby	Wells	Field
Circuit YouTube services		Wells	Prior	Wells	Patterson	Wells	Patterson	Wells	Patterson	Prior	Patterson	Wells	Patterson	Wells
Amersham High Street	9.30 am	Sitford	Patterson HF @ 11.00am	Patterson HC	Wells	Smith	Sitford	Wells HC	Hoskin	Patterson	CVD 10am @ Restore Hope	Patterson	Wells	Patterson HC
Chesham	11am	Sitford	Chesham URC HC		Sitford ECO	Patterson HF	Patterson		Patterson HC	Sheppard	CVD 10am @ Restore Hope	Patterson HC	Chesham URC	Poston
Chesham	6pm			Patterson HC				Wells						
Deanway United Church	11am	U @ Village Green	Wells HC	Andersen CA	Sheppard	Smith	Henderson HF	Wells HC	Powell	Prior	CVD 10am @ Restore Hope	Poston @ 10.50am	Patterson HC	
Gerrards Cross	9.30am	Wells HC				Wells					CVD 10am @ Restore Hope			
Gerrards Cross	11am		Prior	Poston	Wells HF		D & M Scott	Smith	Wells HC	Wells		LA	Wells HC	Sitford
Little Chalfont	9.30 am		Wells HC		Patterson	Patterson			Wells			Wells P		Hoskin
Little Chalfont	11am	Wells		Wells HF			Potter CA	Sheppard		Swarbrick HC	CVD 10am @ Restore Hope	10.50am on The Green	Smith	
Little Chalfont	6pm				Wells Con					Patterson Con				Wells Con
Prestwood	11am	Patterson HC	Poston	Patterson	Patterson HF	Wells HC	Sitford	LA	Swarbrick HC	Patterson RS	CVD 10am @ Restore Hope	Sitford	LA	Wells HC

* Harvest Festival Services will be held on the dates highlighted above



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ABBREVIATIONS

@ Service taking place at
CA Church Anniversary
Con Contemplative Service

CVD Circuit Vision Day **
ECO Eco Service
HC Holy Communion

HF Harvest Festival Service *
LA Local Arrangement
P Parade Service

RS Remembrance Service
URC United Reformed Church

Lectionary readings can be found at the back of the Methodist Worship Book