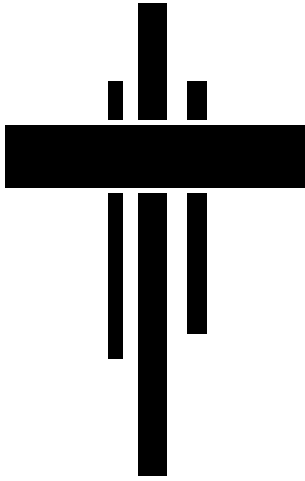


8th October 2017



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 stone that the builders rejected is our cornerstone.
Come to offer your 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

Bill Knights and Kathy Lewis

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

10.30am

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preacher: - Mr Glynne Rowlands is a Local Preacher from Sandy

Worship Steward: - Les Exton

Organist: - Keith Goddard

• **Hymns:- All StF** 544, 106, 489 and 545

Readers: - Bill Knights and Ann Sewell

• **Reading:-** Exodus 20: 1-17 and Philippians 3: 4b-14

Intercessory prayer: - Paddy Barrett

On Sound Desk:- Gordon Beeden

**Junior
Church
Together**

led by Karen
and Helen W.
in Room 3.

10.30am

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP – Holy Communion

Preacher: - Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Leader: -

• **Hymns:- StF** 64, My hope is built on nothing less, **StF** 489, **StF** 570 & **StF** 351

• **Readings:-** Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Communion Steward: - Susan Arthern

On Sound Desk:- Sue Gordon

6.30pm

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

Preacher: - Local Worship – Carmen Rowe and Hazel Warner

Welcomer:- Marlene Howker

Worship Steward: - Alan Davis

Pianist: - Keith Goddard

• **Hymns:- All StF** 58, 258, 35, 663, 78, and 51

Readers: - Gordon Beeden and Paddy Barrett

• **Readings:-** Isaiah 5: 1-7 and Philippians 3: 4-14

New to Priory? – Welcome

8th October 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

Next Sunday 15th October 2017

10.30am – All Age Worship Together – Mr Craig Gaffney

6.30pm – Rev. Andrew Hollins

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	11th October	Liz Little
	18th October	Andrew Hollins

Church Flowers

8th October	Donor	
	Arranger	Sue Butler
	Distributor	Paddy Barrett
15th October	Donor	Alan Davis
	Arranger	Bernice Monk
	Distributor	Marlene Howker

Soup Run

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

8th October Brian, Kath and Anna

15th October 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>

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who helped and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week and for the donations given on Sunday together with other donations, £214.00 was raised in total.. Thanks must go to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides who made or iced all the cakes and biscuits for the event. This year the Pilgrim Partnership trainees had they own event on the Thursday instead of joining the Church on the Friday, they raised over £100.00. A good result by all, thank you to all involved.

The SMART Prebend Centre

The SMART Prebend Centre will be having an open day on Wednesday 18th October from 11.00am until 4.00pm. If you wish to see their work feel to attend.

Bedford Homeless

Rev. Gill Baalham and Park Road are again putting together warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks for the homeless adults in Bedford via the Prebend Street centre. Expected number of people 60-80. Last year Priory helped out by knitting hats and scarves, can we help again? Please talk to me and I will explain details and sizes to be knitted. All items needed by the first week in November. Thank you in anticipation. Hazel Warner

Circuit Prayer Meeting

Please be advised that the Circuit Prayer Meeting that is held at Putnoe Heights on 2nd Monday of the Month will now be held at the Putnoe Manse, 12 Hartop Close Bedford MK41 8HE.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a lovely harvest this year: those who decorated the church, took part in the worship, brought generous gifts, made soup, helped at the lunch and distributed the gifts. The beautiful flowers were arranged by Marilyn Lingings and Carol Gammons who stepped in as my arranging skills are not up to a special service! 4 bunches of flowers were delivered, a platter of fresh fruit was very welcome at Anjulita Court and the Foodbank and BeCHaR were grateful for donations of non-perishable food. A small financial donation will also be sent to support the homeless in Bedford. It is good to celebrate God's goodness and to share it with the many who are in need in our town. Liz Little

Flower Stands

A lot of the Church flower stands have been worked on and repainted. Please can the used oasis be taken out of the stands to prevent rusting of the metal, thank you.

Blankets For Operation Orphan

Due to the mud slide in Sierra Leone and the hurricanes in the Caribbean we have been asked for items for those who have lost their homes. If you have blankets that are not in use, would you consider donating them to this worthy cause? If they need repairing the Create and Relax Team will do the repairs.

They also need jumpers/fleeces for 3 years to young adults in plain/dark colours. Hats, scarves and gloves also in plain/dark colours (for the boys) or wool for our knitters, would be appreciated. Thank you in advance. Susanne, Hazel and the Team

Car Park

Please be aware that the path along by the car park is going to be worked on next week and half the car park will be roped off.

Thanks

I would like to thank Priory for the lovely flowers Gordon brought me and for the chat we had on Monday morning.

Ann Stark

Thank you for supporting our Combined Harvest Appeal!

We just wanted to say a big 'thank you' for your kind food donation to our Appeal. Your support this autumn means that we are able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis over the coming months.

This year your donation weighed 37.02kg of food which calculates to 88 meals.

Thank you once again for your support, and we hope that you will consider supporting us again in the future. Kind regards **Maria B.Guest** Combined Harvest Appeal Co-ordinator, Bedford Foodbank

01234 268569 Harvest@bedford.foodbank.org.uk



THE WORD

CHRISTIAN BOOKS & CARDS

167 Castle Road, Bedford MK40 3RU



51 Pembroke Street Bedford MK40 3RH

An Invitation from The Word Bookshop & The Jaffa Orchard

We are planning to run a series of open evenings for church groups to buy Christmas cards and gifts. Coffee and cake will be available at Jaffa for £3 per person. To arrange a visit in October or November, phone Joy at The Word on 01234 343353 or email her at: joy@thewordbedford.co.uk

BSA- Week of Prayer, commencing 15 October 2017

During week commencing Sunday 15 October 2017, could you meet with one or more Christians who have a heart for Bedford Street Angels, to pray over the following topics, please?

Alternatively, could your church prayer meeting or small group, perhaps, include them in a suitable 'slot', during their time together?

If you are able to do so, we believe that God will bless BSA even more than He has in the past 8+ years- please join us, in faith, to seek His power to be shown in this work of Christian witness, on behalf of churches in the Bedford area.

Thanks: for God's favour and protection, especially in our relationships with door staff, taxi marshals, police, the management of venues (several have changed/are changing at present, CCTV operators and for the healthy financial position of BSA.

Requests: for God's choice of committed Christians to fill the 3 vacancies for Trustees at the AGM on 2 November 2017, for spiritually mature, working-age Christians (especially females) to apply and become regular patrol volunteers (currently there are only 19 active volunteers, with an average of 13 of, them doing so on a monthly basis this year), for renewed motivation, inspiration and strengthening of existing volunteers, and pray-ers at home and at Base, for 'God opportunities' on the streets to share testimony, pray with folk etc.

Thank you for your interest and concern for this work on behalf of the Lord and his people. Trevor Moisey, on behalf of the Management Committee.

Prayer Dates

Jesus said, 'when you pray' not, 'if you pray'

All are welcome to join us: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 21st October 2017

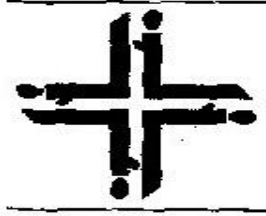
New dates - Saturday 11th November

Saturday 9th December

Saturday 13th January 2018

Carmen Rowe

Women's World Day of Prayer



Bedford Conference

**Priory Methodist Church
Newnham Avenue
Bedford
MK41 9QJ**

Monday 23 October 2017

10.30am-3.00pm

The cost of the
day is £6
including lunch.

For booking a
Space contact
Jasine Belinfante
or Hazel Warner.

Priory's Autumn Fair – 4th November

There is only four weeks before Priory's main annual fundraising and social event, The Autumn Fair. This is an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Church at the same time as gathering with other Church members, Church users and the general public. For this to be a success and to have stalls that we have had in the past the help is needed. We would like to have things like a Bottle Tombola, Soft Toy Tombola, Nearly New stall together with the very popular Cake stall, Raffle and refreshments and lunches together with someone to welcome and take the entrance fee. Help is needed for all these to come together on the day. If the help comes then that is when we will need items. Please see Sue in the office, email office@prioychurch.org.uk or phone the office, 353523.

Shoebboxes

I'm hoping you will be joining me again to fill boxes for International Aid Trust. They will be received on Sunday 19th November at the Messy Service! Leaflets and information sheets can be found in the rack near the front entrance. Lauri our faithful driver is coming to collect as usual.

Stella Speare.

Bedford as One would like to announce their next event.

Living Well with Dementia

Saturday 21st October 2017, 2.00pm to 4.30pm
at The Higgins, Castle Lane, Bedford MK40 3XD

The event will start at 2.00pm (registration will be from 1.30pm) and is being held at The Higgins Art Gallery and Museum. There will be selection of workshops to choose from, each dealing with a different issue related to dementia and those who have been diagnosed with dementia. There will also be a small number of relevant stalls and a performance from [Music 4 Memory](#).

Refreshments will be served between 3.00pm and 4.00pm and you will have the chance to meet and chat with others.

For further information please contact BAO via Cass Howes cass.howes@beds.ac.uk or on 07920849742

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