

ASHLEY METHODIST CHURCH
www.ashleymethodist.co.uk
SUPERINTENDENT - REV. HELEN KIRK – Email revhelenkirk31@gmail.com
MINISTER – REV. ROB COTTON - Email minister@ashleymethodist.co.uk
LAY WORKER – MRS CAROL COTTON - Tel: 07816 308505
Circuit Office Tel: 01630 652631

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS at 10.30am
GROWING IN FAITH & WORSHIP WE WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE & CARE FOR ALL

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026 – REV. HELEN KIRK

Bible reading: John 1 vv 29-42

A warm welcome to our service this morning. If this is your first time here we look forward to meeting you over tea and coffee afterwards. May peace, joy, hope and good health be yours in 2026.

WE APOLOGISE for the lack of heating last week. Our system is working fine now thanks to our property steward. Stewards are being updated on how to deal with the problem in the future. Thank you for persevering in the cold!

ALPHA COURSE will begin **Tuesday 20th January** with a welcoming meal at 7pm at Market Drayton Methodist Church. JB Gill from JLS will be there to give a testimony. Please consider whom you might invite along. The course is free but there is a charge of £5 for the initial supper. **Please book your place asap** at mdmc.org.uk/alpha or use the sign up sheet by the entrance so that catering can be estimated. Please let us know any special dietary needs. **Buy your tickets** at www.mdmc.org.uk/alpha (preferred method) **or notify asap** if you would like to come and pay on the day. Your tickets will then be reserved. Please ask a steward if you would like a lift. Car sharing is recommended. SONGS OF PRAISE, Sunday 25th January at 3.30pm with Revs Rob Cotton & Catherine McBride (St Mary's, MD) at Market Drayton Methodist Church. All are welcome for worship, fellowship and refreshments.

Upcoming services at AMC at 10.30am:

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY will be a service led by Ian White based on the hymns of Fred Pratt Green. Ian intends to follow a course of services on hymn writers this year following his service on Bernadette Farrell last November.

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY, our service will be led by MDMC Youth. Do support them if you can. We were really impressed with their last visit.

Details on the notice board for:

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of UKRAINE, Saturday 21st February, 7pm at Knighton Village Hall.

CEILIDH BARN DANCE, Saturday 7th March at 7pm at Broughton Parish Room. Tern Valley Tinkers.

CEILIDH & IRISH NIGHT, Saturday 14th March 7pm at Ashley Memorial Hall. Tern Valley Tinkers.

COMPASSION JAR. Our donations of small change help to support two children – Kevine in Rwanda & William in Guatemala. The collection jar is by the entrance. £54.48 was handed over at the coffee morning last week. Our current fund stands at £1.71. Thank you for your continuing contributions. Every penny counts!

MARKET DRAYTON FOODBANK. There is a list of items required on the notice board. Gifts can be left at Loggerheads Co-op. Thank you. More information on the website:

<https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

ROTA FOR SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2026 – MR IAN WHITE

BIBLE STUDY. We shall meet in church on Thursday 22nd January 10 - 11.30am for week 2 of our study of the "I am" sayings of Jesus. Do come if you can for fellowship, coffee/tea and some lively and very informal discussion.

ONLINE PRAYERS take place on Mondays at 7-7.30pm. Zoom details: ID: 918 5917 6065 Passcode: 438347

FAMILY CONCERNS. We pray for pain relief, healing and peace for all who are unwell or in pain, for their carers and families and for families under stress. We ask for comfort and peace for the bereaved. We pray that the hope and joy of Christmas will continue throughout 2026 for everyone, especially our young people.

God of light, you have called us out of darkness into your light. May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world. Amen.

(The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)