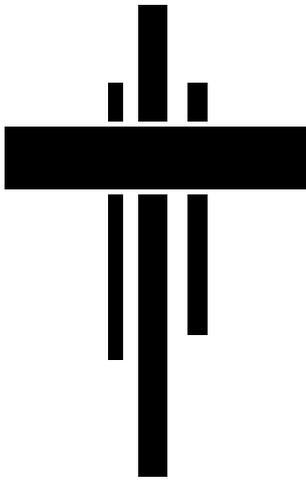


9th September 2018



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

Church, wake up!
Let us offer our lives once more
in an act of worship to our God.
Church, draw near!
Let us follow the call
of the one whose grace defines our lives.
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

Steve Gordon and Janice Dawson Taylor

StF – Singing the Faith, **SoF** – Songs of Fellowship

10.30am

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mr Craig Gaffney

Worship Steward:- Angela Guerriero

Organist: - Keith Goddard

• **Hymns:- All StF** 175, 519, 465, 456 and 487

Readers:- Bill Knights and Elaine Leach

• **Readings:-** Luke 10:1-11 and Exodus 13:17-22

Intercessory prayer:-

On Sound Desk:- Sydney Botchway

**Junior
Church**

led by Karen
and Paulette in
the Big Hall

10.30am

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP – Holy Communion

Preacher:- Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Leader: -

• **Hymns:- SoF** 28, **StF** 251, **StF** 687, **StF** 570 and **StF** 614

Readings:- James 2:1-4, 8-9 and Mark 7:24-37

Communion Steward: - Lesley Wycherley

On Sound Desk:- Sue Gordon

6.30pm

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

Preacher: - Mr Brian Addington

Welcomer:- Chris Fox

Worship Steward: - Hazel Warner

Pianist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- All StF** 443, 157, 272, 362 and 611

Readers: - Nick Guy and Hazel Warner

• **Readings:-** John 13:1–17 and Isaiah 50:1–11

New to Priory? – Welcome

9th September 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

Next Sunday 16th September

10.30am – All Age Worship Together and Baptism

Rev. Andrew Hollins

6.30pm – No Service at Priory this week

Church Flowers

9th September	Donor	Margaret Forecast
	Arranger	Bernice Monk
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis
16th September	Donor	Marian and Keith Goddard
	Arranger	Carol Gammons
	Distributor	Marlene Howker

Soup Run

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

9th September Brian, Kath and Anna

16th September Nesta, Jenny and Jill

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Led by</u>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	12th September	Marian Knights
	19th September	Liz Little

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 generally 9.00 – 14.00

Church Website: <http://www.priorychurch.org.uk>

Priory Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PrioryMethodistChurch>

Collecting the Offering

As from 9th September, we will be trying out a new way of collecting our offering, as agreed by Church Council. You are asked to place your cash or envelope in the plate as you enter rather than us taking the offering in worship. The gifts will then be dedicated during the service. If you give by Direct Debit, do place a token in the plate to remind you of your commitment.

If you forget while we get used to this, don't worry; please just add your offering to the plate at the end of the service.

Worship Consultation

The next meeting of this group will be this coming Wednesday, 12th September, at 7.30pm at Priory. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to come and discuss any aspect of our worship life. My apologies for the short notice, autumn has crept up on us all, but I hope as many as possible will be able to join us. Please contact me if there is anything you would like to add to the agenda. Liz Little.

Friday Lunches In Aid Of St. John's Hospice (Sue Ryder)

These lunches will be beginning again on 14th September and fortnightly afterwards. Everybody is welcome, varied menu. Details from Stella, Barbara or Christine, just let one of us (or Sue in the office) know by the previous Wednesday.

Baptism

Orion Nelson-Languigne will be baptised during the All Age Worship service at Priory next Sunday 16th September. His parents are Karen and Richard, Karen comes on a Wednesday morning for coffee sometimes, Food and Fun and one of the outside group with Orion.

Pastoral Links meeting

Pastoral care is a vital aspect of church life, and our Pastoral Link people are an important part of this. A meeting of the Pastoral Link people and the Minister takes place several times during the year for confidential support and sharing. (This fulfils the function of the Pastoral Committee, which a Methodist Church the size of Priory is required to have). The next such meeting will be held at church at 2.30pm on Tuesday 18th September, and all Pastoral Link people are encouraged to attend.

SMART Fundraiser

This charity is responsible for Prebend Street Day Centre (formerly BeCHaR). They have organised a DINNER AND JAZZ night on Friday 2nd November 2018 at the Sharnbrook Hotel, Sharnbrook, Bedford.

- 7pm – Arrival drinks
- 8pm – Dinner served (3 courses and coffee)
- Afterwards – live jazz singer and band, disco and fireworks
- Dress code – Formal/evening attire
- £525.00 – table for 10 people or £55.00 each.

For more information and tickets contact Lisa on prebend@smartcjs.org.uk or call 7399416147. Discounted rooms at the hotel can be arranged if required.

Monthly Prayer Dates - Saturdays at 11:00am – 12.00 noon

Saturday 29th September, Saturday 27th October and Saturday 29th December

We hope you can join us in prayer, but if you are not able to, then send your prayer request to Carmen.

Thank you

We would like to express our warmest thanks for the cards and messages we have received since Mary's death and to those who were with us for the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for her life last Thursday. Brian, Mary's husband, and her two sons and family join us in our gratitude for your kindness and support. A few people have said that they regret being unable to be here and may like to see the photographic Power Point summary of her life

(Computer link - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1675JSeb6LsWgIWvEgDL-viViOfX7ht2Q> You may have to download as well but it's straight forward). There's also a recording of the full service (Computer link - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=16-1LttX2V2btgNzM6BtAIN8Kq5nikIMF>). If you'd prefer a CD please let us know.

David and Wilma Winwood

Harvest Gifts

Our Harvest celebrations will take place on 23rd September, with a Messy Harvest in the morning and a more traditional harvest Communion in the evening. You are invited to bring a gift of non-perishable food as a token of gratitude for God's provision; the gifts will be divided between the Foodbank and the Smart Prebend Centre. Thank you

Goldington Churches Together

GCT are holding their annual away day on Saturday 13th October. This will be held at The Stables, Bolnhurst. Please come and join us, if you are interested please see either Lynne Gound or Jenny Lloyd. Transport can be provided.

Methodist Prayer Handbook

If you would like to order the 2018-19 Methodist Prayer Handbook please let me know as soon as possible please.

Barbara Barlow

30th September Circuit Healing Service

Please note that it has been agreed that the Circuit Healing Service on 30th September at London Road will start at 6pm. The plan says 6.30pm.

JMA

Please can you return your JMA pots to me as soon as possible? If I am not at Church please put them in the "F" pigeon hole and make sure that they have your name on it. Once they are emptied I will put them in the appropriate pigeon hole so please keep an eye out. Many thanks for collecting.

Stephanie Field JMA Secretary

Recliner Chairs Offer

A supporter of Arthritis Research UK has 3 recliner chairs surplus to requirements, two are electrically operated: the third is manual. He is willing to give them to anyone interested for donations to the charity. Please speak to Marian Goddard for details or telephone her on 01234 344617.

Dates For Your Diary

- Friday 28th September 10am to noon –Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning
Come and have a drink and cakes with friends.
- Saturday 3th 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.



Invites you
to a further training evening
to explore how we tell stories from the bible to a
variety of groups from church groups through
toddler groups to school groups

Not Just



but



Come and discover ways to keep even really active children gripped by the story and
thinking about it. Come prepared to have a go.

at Christ Church, Stantonbury, MK 14 6B

Thursday September 20th 7.30pm Milton Keynes

Or Wednesday September 26th in Bedford venue to be confirmed

Charge £3 per person

more information from Chenda Nuttall

cnuttallx2@aol.com 07947328551

Please sign list if you would like an email reminder

Willington Methodist Church

Monday Lunch



Sept 10th
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 **07596 730725 (new)**

Email liliaceous48@gmail.com

Email address for Priory Feedback

The email address
(prioryfeedback@gmail.com)
set up to receive comments
during the recent
consultation about the future
of Priory Methodist Church
remains 'live' and is regularly
checked for messages.
Please continue to use it to
pass comments to the Priory
Leadership Team.

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 in Conjunction with St Albans Study Centre

The Book of Isaiah (SACT & SACT+) - Starting Wednesday , 14 November 2018

As the Church enters Advent and Christmas, so we will hear much in our readings and hymns from the book of Isaiah, in which Christians have found prophecies pointing to the birth, life, and death of Christ. It is therefore not surprising that it is sometimes referred to as the 'Fifth Gospel'. More recently, scholars have identified different parts to the book and even different 'Isaiahs', and have sought to understand the prophecies in their immediate context. All agree that it contains some of the most profound imagery of the bible. This course aims to open up some of these aspects of this rich book. It is particularly geared to those who have a grounding in the Old Testament through previous study.

*This module may be taken independently, or as a 10 credit core module (with assessment) of **SACT or SACT+**.*

Please note that this course does not take place in St Albans.

Tutor: The Rev'd Dr Kevin Walton, *Canon Chancellor*

Cost: £60

Venue: St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Rd, Bedford, MK40 2PF

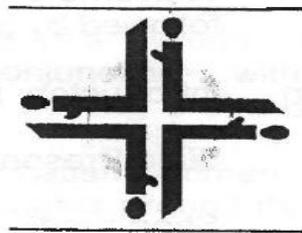
Dates: Wednesdays 14 November - 12 December 2018

Time: 7.30pm - c. 9:15pm

Stephanie Field

Belief Coordinator

Women's World Day of Prayer



Bedford Conference

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

Monday 22 October 2018

10.30am-3.00pm

The cost of the day is £6 including lunch.

To book a space speak to Jasine Belinfante or Hazel Warner.