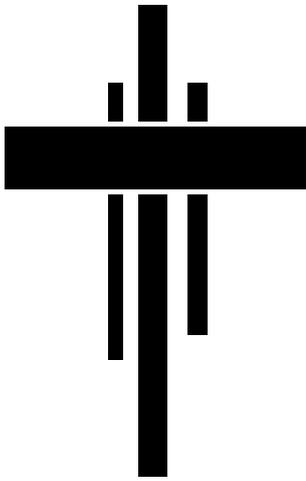


20<sup>th</sup> August 2017



# Priory Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

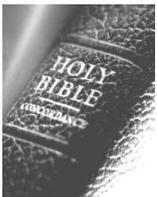
We welcome you to worship God with us today.

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

## Call To Worship

The Lord says, 'To all who keep the Sabbath,  
and do not profane it, and hold fast to my covenant –  
come, I will make you joyful in my house of prayer;  
your offering and your sacrifice will be acceptable to me.'  
**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

Norma Ayers and Marlene Howker

**H&P**—Hymns & Psalms, **MP**—Mission Praise **StF**—Singing the Faith

**10.30am**

TODAY'S ALL AGE WORSHIP TOGETHER

**Preacher:** - Rev. Andrew Hollins

**Worship Steward:** - Hazel Warner

**Music:** - Worship Band

• **Hymns:- All StF** 24, 27, 64, 451, 766, 156, and 663

**Reader:** - Ann Sewell or Elaine Leach

• **Reading:-** Isaiah 6: 1-8

**Intercessory prayer:** -

**On Sound Desk:-** Mike Hurst

**Junior Church**

No  
Junior Church  
until September

**6.30pm**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

**Preacher:** - Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

**Welcomer:-** Gordon Beeden

**Worship Steward:** - Eleanor Mackirdy

**Pianist:** - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- H&P** 63, **H&P** 65, **MP** 757, **H&P** 604, and **H&P** 688

**Readers:** - Paddy Barrett and Eleanor Mackirdy

• **Readings:-** 2 Kings 4:8-25a, 2 Kings 4:25b-37, Psalm 86:1-10 (H&P 862) & John 6:16-21

**Communion Stewards:-** Jock Mackirdy

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

20<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**

Meredith is at Park Road, Andrew at Putnoe Heights for 8.30am Communion and Liz is at Kempston East.

## **Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Traditional Worship** – Mr Alan Davis

**Informal Worship** – Mr Keith Lilley

**6.30pm** – Rev Kathryn Pawlett

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Marian Knights and Hazel Warner
	<b>30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Jeremy Arthern – Holy Communion

## **Church Flowers**

<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
<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Jenny Lloyd
	<b>Arranger</b>	Jenny Lloyd
	<b>Distributor</b>	Marlene Howker

## **Soup Run**

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

<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Nesta, Jenny and Gill
<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	John H., Rachael and John

**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>**

## **Church Office**

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, all Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.00pm.

## **Food and Fun Club**

### **Big Thank You**

Firstly, thank God for answered prayer, then thanks to all who donated cakes and volunteered to make the Food and Fun Club a great success for the families. 8 families came, a total of 26 adults and children, and we hope to have more next time as they invite friends.

The next session is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 11.30am – 1.30pm. If you can help in any of these ways, please speak to Carmen Rowe, Marian Knights or Eleanor Mackirdy:

Donations towards the cost of food would be welcome on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Do you have a high chair we can borrow; we had several very young children for lunch?

Can you come on 31<sup>st</sup> to help with catering, activities, registering or chatting to the families?

Please continue to pray for this exciting new venture.

## **Rev. Andrew Hollins**

is on leave from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. For urgent matters requiring the attention during Andrew's absence, please contact Rev. Caroline Weaver (carolineweaver@live.co.uk) or one of the other circuit ministers (details in the circuit magazine / on the circuit website).

## **Tea Party**

The FLAG group (Friendship Link and Action Group), which meets at Priory, is holding a fund-raising tea party on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2 pm – 4.30pm. There will be cream teas, a raffle and prize draw and entertainment from Kempston Hammers Choir. All are welcome; tickets cost £5.

## **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

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

We should always pray and never give up!

2nd September 2017

21st October 2017

Carmen Rowe

## **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.

## Pastoral Committee

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral committee at 2.30pm on Wednesday September 13th, at Priory.  
Jane Hurst - Pastoral secretary

## Pastoral Cards

We have a very good selection of pastoral cards. These are kept in the Stewards Vestry. If you wish to send a card, please help yourself. The cards cover many situations and have lovely prayers and scripture readings inside. Envelopes are provided. Please read and select the most appropriate.  
Pastoral secretary

## "Send a Cow to Africa"

"Send a Cow to Africa" is an organisation that provides direct, practical help to poor farmers and families in Africa - currently working in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Zambia and Lesotho. The aim is to help the people to help themselves. By providing cows and other live stock including fish, goats, bees, pigs and chickens, seeds and tools plus training in livestock rearing and organic farming to get families started and eventually self-sufficient. They also provide low cost veterinary advice and service. We can help by donating our used ink cartridges. You will find a box on the table in the vestibule under pigeon holes for people to place their used ink cartridges. For every ink cartridge I send back £2 will be donate to "Send a Cow" funds.

Ruth Johnson

## Pastoral CD Copies of Church Services

CD copies are available of various Priory Services and other functions by filling in the "PINK" slip called "Request for Pastoral CD Copy". These slips can be found on the table at the front of the Church. CD copies are available FREE to Priory Church members. However a small donation would be gratefully accepted and should be put directly in the offertory plate. If more than one copy is required then see Steve Gordon directly. Unfortunately taped copies cannot be provided. Special functions like Weddings etc. can be catered for but will require timely notice and must be directed to the Minister.

## **'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.

## **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).

## **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 have an exciting calendar of events for this coming Autumn.**

**Introduction to Christian Doctrine** - in partnership with St Albans Study Centre: This ten-week module examines the creation of the Christian creeds and the early formation of a distinct Christian understanding of God and humanity. It will explore what it means to think theologically, what sense can be made of religious language, and introduce some basic issues on the margins of theology and the philosophy of religion: for example, how God can be known, how God can act in the world, how the reality of evil might be explained. Topics covered will include the person of Jesus, incarnation and resurrection, the Holy Spirit, the Christian idea of God as Trinity, creation, sin and salvation, the Church and the churches.

*This module may be taken independently, or as a 20 credit core module (with assessment) of SACT or SACT+.*

**Tutor:** Silvianna and Barney Aspray, *Tutors in Theology, University of Cambridge*

**Cost:** £110

**Venue:** St Andrews, Kimbolton Rd, **Bedford**, MK40 2PF

**Dates:** Tuesdays 19 Sept - 28 November

**Doors open:** 7.00pm, **Start time:** 7.15pm, **End time:** 9.00pm (approximately)

Bookings can be made via the following link to the St Albans Study Centre site:

[www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/courses/introduction-to-christian-doctrine](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/courses/introduction-to-christian-doctrine)

**Stages of Life** - our new Autumn Course

**Wednesday's from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 -11<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Conception & Birth

Sue Armstrong

27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 From Childhood to Maturity

Margaret Pritchard-Houston

4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Growing Through life

Revd Dr John Weaver

11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 What Happens When I Die?

The Very Revd Dr Jeffrey John

**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.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Christopher Rowland-discussion "Gospel and Empire in the New Testament"**

Christopher taught Biblical Studies at the Universities of Newcastle upon Tyne, Cambridge and most recently Oxford, before his retirement in 2014. He has written on Christian origins, and the history of apocalypticism, liberation theology and most recently on the visionary artist and writer, William Blake, who was inspired by John of Patmos and a modern prophet against empire. He spent a decade on the Board of Christian Aid and chair of its Latin American and Caribbean Committee, which gave him first-hand experience of the churches work in countries like Brazil. He has a long-standing interest in the relationship between biblical studies and practical and theology. His most recent book, *In A Glass Darkly*, written with Zoë Bennett of the Cambridge Theological Federation, and published in December, looks at the interface between the two.

**This event will be held at St Andrews Church Kimbolton Road Bedford MK40 2PF between 10am and 1pm. £10 per person (including refreshments) payable on the day**