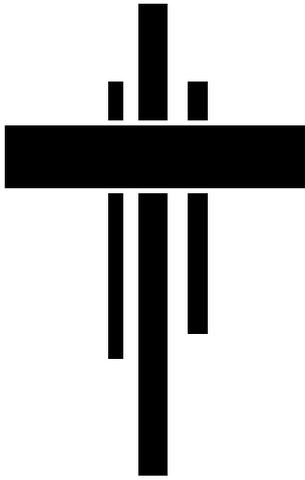


15th April 2018



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

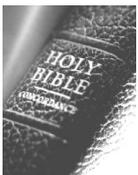
See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:
**when he is revealed we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.**

And all those who have this hope in him purify themselves,
just as he is pure.
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.

Bible Readings

The projected page references refer to the pew bibles and not the lectern bible. They are the same version but are different editions.



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
Pauline Williams and Janice Dawson Taylor

StF—Singing the Faith

10.30am TODAY'S ALL AGE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Junior Church
Ages 3 -10

Preacher: - Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Steward: - Bill Knights

Music: - Worship Band

Hymns:-

Readers: - Barbara Barlow and Bill Knights

• Readings:-

Intercessory prayer: - Paddy Barrett

On Sound Desk:- Nick Guy

Eternal Light
Ages 11+

No Junior
Church this
week

4.00pm – note time TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP - Memorial Service

Preacher: - Rev. Andrew Hollins

Welcomers:- Gordon Beeden

Worship Steward: - Alan Davis

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

• Hymns:-

Readers: - Paddy Barrett and Nick Guy

• Readings:-

New to Priory? – Welcome

15th April 2018

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

Jeremy is at Park Road in the morning.

Next Sunday 22nd April

Traditional Worship – Rev. Andrew Hollins

Informal Worship – Mrs Pat Lilley

6.30pm – No Service this week

Church Flowers

15th April	Donor	Kathy Lewis
	Arranger	Carol Gammons
	Distributor	Liz Little
22nd April	Donor	
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis

Soup Run

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

15th April Nesta, Jenny and Gill

22nd April John H., Rachael and John

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	18th April	TBA
	25th April	Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

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>

Priory Railway Club

The railway club meets on Monday at 7.30 pm and the guest speaker is Dennis Lovett, marketing manager for Bachmann Models. All are welcome.

Friday Lunches

Sue Ryder lunches resume on Friday 20th April. We would love to see some new people, and welcome outsiders. We serve soup, an English fry-up and jacket potatoes followed by a dessert. All available in any combination. If you haven't tried us come alone, please speak to Barbara, Stella or Christine by Thursday, so that we can cater for you. All welcome plus friends. By the way since beginning we have sent £11,000 to the Sue Ryder Hospice at Moggerhanger. Barbara, Carol, Christine and Stella

Thank you

Thank you for the lovely flowers, delivered with loving sympathy by Kathy Lewis on Monday 9th April, my first day back at work after my Dad's death. I was only at home for a few minutes in the early afternoon on Monday, between meetings, but Kathy timed her visit perfectly to see me in person, which I greatly appreciated. The flowers are brightening up the hallway at the manse, and they are a beautiful reminder to me of the love of God mediated through the care, concern, sympathy and prayers of God's people at Priory Methodist Church. (Rev. Andrew Hollins).

Interested in sharing your faith at the Bedford River Festival?

The Bedford River Festival is one of the largest free events in Europe. Come and join representatives from a large number of local churches to share the joy of your Faith in Jesus Christ. The next meeting is on Friday 20th April at 7.30 pm at Three Rivers Church. 90 Denmark Street. Bedford. MK40 3TJ. Everyone is very welcome.

Details of Andrew's Dad's Funeral & Thanksgiving Service

Thank you for all the love, care, support and sympathy of friends at Priory Methodist Church, around the circuit and beyond. I appreciate that people from Priory and around the circuit may not be able (due to the time and distance) to come to my Dad's funeral service - although my family would welcome anyone who wishes to be there. However, I wanted people to be aware of the details, not least so that they can support me and Dad's family in prayer at what will be both a difficult occasion but also an opportunity for celebration of my Dad's good and faithful life. Dad's funeral will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17th April at Bretby Crematorium, Burton on Trent. We will also be holding a Thanksgiving Celebration of Dad's life, which all are welcome to attend, at 7pm on Friday 18th May at Christ Church, Hillside Road, Linton, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6RB. (Rev. Andrew Hollins)

Bill Speed

Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to the family of Bill Speed who died on Monday 19th March. The funeral service will be at Priory on Tuesday 24th April at 11.15.

Help Needed

I have been given two lovely floor cushion covers for Junior Church. Can anyone make them into cushions or bean bags please? We are still looking for good condition bean bags and floor cushions along with a bouncing baby chair if anyone can help? Thank you Stephanie Field

Ways Of Giving To Priory

There are new posters on the notice boards re ways of giving as our offering - by envelopes, by Bank standing orders or of course with cash. Gift Aid might be something which some can do too. For more details, contact Mike Elliott.

On the 21st April the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be having a free road show in Shefford.

Over the past few months we have experienced a heightened demand with UK residents logging on and finding Jesus through our website Peace with God. In December we had 3,954 and in January a further 3,000. Now the issue here is we desperately need both churches to refer these people to in addition to loving Christians who can get alongside these folk and help disciple and mentor these new Christians.

As I am sure you are aware it is vital then when someone makes a desire to follow Christ that we as Christians welcome them into a loving and supportive church immediately.

So we are contacting churches in the local area to ask please would you ask members of your congregation to attend this presentation. There is no charge, no commitment and I would stress this is not a fundraising exercise. Purely a ministry presentation that will last an hour. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a chance to network with other local churches.

All are welcome, please do not feel you have to limit it to a handful of people from your fellowship.

The venue is Shefford Baptist Church, Bedford Road, Shefford, SG17 5DJ. Tea & Coffee served from 10am and we will look to kick off about 10.30am. The presentation will last around 45 minutes.

For any questions or queries please do contact Lee via email.

Concert on Saturday, 28th April, 7.30pm

Kempston Musical Society is putting on a concert at St Mary's Church, Goldington in aid of PTSD999, a charity supporting members of the Emergency Services who suffer trauma as a result of incidents they have to attend. The programme is varied and there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are £8 adults, £4 children and £12 for a family ticket, to include light refreshments. It will be an enjoyable evening, so please support this event if you can. We owe so much to our emergency responders who help us in times of crisis, so this is a way to help them. Tickets can be obtained from Sue Butler.

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.

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

Sabbatical

Methodist Ministers are granted a three month sabbatical after ten years of ministry, and every subsequent seventh year. **Rev. Andrew Hollins** has approval to be on sabbatical from 8th May to 18th August 2018 (slightly longer than three months, due to Andrew having been elected as a District representative to the Methodist Conference, which meets from 28th June to 5th July). A Sabbatical Support Group has been meeting regularly with Andrew to assist with his plans, which include time spent on pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul in Greece, a week of worship and community life in Taizé, walking the Two Saints Way (Chester to Lichfield), taking a retreat (possibly with the Society of Mary and Martha), and doing some family history research. Rev. Caroline Weaver will become full-time for this period so that she can be Acting Superintendent Minister. The churches which Andrew is responsible for will be provided with the necessary support. The Superintendent Minister's PA will have a dedicated mobile phone - 07522 928936 - for this period, and will direct enquiries to the most appropriate person in the circuit. Please pray that Andrew will have a refreshing and inspiring sabbatical.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are looking to appoint a
**Christian schools worker for the
secondary age range**

in the Bedford area.

The post could be full time or part time (0.6 minimum)
Salary: £18,000 - £22,000 pro rata depending on experience.

The successful candidate would be:

- An outgoing, team playing, people person, who has a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- Self-motivated, creative, flexible, enthusiastic, excellent social skills in both formal and informal settings.
- Have experience in working with young people in the secondary age range.

For an application pack and more details please contact
John Stafford, chair@impactbedford.org.uk

Closing date for applications: May 7th 2018
Interviews will be on Saturday 19th May 2018
Venue: St Andrew's Church,
Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF

To find out more about Impact please visit our website:
www.impactbedford.org.uk

Bedford Area Schools Christian Support Trust
(registered charity number 1010412) in association with  Scripture Union

Come and hear

The story of a Village Chapel



**150 years of
Willington
Methodist Church**

An illustrated talk presented by
Gwynneth Akins

Saturday 28th April at 7.00pm
Fish and Chip Supper- Price £6.00
Raffle

Order supper from Keith

01234 838667

07597 330373



Testimony service



For Rev'd Charlie Connor and Rev'd Lorna Valentine
7pm Tuesday 19th June 2018
Kempston East Methodist Church

Led by Rev'd Dr David Chapman and Preacher Rev'd Dr Judith Rossall from Queen's

This is an opportunity for us as churches, circuit and district to hear something of God's work in the lives of Charlie and Lorna ahead of their anticipated ordination on July 1st this year.

Please do come along and support them in the next stage of their journey.

A light finger buffet tea will be available from 6pm.



A Sing-a long Evening
with

The Corsairs "Music through the Decades"



21 APRIL 2018
Clapham Village Hall

Doors open 5.30.p.m.

Fish & Chips @ 6.00.p.m.

Tickets £10

available from any of The Corsairs
or telephone 07799 834 026

In aid of local Charities



NORTH
BEDFORDSHIRE
CIRCUIT



All Ages - Family fun

Easter Egg Car Hunt

Sunday 22nd April 2018

3:15pm Starting at SANDY METHODIST

finishing at 5:30pm at Flitwick Methodist

for tea and a youth-led service starting around 6:00pm



To book a place, call Rebecca on 07877 342640 or email: cairdclan@ntlworld.com
or Monica on 07960 287523 or email: monicacarmenmikyla@yahoo.co.uk

Canine Partners have been given 10 tickets to this concert at £10 each. The entire cost of each ticket will go to Canine Partners. Please contact Stephanie Field to buy tickets.

Belief Spring Course 2018 Shaping The World Today

Wednesdays from 25th April 2018 to 16th May 2018

25th April 2018 – Sexualisation of Society "Living as a Christian in a Sexualised Society – Canon Reg Bailey, Independent Reviewer for Government of the Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Childhood.

2nd May 2018 - Media – Cathy Le Feuvre, author/writer, media consultant and trainer.

9th May 2018 – Religion & the modern world – Dr Nick Wood, Dean, Director of the Centre for Christianity and Culture.

16th May 2018 – Extremism – Canon Peter Adams, Director, St Marys Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. Consultant and Trainer in Intercultural Relations and Community Relations.

St Andrews Church Kimbolton Road Bedford MK40 2PF

8pm to 9.30pm. £5 per person, per session. There is no need to book – Just turn up on the night.