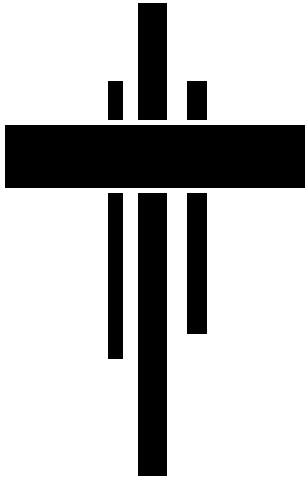


13<sup>th</sup> August 2017



# Priory Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

We welcome you to worship God with us today.

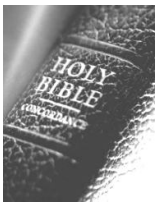
We light the Peace Candle and pray for peace in the world.

## Call To Worship

Let us come together to hear what God, the Lord, will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Amen.**

## **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

Ruth Johnson and Stella Speare

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

**10.30am** TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – Holy Communion

**Preacher:** - Rev Jeremy Arthern

**Worship Steward:** - Alan Davies

**Organist:** - Keith Goddard

• **Hymns:- All StF** 28, 495, 348, 153 and 691

**Readers:** - Barbara Barlow and Elaine Leach

• **Readings:-** 1 Kings 19: 9–18, Romans 10: 5–15, Matthew 14 :22–33

**Intercessory prayer:** - Eleanor Mackirdy

**Communion Stewards:** - Lesley Wycherley and Susan Arthern

**On Sound Desk:-** Gordon Beeden

**Junior Church**

No  
Junior Church  
until September

**10.30am** TODAY'S ALL AGE\_INFORMAL WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Mr Craig Gaffney - Local Preacher on trial from Shefford

**Worship Leader:** -

**Hymns:- StF** 41, **StF** 471, Rejoice in the Lord, **StF** 545 & **SoF** 3167

**Readings:-** Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 and Matthew 14: 22-33

**On Sound Desk:-** Tsatsu

**6.30pm** TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Mr Keith Lilley - Local Preacher from Willington

**Welcomer:-** Jasine Belinfante

**Worship Steward:** - Les Exton

**Pianist:** - Keith Goddard

• **Hymns:-**

**Readers:** - Gordon Beeden and Hazel Warner

• **Readings:-**

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

13<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 Park Road in the morning, Anjulita Court in the afternoon and Cardington in the evening.

## **Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**10.30am** – All Age Worship Together - Rev. Andrew Hollins  
We will be recommissioning our Worship Leaders.

**6.30pm** – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy communion

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Marian Knights
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Marian Knights and Hazel Warner

## **Church Flowers**

<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Bill and Marian Knights
	<b>Arranger</b>	Carol Gammons
	<b>Distributor</b>	Gordon Beeden
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Della Kemmenoe and Gordon Shorten
	<b>Arranger</b>	Christine Hearn
	<b>Distributor</b>	Kathy Lewis

## **Soup Run**

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

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

**20<sup>th</sup> August** Nesta, Jenny and Gill

**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>**

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August.

## **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 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, all Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.00pm.

## **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> <b>63 Newnham Avenue</b>
<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)

## **Baptism**

Thank-you to everyone who came or contributed to my granddaughter Lucie's Baptism Service. And also for all the prayers beforehand for me to be well on the day. I'm so very grateful that I was, and it was a truly joyous occasion. Roz Butterworth

## **Readers And Coffee Rotas Volunteers**

Please excuse my deliberate mistake on the rotas. Return date to me should have read 20th August and the final draft will be in pigeonholes by 27th August.

Thank you. Steve Gordon

## **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!

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

We should always pray and never give up!

2nd September 2017

21st October 2017

Carmen Rowe

## **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

## **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.

## **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)

## **Church Council update**

Copies of the documents for all Church Council meetings are available to read in the church Welcome Area pigeon holes. The following is a very brief digest of major items from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July:

- Increased hours for the Rainbow playgroup, which appreciates the church's support;
- 'Positive Priory' initiative was launched in worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> July; a new print run of prayer cards so that they can be placed in seat backs to encourage people to use them in church and/or take them away;
- Food & Fun Club (15<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> October) – publicity to relevant families distributed via local schools, responses are trickling in;
- Dates for prayer meetings to be fixed well in advance, plus prayer meetings to be reintroduced before Church Council meetings;
- Easter Story Trail (19-23 March 2018) – good response from local schools;
- Our current Worship Leaders are being reviewed, as required every three years by the Methodist Church, and Marianne Baguley was recommended for Worship Leader training;
- Evening Worship at Priory Methodist Church – in response to the very small and decreasing numbers of people attending, it was decided to reduce evening services on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month from the beginning of 2018;
- Positive feedback on Bible Month, focussing on the book of James;
- Possibility of relocating Sunday morning refreshments – problems with the current location and with moving it somewhere else were identified, no change recommended;
- Church seating – in response to the feedback request a good number of responses had been received, electronically and via the suggestions box; options were discussed and a decision made to try out curved rows of seats, and for the dais to (which has looked rather empty) to be returned to use, with the Communion rail to be used for Holy Communion;
- Front church gardens are very overgrown and are hiding the church premises; the volunteers who have been working on the church grounds were thanked, and will be consulted about the way forward (which may include using professionals with appropriate equipment to do some major clearance work).

# '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

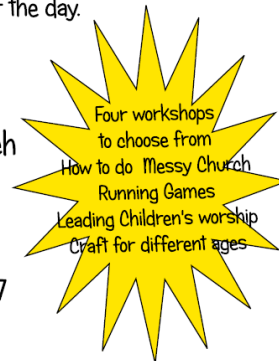
## **contact**

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.**