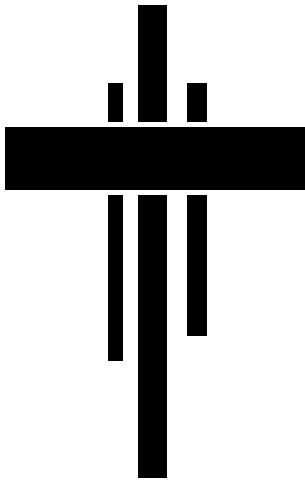


16th September 2018



# 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

We come to praise and honour God  
in word, in thought and in action.  
We come to give God our full attention,  
to worship and to offer 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

Kathy Lewis, Stella Speare and Jill Richards

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

**10.30am**

TODAY'S WORSHIP TOGETHER  
with Baptism

**Junior  
Church**

**Preacher:-** Rev. Andrew Hollins

**Worship Steward:-** Alan Davis

**Music:** - Worship Band

- **Hymns:- StF 20**, Here are people, **StF 539**,  
Everybody ought to know about Jesus, **StF 477** and **StF 470**

**Readers:-** Paddy Barrett and Sue Butler

- **Readings:-**Mark 8:27-33, Acts 2:38-39 and Matthew 28:18-20

**Intercessory prayer:-** Paddy Barrett

**On Sound Desk:-** Nick Guy

**6.30pm**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

**No Service at Priory his week**

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

**16thSeptember 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**

Liz is at Park Road in the morning and Andrew is at Cardington in the evening.

## **Next Sunday 23rd September – Harvest Festival**

**10.30am** – Messy All Age Worship Together

Rev. Andrew Hollins

**6.30pm** – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

## **Church Flowers**

<b>16th September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Marian and Keith Goddard
	<b>Arranger</b>	Carol Gammons
	<b>Distributor</b>	Marlene Howker
<b>23rd September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Marjorie Bolster
	<b>Arranger</b>	Christine Hearn
	<b>Distributor</b>	Gordon Beeden

## **Soup Run**

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

**16th September**      Nesta, Jenny and Jill

**23rd September**      John H., Rachael and John

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>19th September</b>	Liz Little
	<b>26th September</b>	Rev. 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](mailto: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>**

## **Baptism**

Orion Nelson-Languigne will be baptised during today's service. His parents are Karen and Richard, Karen comes on a Wednesday morning for coffee sometimes, Food and Fun and one of the outside groups with Orion.

## **Collecting the Offering**

As from 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **Priory Railway Club**

The railway club meets on Monday at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

## **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.

## **Harvest Gifts**

Our Harvest celebrations will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **Thank you**

Thank you Priory for the beautiful flowers that Kathy brought to me on Monday.  
Hazel Warner

## **Historic Churches – Sponsored Bike 'n Hike**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September I took on the walk only as Steve has been suffering with sciatica. I clocked up about 25,000 steps and visited 17 churches. Thank you to all who sponsored us, we are totalling about £282.00 of which Priory will receive half. Thank you again for your support.  
Sue Gordon

## **Book the date - Saturday, 24th November 3pm to 6pm**

We want to raise the roof - well perhaps not the roof itself but a good sum of money towards the repairs. An afternoon of good rousing hymn-singing is planned with tea provided. Full details will follow but please put this date in your diary and come ready for a joyful afternoon of music and fellowship, and bring a friend. Everyone will be welcome.

## **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.

## **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. 01234 409499

## **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.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

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

## **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.

### **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

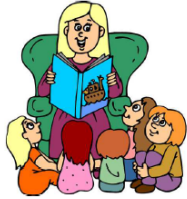
**Time:** 7.30pm - c. 9:15pm

Stephanie Field - Belief Coordinator



Invites you  
to a 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.

Thursday September 20th 7.30pm Milton Keynes  
at Christ Church, Stantonbury, MK 14 6BN

Or Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> in Bedford  
Kings House Bedford MK42 9AZ

Charge £3 per person  
more information from

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A network of children's workers seeking to support and encourage excellence in ministry with children and families <https://www.childrenworldwide.org.uk/>

### 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.

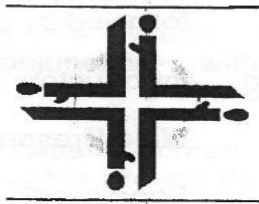
### Posters On The Board In The Welcome Area

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](http://www.northbedsmethodist.org.uk)

## 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.

# LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER AT

PRIORY

Every penny raised helps us make a difference to people affected by cancer.

When: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Where: Here at Priory

Time: .. 10.00 until 12.00 noon

Can we make this year our biggest ever?  
Of course we can!



Registered with  
FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017),  
Scotland (SC039907), and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

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