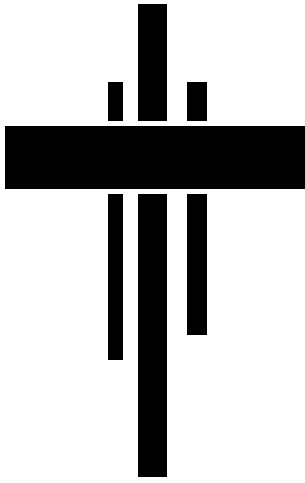


23rd April 2017



# Priory Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

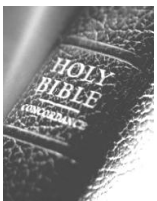
We welcome you to worship God with us today.

We light the Peace Candle and pray for peace in the world.

## Call To Worship

Open your eyes!  
Fall down and worship;  
for this is your Lord and your God.  
**Amen. We come to worship.**

**Our Minister is the Reverend Andrew Hollins**



If you would like a bible during the service  
there are some available in chair backs or  
from the bookcase in the welcome area.



A special welcome to any visitors with us today  
We serve tea, coffee and soft drinks  
after the morning services in the small hall each week.  
Do stay and meet together with us.

## Today's Morning Welcoming Team

Jasine Belinfante and Norma Ayers

**H&P**—Hymns & Psalms, **SfW**—Songs for Worship, **StF**—Singing the Faith

**10.30am**

TODAY'S METHODIST WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Rev. Andrew Hollins

**Worship Steward:** - Angela Guerriero

**Organist:** - Keith Goddard

**Hymns:- All H&P** 213, 208, 530, 687 and 200

**Readers:** - Sue Butler and Ann Sewell

**Readings:-** Acts 2:14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-31

**Intercessory prayer:** -

**On Sound Desk:-** Gordon Beeden

### Junior Church

Junior Church  
this week is led  
by Karen and  
Stephanie

**10.30am**

TODAY'S CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Mrs Angie Woodcraft

**Worship Leader:** - Carmen Rowe

**Hymns:- SoF** 646, **SoF** 197, **SoF** 303, **SoF** 381 and **StF** 46

**Readings:-** 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-23 and John 20: 26-31

**On Sound Desk:-** Tsatsu

in the Main Hall.

**6.00pm – Note the time**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP – Cafe Style  
GCT United Service— following tea

**Preacher:** - Rev Andrew Hollins

**Welcomer:-** Gordon Beeden

**Worship Steward:** - Eleanor Mackirdy

**Pianist:** -

• **Hymns:-**

**Readers:** - Eleanor Mackirdy and Hazel Warner

• **Reading:-**

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### New to Priory? – Welcome

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

We'd like to get to know you – please complete your details, tear off and put in the Minister's pigeonhole in the welcome area by the front doors.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**10.30am**

**Methodist Worship** – Mr Amos Salisbury

**Contemporary Worship** – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

**6.30pm** - No Service at Priory

Circuit Healing Service at Haynes at 6.00pm.

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rev. Jeremy Arthern – Holy Communion
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	TBA



### **Church Flowers**



<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Marjorie Bolster
	<b>Arranger</b>	Bernice Monk
	<b>Distributor</b>	Kathy Lewis
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Alan Davis
	<b>Arranger</b>	Liz Little
	<b>Distributor</b>	Marlene Howker



### **Soup Run**



We are always pleased to receive any unwanted cakes, sandwiches, etc.

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	John H., Rachael and John
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	John H., Norma and Beth

**Reverend Andrew Hollins - Tel. No. 01234 340167**

Andrew has Friday as a rest day.

Please avoid contacting him for routine matters on that day.

**Church Office Tel. No. 01234 353523, Email: [office@priorychurch.org.uk](mailto:office@priorychurch.org.uk)**

Please note office hours are 9.00 – 14.00

Administrator works for The Pilgrim Partnership 14.00 – 17.00

**Church Website: <http://www.priorychurch.org.uk>**

**Priory Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PrioryMethodistChurch>**

### **United Service - Today**

This will be held at Priory Church, Newnham Avenue, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to mark the end of our Goldington Churches Together Lent course: "Christ and the Chocolaterie". We will start at 5 pm with a chocolate themed 'bring-and-share' tea and then have café style worship at 6 pm. All are welcome.

### **Richard Wycherley**

We are saddened by the death of Richard Wycherley who died suddenly at home on Saturday, 1st April 2017. A thanksgiving Service will be at Priory on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am. Please hold Richard's wife, Lesley, plus her sons and wider family in your prayers at this time of shock and sadness for them.

### **Circuit Prayer Group**

An informal group that meets to chat about and pray for the Church in our area at Willington Methodist Church at 10.30am on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

"God does nothing but in answer to prayer" John Wesley

### **Priory Railway Club**

The Railway Club will be meeting in room 3 on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm when we will have a members's evening where we all bring along something of interest. All welcome.

Mike Hurst

### **Tuesday Fellowship**

Tuesday fellowship meets on Tuesday 25th April at 2.30pm. Speaker Hazel Warner .Topic Personal memory of Local History. All are welcome we would be delighted to have new members.

Jasine Belinfante

### **Film Night**

Following the GCT Lent course "Christ and the Chocolaterie" there has been requests to show the whole film 'Chocolat', Priory is hosting this on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Small Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Connexion magazine – and free gifts!**

The new copy of this magazine is available on the table by the office in the vestibule. It contains many thought-provoking and inspiring articles, so please take one, have a look and return it for others to see. With the magazines were some copies of the Methodist Church booklet A Gift of Easter; do take one for yourself, or to give to a friend, first come, first served.

### **Circuit Healing Service**

The next circuit Healing Service will be held at 6pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at Haynes Methodist Church. Prayer requests for inclusion at the service may be submitted by email ([northbedshealingprayers@gmail.com](mailto:northbedshealingprayers@gmail.com)) or in writing (e.g. via the Minister pigeon hole at church) to Rev. Andrew Hollins. There will not be an evening service at Priory on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Footprints**

The date of the next Footprints walk has been brought forward seven days to Sunday, 30 April at 2.30pm and will be a 2.5 mile stroll among the bluebells in Kempston Woods. Car sharing is most important as parking at the Cross Keys / Fratelli's Restaurant (MK43 9BE) is restricted so any problems, please park at the roadside just before pub. For more details call Alan and Jo Wooding or Sue Allen.

## **Easter Offering**

With your notices you will find an envelope asking for donations towards the work carried out by the Methodist Church World Mission fund. This is a yearly collection organised by Methodist Women in Britain and the money goes to support people in mission appointments in their home countries. Please return the envelopes via the collection plate in the next few weeks.

These monies from our church and those throughout our Circuit will be dedicated at a special Easter Offering Service at Ampthill Methodist Church on Thursday 25th May at 2.30pm. If you would like to attend this service please speak to me.

## **Prayer date**

A time for Prayer - all are welcome.

Prayer + Lunch - Saturday 6th May 11:00am - 12:00 pm

## **Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May**

Volunteer collectors are needed to help with door-to-door collections for Christian Aid Week. If you can help this year, let Chris Fox know, either by phone to 01234 350250 or leave a message in the "F" pigeonhole.

## **Pastoral Committee**

The next meeting of the Pastoral Committee is on Wednesday May 17th at 2.30pm.

## **Farewell to Carolyn**

I will be leaving Priory Church in May to move out of the area, to Irchester village, in Northamptonshire, where my husband, Douglas, and I are buying a house together. So we will worship at a church in this area. The move is hoped to be on 26 May, if all goes to plan. On Sunday 14th May, after the morning service, there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to me over coffee/tea and cake! (I will provide some cake for you all)  
Carolyn Seymour (or Mrs Carolyn Tully)

## **New circuit initiative**

The circuit mission stream would like to run a new initiative whilst continuing to press forward on obtaining Fairtrade certification.

We hope that this will be a quick win, easy to carry out and with significant help being offered to other charities.

## **Intrigued??**

Many of our churches collect specific items and recycle them to other charities that can use them or sell them for cash.

We plan to advertise the current recycling opportunities available in our churches so that others can join in and recycle items not collected at their own church. We will put the list on the web-site in a poster format that can be printed off for your church noticeboard. Please help us to compile a comprehensive list by sending information of anything you currently recycle at your church e.g. used postage stamps, plastic milk bottle tops, etc.

*Marian Blyth on behalf of the Circuit Mission Stream*

- Please update Sue in the office with any items and she will respond to Marian.

## **Posters On The Board In The Welcome Area** - Updated weekly.

Don't forget to take a look at the posters with all the details of events happening at Priory, within the circuit churches and in Bedford - see if any take your interest.

[www.northbedsmethodist.org.uk](http://www.northbedsmethodist.org.uk)

**BELIEF - Ethics in our time**  
**Wednesday's from 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - **Ethics and Migration** - Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills, Inter Faith Advisor  
Diocese of St Albans

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 - **Just War** - Revd Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick, Retired Principal and  
Warden of St Michael's College Cardiff and Ethicist

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – **Environmental Ethics** - Revd Dr John Weaver, Chair of the John  
Ray Initiative

17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - **Ethics & Poverty** - Sue Richardson, Christian Aid Relations  
Development Officer

24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – **Ethics and Medicine** - Rev Dr Nick Goulding, Professor of  
Pharmacology & Medical Education

This event will be held at St Andrews Church Kimbolton Road Bedford MK40 2PF,  
between 8pm and 9.30pm. £5 per person, per session (including refreshments)  
payable on the day. There is no need to book, please just come along on the day.



# Annual Forum

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Buffet from 6.30pm**

**AGM at 7.30pm**

**Keynote Speaker: Chris Curtis**  
Chief Executive of Youthscape

*Youthscape*

**[www.youthscape.co.uk](http://www.youthscape.co.uk)**

**Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Church**  
**52 Castle Street**  
**Luton, Beds. LU1 3AG**

**Large car park on site; Luton train station is a ten minute walk away**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Upper Caldecote Methodist Church**  
**160<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary United Service**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 10.30 a.m.**

**Preacher - Rev Jim Gorringe**

(former Minister at Shefford, Langford, Henlow and Upper Caldecote)

Lunch to follow – To book please contact Paul Cooper

**All are welcome**

***Friends of the John Bunyan Museum & Library***

**Visit to Wesley Chapel, John Wesley's House  
and the Museum of Methodism, London - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Our coach leaves Aspects Leisure carpark at 9.30am and will drop us  
at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London.

There will be time for coffee and lunch before our guided tour.

Over the years John Wesley's 'neat but fine' Chapel has become the central shrine of  
Methodism, welcoming pilgrims from all over the world.

It is a very interesting place to visit.

We will also be able to see Bunhill Fields, the famous Dissenters burial ground, which  
is opposite the Chapel where John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe, William Blake and Isaac  
Watts are buried.

Our guided tour begins at 1.30pm and lasts about an hour and a half. We leave  
London at about 4.00pm for return to Aspect, Bedford.

The cost is £25 per person, which includes coach travel, entry fee and a tip for the  
driver.

Cheques made payable to **Friends of the John Bunyan Museum** to be sent to:-

Mrs Doreen Watson, 1 Talbot Road, Bedford MK40 3EE

**Please also enclose a SAE and your telephone number.**

Save the date & invite a group from your Church or Circuit!

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

venue tbc

East of England

Speaker and coach Trey Hall joins a  
panel of mission and pioneer  
practitioners to bring you a day  
full of inspiration and hope.



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a day for all those  
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Exploring  
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action?

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about  
innovation,  
inclusion and  
risk-taking?

For more info contact DME Yasmin Finch

yrfinch@gmail.com

07543 592019



All age/Family fun

# Easter Egg Car hunt

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

3:30pm Starting at HENLOW METHODIST  
finishing at 5:30pm at CARDINGTON  
for tea and a youth-led service starting at



For more information and to book a place,  
call Rebecca or email: [cairdclan@ntlworld.com](mailto:cairdclan@ntlworld.com)  
or Monica or email: [monicacarmenmikyla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:monicacarmenmikyla@yahoo.co.uk)