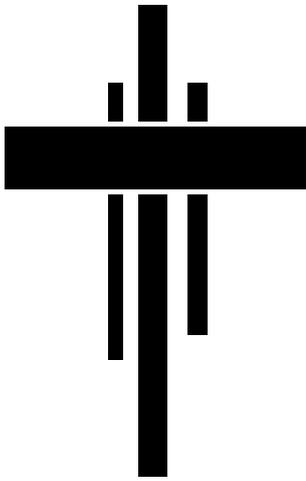


6<sup>th</sup> August 2017



# Priory Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

We welcome you to worship God with us today.

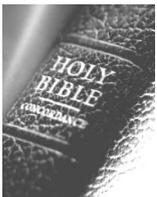
We light the Peace Candle and pray for peace in the world.

## Call To Worship

God says:

'Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Why do you spend money on that which is not bread,  
and labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen to me, eat what is good, and delight in me.'  
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

Steve Gordon and Kathy Lewis

**H&P**–Hymns & Psalms, **StF**–Singing the Faith, **SoF**–Songs of Fellowship

**10.30am**

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Local Worship

**Worship Steward:** - Hazel Warner

**Organist:** - Pauline Kaye

- **Hymns:- StF 152, StF 409, H&P 687, StF 449, StF 487**  
and God be with you till we meet again

**Readers:** - Roger Wood, Carmen Rowe and Susanne Edwards

- **Readings:-** Isaiah 55: 1 – 5, Romans 9: 1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21

**Intercessory prayer:** - Paddy Barrett

**On Sound Desk:-** Sue Gordon

**Junior Church**

No  
Junior Church  
until September

**10.30am**

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Miss Helen Boshier - Local Preacher from Shefford

**Worship Leader:** -Marian Knights

**Hymns:- StF 24, SoF 2231, StF 156, StF 662 and StF 477**

**Reading:-** Matthew 14:13-21

**On Sound Desk:-** Nick Guy

**6.30pm**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Rev Graham Claydon-Knights

**Welcomer:-** Chris Fox

**Worship Steward:** - Alan Davis

**Pianist:** - Keith Goddard

- **Hymns:- All StF 102, 73, 636, 51 and 615**

**Readers:** - Gordon Beeden and Nick Guy

- **Readings:-** Genesis 32: 22-31 and Matthew 14: 13-21

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

6<sup>th</sup> August 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Where are Priory's Preachers this week**

Andrew is at Beeston in the morning, Alan Davis at Ampthill and Liz Little is at Flitwick.

## **Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Traditional Worship** – Rev Jeremy Arthern – Holy Communion

**All Age Informal Worship** – Mr Craig Gaffney

**6.00pm** – Mr Keith Lilley

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Andrew Hollins
	<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Eleanor Mackirdy

## **Church Flowers**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Roz Butterworth
	<b>Arranger</b>	Marilyn Lingings
	<b>Distributor</b>	Marlene Howker
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Bill and Marian Knights
	<b>Arranger</b>	Carol Gammons
	<b>Distributor</b>	Gordon Beeden

## **Soup Run**

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

**6<sup>th</sup> August** John H., Norma and Beth

**13<sup>th</sup> August** Brian, Kath and Anna

**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>**

### **Baptism - Today**

My second grandchild Lucie Maia is being Baptised at Priory today 6th August at 3pm. The service is being conducted by the Rev. Bill Davies and all are very welcome to attend. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces from the Priory Church family.

Roz Butterworth

### **Food and Fun Club**

The first session is not far away now; please pray for this new venture. The prayer bookmark should act as a reminder and a guide. Thank you.

### **Church Office**

The office will be closed Monday and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Church Garden**

We are holding another garden working party on Wednesday 9th August from 9.30 am. We need all the help we can get so please come and join us. You do not need to be a knowledgeable gardener to help. Bring your own tools if possible.

Susan and Jeremy Arthern

### **Tuesday Teas**

You are invited with friends and family to afternoon teas at Priory in the Small Hall. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided.

Dates for this are August 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, all Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.00pm.

### **Prayer Time at Priory: 11:00am - 12:00pm**

We should always pray and never give up!

12th August 2017

2nd September 2017

21st October 2017

Carmen Rowe

### **Thank you**

Rainbow Playgroup use our premises daily in term time and we have been building good relationships with the staff and children. They have been struggling recently with low numbers and have worked very hard to keep going and build up the group. Church Council agreed to a rent holiday for a short period to help them over this difficult time; the future is looking brighter and we have received a card of thanks which you can see on the noticeboard in the vestibule.

### **Open Garden**

Thank you to all those who came to our open garden, thankfully the rain held off until late. Thank you also to those that donated as they were unable to make it and those who contributed on Sunday morning at Church. Thanks also to all who helped make the teas and drinks over the weekend. We achieved a great total of £535.00 across Saturday and Sunday, this will be split between Church funds and Children's Heart Federation. All together we had a great weekend socialising with family and friends and raising funds. Thanks to all.

Sue & Steve Gordon and family

### **Church Seating**

Church Council discussed the comments received about the layout of chairs and it was agreed to try a more semi-circular arrangement which we hope will preserve the feeling of community and friendliness whilst overcoming problems of visibility and distraction. See what you think!

## **Methodist Prayer Handbook**

If you would like to order the 2016-17 Methodist Prayer Handbook please let me know by the end of August.

Barbara Barlow

## **Day of Prayer For Britain**

Worship & Fasting - Friday 8th September 2017, 10:30am - 8:00pm.

Join David Hathaway and others at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London  
Carmen Rowe

## **Priory Outreach**

Food and Fun Club is a Priory outreach initiative which aims to help families by providing art & craft, games and entertainment for their children.

We need members of the congregation to get involved by offering their time to assist with children activities or to donate homemade cakes ideally on the 14th August for the event on the 15th. See [flyer below](#).

People to contact: Suzanne Edwards, Liz Little, Ruth Johnson, Marian Knights and Carmen Rowe.

Priory Methodist Church, Bedford 



# Food and Fun Club

*Come and join us for food and fun over the holidays...*

<b>Who?</b>	A whole family occasion
<b>When?</b>	11:30am-1:30pm
<b>Date?</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2017 Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>Where?</b>	<b>Priory Methodist Church</b> 63 Newnham Avenue
<b>Cost?</b>	Just come and have fun – our treat
<b>Why?</b>	Because we love getting together and having fun – and of course food makes us <b>HAPPY!!!</b>

*We can't wait to meet you!* If you'd like to join us for food and fun, please let us know that you're coming at least 5 days before the time, just so that we can make sure there's enough food to go around. BUT, if you forget to let us know, come anyway – we'll cook a little extra just in case...

**Contact:**

Monica: 07960287523; email: [monicacarmenmikyla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:monicacarmenmikyla@yahoo.co.uk)  
**OR**  
Bek: 07877342640; email: [cairdclan@ntlworld.com](mailto:cairdclan@ntlworld.com)

## **Bike n Hike – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

If you would like to raise money for Priory and enjoy a good cycle ride or walk, sponsorship forms are on the table in the welcome area.

## **Thank you from Bedford Foodbank**

Twice a year we like to contact our regular contributors to advise them how much they have helped us over the past few months. I am delighted to tell you that so far this year Priory Methodist Church have donated 22.7 kg of non-perishable items.

Your donations will help us to carry on providing a nutritionally balanced supply of food to individuals and families in and around Bedford who are facing really tough times, and who would otherwise struggle to put food on the table.

It is sad that help like this is needed, but great that individuals, organisations and communities can come together to meet the increasing need in Bedford and the surrounding villages. With our very best wishes to you all, and thanks for your support.

Kind regards, Mrs Chris Hubbard, Admin Support

## **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)



Methodist Church

Putnoe Heights Church Centre



Church of England

## **VACANCY CHURCH CENTRE MANAGER**

20 hours per week (12-5 Mon-Thur)

£16,259 pa (pro rata)

To manage all aspects of Putnoe Heights Church Centre, including managing lettings, arranging maintenance of buildings and equipment and maintaining our policies on safety and security. You will need a great sense of humour, be able to meet and greet all service users and be proficient in Microsoft office. Flexibility is required, including some locking up duties as part of a team.

**Closing date: 5pm Monday 7 August 2017**

**For further information please download details from our  
website: [www.putnoechurch.org.uk](http://www.putnoechurch.org.uk)  
or e-mail: [putnoeheightschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:putnoeheightschurch@yahoo.com)**

Putnoe Heights Church Centre is home to Hazeldene Heights Pre-School and Safeguarding is our priority. DBS checks will apply

# 'What the Bible says about Wealth'

**'the love of money is the root of all evil' (1 Timothy 6:10)**

*'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25)*

*'For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath' (Matthew 25:29)*

Goldington Churches Together Away Day

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 10am – 4pm

Wymington Chapel, 15 High Street, Wymington, nr Rushden NN10 9LS

Come and join us for a day of fellowship, shared worship, teaching and discussion - on the theme of wealth and what the bible has to say.

To be led by Peter West of Wymington Chapel.

Bring and share lunch.

**Almost Everything**  
**you wanted to know**  
**about youth and**  
**children's work**  
**but were afraid to ask**  
**What?**

An opportunity to share and try out different activities ideas.

Come for a morning an afternoon or stay for the day.

Refreshments provided

**Where?**

Kempston East Methodist Church  
Bedford Road Kempston

**When?**

Saturday 30th September 2017

morning session 10 -12 noon

lunch

(please bring a pack lunch tea coffee and cake provided)

afternoon session 1 -2.30 pm

**contact**

for more information or to book a place

Rev Graham Claydon Knights

graham.claydon-knights@methodist.org.uk

All welcome



**Booking forms are on the board in the welcome area.**