



Amersham Methodist Circuit



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“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ”

(Matthew 5:44)

PLAN INFORMATION

Can all requests for the September to December 2026 plan be to sent to Lu Gigg, Circuit Administrator Lu Gigg by **01 August 2026**.

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Plan

June to August 2026

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Ministers' Days Off

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

Message from Rev'd Adam Wells

Dear Friends,

Recently, I found myself going to Matthew 5.44 as I wondered what to pray for. In the middle, and muddle, of the international events that are taking place at this time, the continued wars in different parts of the world, with all the inevitable suffering that goes with them, Jesus says 'But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'

Verse 44 is part of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. It needs to be read alongside the rest of that teaching, not least Matthew 5.38-39 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;'

Verses 38 and 39 model a type of interpersonal behaviour where we do not retaliate when struck, but rather endure. I am sure you have noticed that sometimes if we do not react to someone, they will go away.

It would seem hard to apply this to the nations of the world, and their interrelationships, and their responses to what other nations do or plan.

Verse 44 raises some issues. Who are our enemies? And how should we love them in Jesus' name? Who, if anyone, is persecuting us? The word for love used in the passage is 'agape', the love that looks to the best interests of others and even puts their needs first. The love that Jesus exhibits when he dies on the cross for the sins of the world.

I am sure that we have all been praying for peace and for justice, but in addition I want to pray for an end to the cycle of revenge, 'you hit me and I hit you back', that seems to form so many of the interactions in today's world.

This is surely in the best interests of all of us.

Best wishes and prayers

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

Coffee Morning first Saturday in every month from 10.30am and everyone is welcome.

Tuesday Fellowship on first and third Tuesdays from 2.30pm.

Coffee Stop every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

Chat 'n' Craft every second Friday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. Bring your projects and have coffee and a chat!

Prestwood

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

Online Bible Study on second and fourth Tuesday each month from 7.00pm. All are welcome, for further details please contact stewards@prestwoodmethodists.org.uk.



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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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GERRARDS CROSS

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

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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 and MWB Children's edition. CCL licence & PC projector for StF, H&P & SOF; on request for other modern hymnbooks.

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WHAT'S ON

Chesham



Movers and Shakers every Monday (term time) at 9.30am to 1.00pm. An hour of exercise with an activity, talk and a lunch to finish. £7.50 per morning, first session free.

Hobbies Club every Monday (term time) from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. A chance to socialise while working on your projects. £2.00 per session with refreshments, free for your first visit.

First Monday Club, monthly from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Worship, with speakers, fellowship and tea.

C2C Film Club first Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 2.15pm and film starts at 2.30pm. A different film every month, free to attend but donations for refreshments and to support C2C are welcomed.

Treasured Memories Club, 3rd Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Singalong with a chat, tea and cake for those who suffer from memory loss to enjoy with their carers.

Please contact Denise on **01494 776988** or via email to **cheshammethodistc2c@gmail.com** for further details on any of the above activities.

Tuesday Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 2.00pm

Bible Studies - first and third Tuesdays each month at 2.30pm

Rainbows every Friday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Players every Friday from 7.45pm to 9.30pm



WHAT'S ON

Amersham



Ploughman's Lunch - 12.00 noon, Monday 20 July 2026. All are welcome, please contact Pam Dean for more details.

Bible Study - second and fourth Mondays at 10.00am

Open House every Wednesday, from 10am to 3pm, where all are welcome for coffee and fellowship and to share in lunch, or bring your own.

Friday Fun and Friendship last Friday each month from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Join us for:

26 June 2026 – Waterways Experience trip 11.00am to 3.00pm. Contact Jean Davis or Church Stewards for details.

31 July 2026 - Chapter Two Bookshop - a talk about the community bookshop in Chesham selling pre-loved books, gifts, stationery and vinyl with all profits going to The Hospice of St Francis.

28 August 2026 - Meriet Duncan, children's author and beekeeper. Meriet's mission is to spark curiosity and nurture a lasting appreciation for the honeybees that sustain our planet.

Fancy a cuppa at Amersham during August?

On Saturday afternoons in August, from 2pm to 4pm, Amersham will be open for tea and cake in the church and/or garden.

Everyone is welcome, with proceeds going to Methodist Homes (MHA).



WORSHIP RESOURCES

GNB

H&P

MHB

MP

MSB

MWB

NIV

NRSV

SOF

StF

Good News Bible

Hymns & Psalms

Methodist Hymn Book

Mission Praise

Methodist Service Book

Methodist Worship Book

New International Version Bible

New Revised Standard Version

Songs of Fellowship

Singing the Faith



WHAT'S ON

CIRCUIT QUIZ!



On **Saturday 20 June 2026**, Chesham Methodist Church will be playing host to a quiz to raise funds for our Circuit charities, PACE and the World Mission Fund.

Arrive at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

We are hoping to have lots of support from around the Circuit for this fundraising event.

Tickets will be £12.00pp, including a light supper but please bring your own **non-alcoholic** drinks.

Family and friends are welcome to come along too, maximum of 8 people per team or we can find a team for you to join. Tickets are available from your Circuit reps.



Amersham Methodist Circuit Plan June to August 2026

Date		07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
Sunday		Trinity	Ordinary 11	Ordinary 12	Ordinary 13	Ordinary 14	Ordinary 15	Ordinary 16	Ordinary 17	Ordinary 18	Ordinary 19	Ordinary 20	Ordinary 21	Ordinary 22
YouTube Editing		Williamson	Field	Wells	Appleby	Wells	Williamson	Field	Appleby	Wells	Williamson	Field	Appleby	Wells
Circuit YouTube Thought		Prior	Wells	Patterson	Wells	Patterson	Prior	Patterson	Patterson	Wells	Wells	Patterson	Wells	Patterson
Amersham	9.30 am	Patterson HC	CS @ LCMC @ 11.00am	Rayson CA @ 3.00pm	Barnard	Patterson HC	Gill	Sitford	Patterson	Barnard	Gill	Patterson HC	Wells	CS @ CMC @ 11.00am
Chesham	11am	Beasley	CS @ LCMC	Patterson HC	@ URC	Sitford ECO	Patterson	Sheard	Swarbrick HC	Wells + URC	@ URC	Patterson + URC HC	Hoskin	Wells/Patterson CS + URC
Deanway United Church	11am	Prior	CS @ LCMC	Smith	Wells HC	Powell HC	Prior		Wells		Wells HC			
Gerrards Cross	9.30am		CS @ LCMC @ 11.00am				Patterson				Wells			
Gerrards Cross	11am	Wells HC		Sheard	Smith	Wells HC		Patterson	LA	@ URC		Beasley	Wells HC	CS @ CMC
Little Chalfont	9.30 am	Wells HC		Wells		Wells		Patterson		Wells		Wells HC		
Little Chalfont	11am		Ashdown - WCS inc EO		Hoskin		Swarbrick HC		LA - Leprosy Mission		Smith		Sitford	CS @ CMC
Little Chalfont	6pm				Wells C				Wells C					Wells C
Prestwood	11am	Patterson HC	CS @ LCMC	Wells	LA	Patterson HC	Beasley	Sitford	Patterson	Sitford	LA	Wells HC	Patterson	CS @ CMC

ABBREVIATIONS

@ Service taking place at
C Contemplative
CA Church Anniversary

CMC Chesham Methodist Church
CS Circuit Service
ECO ECO Service

EO Easter Offering
HC Holy Communion
LA Local Arrangement

LCMC Little Chalfont Methodist Church
URC United Reformed Church
WCS World Church Sunday

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