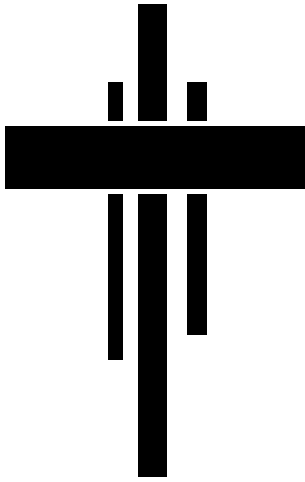


10th September 2017



Priory Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

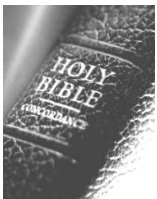
We welcome you to worship God with us today.

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

Call To Worship

Come, for Jesus is among us.
Come, for he calls us to unite.
Come, and let us worship him together.

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 Marlene Howker

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

10.30am

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preacher: - Mr David Mead

Worship Steward: - Hazel Warner

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- All StF** 34, 51 518, 440 and 736

Readers: - Gordon Beeden and Sue Butler

• **Readings:-** Matthew 24: 1-14 and 36-44

Intercessory prayer: -

On Sound Desk:- Nick Guy

Junior Church

Ages 3 -10

led by Helen
and Stephanie
in the Main Hall.

Eternal Light

Ages 11+

led by Monica
and Jenny
in Room 2.

10.30am

TODAY'S ALL AGE_INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher: - Mrs Liz Little

Worship Leader: -

• **Hymns:- SoF** 28, **StF** 30, **StF** 619, **StF** 615 and **StF** 652

• **Readings:-** Matthew 18: 15–20 and Romans 13: 15–20

On Sound Desk:- Sue Gordon

6.30pm

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

Preacher: - Mr Brian Addington - a Local Preacher from Cardington

Welcomer:- Chris Fox

Worship Steward: - Les Exton

Pianist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- All StF** 55, 161, 666, 164 and 707

Readers: - Nick Guy and Paddy Barrett

• **Readings:-** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 and Acts 9: 1-19a

New to Priory? – Welcome

10th September 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 Langford and Alan Davis is at Clapham.

Next Sunday 17th September 2017

Traditional Worship – Mr Eric Royden

Informal Worship – Local Worship

6.30pm – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	13th September	Rev. Andrew Hollins
	20th September	Eleanor Mackirdy

Church Flowers

10th September	Donor	Susan Arthern and Jasine Belinfante
	Arranger	Susan Arthern
	Distributor	Gordon Beeden
17th September	Donor	Marian and Keith Goddard
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis

Soup Run

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

10th September Brian, Kath and Anna

17th September 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

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>

Monday's Funeral

The funeral on Monday 11th September at 11.15 is for Carol Ann Viaggiano, not a member at Priory.

Pastoral Committee

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

Joan Pinder

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Pinder will take place here on Friday September 15th at 11-15. Until moving into Dial House where she died on August 12th, Joan attended evening service at Priory, and her husband Stan, who died some years ago was a member of the group of Priory menfolk who for many years did so much to maintain the property. Stan in particular installed and along with Des Smith maintained the church boiler.

We hold in our thoughts and prayers Joan's two daughters – Annie and Hattie (now living away from Bedford) who were both members of Priory youth groups in earlier years. The service will be led by the Revd Bill Davies.

Alan Carter

Alan's funeral is Friday September 15th 12.30 Bunyan Meeting Mill street followed by refreshments in the hall. Car parking except for disabled is Lurke street.

Burial is private at 3 pm at Keysoe.

Alan would like people to wear normal colours as it is a thanksgiving Service.

Harvest 2017

We will be celebrating Harvest on 24th September; our Worship together in the morning will be led by Christine Denny and you are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food which will be donated to the Foodbank and BeCHaR centre for the homeless. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch, all welcome. We would like to provide home-made soup too; if you are willing to make some soup, could you let Liz Little know. Thank you.

Cake with your Coffee/Tea

Marian and Keith Goddard would be very happy for you to stay for coffee/tea and cake after NEXT Sunday's morning services, 17th September, to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married on 16th September 1967.

JMA - Sorry this is late

Please can you pass your JMA boxes to me as soon as possible. If you could count them and separate the different values of coins that would be great and even better if you could drop it to me at home. Many thanks Stephanie Field

Items of knitting for Palestine.

We will be putting together our layettes and teddies and blankets that will be taken to Palestine on WEDNESDAY MORNING 13th September during the Create and Relax Session. Please join us if you have any donations or would just like to see what has been made, have a coffee and a chat. All welcome. Hazel and the Team

P.S. Another box of warm woolly hats is on its way to South Africa.

Vyne Housegroup

The Vyne housegroup will be starting up again on Thursday 21st September. We are a small friendly group and new folk are always welcome, transport may be available. If you would like to join us please contact either Lynne Gound or Jenny Lloyd.

Dates For Your Diary

- Friday 29th September 10am to noon –Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning
Come and have a drink and cakes with friends.
- Saturday 4th November 10am to 2pm – Priory Autumn/Christmas Fair.
If you want to have a stall or if you know anyone who would be interested please contact Sue in the office. Watch this space for more details.

Priory Social and RNLI Fish and Chip Supper

Saturday 7th October 2017 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Adult £7 Children £5

Includes either Fish and Chips, Chicken and Chips or various vegetarian options, also lots of kids meal options. Please bring your own drinks (No alcohol)

Entertainment includes Beetle Drive, RNLI Talk, guest appearance (not telling you who, but everyone will love him) Raffle (Including John Bunyan Boat trip, Afternoon tea at The Barns, Bedford Blues tickets and much more) RNLI Souvenirs and Children's Tombola.

All welcome, please invite friends and family.

We need at least 40 people to attend to run the event. Please either sign up on the form in the Church entrance, email or phone me (martinandstephaniefield@hotmail.com) or see me at Church.

Please support this event it is always great to meet up socially.

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

We should always pray and never give up!

21st October 2017

Carmen Rowe

'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 14th 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.

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

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: Silvianne 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

Stages of Life - our new Autumn Course

Wednesday's from 20th September 2017 -11th October 2017

20th September 2017 Conception & Birth Sue Armstrong

27th September 2017 From Childhood to Maturity Margaret Pritchard-Houston

4th October 2017 Growing Through life Revd Dr John Weaver

11th 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 30th 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

Circuit Prayer Group



An informal group that meets to chat about
and pray for the Church in our area at
Willington Methodist Church

10.30am

September 25th

October 23rd

November 27th

December 18th

“God does nothing but in answer to
prayer” John Wesley

Willington Methodist Church

Monday Lunch



Sept 11th

12.30 - 2.00

Three course lunch only £6.00
Vegetarian option * Raffle * Stall
Please inform of other dietary needs

Enjoy good food and a chat
Please book with Pat 01234 838667

Mobile 07597 330362

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