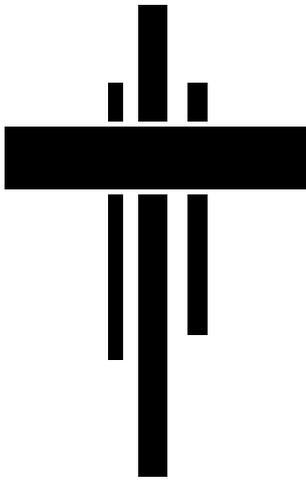


7th October 2018



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

Come and worship our great maker,
for we are under his care.

Come and worship our great maker,
who knows us and loves us.

Come and worship our great maker,
for he alone deserves our praise.

Amen.

Our Minister is the Reverend Andrew Hollins

Offering

You are now invited to make your Sunday worship offering as you enter church, using the collection plate and offering bag provided on a table in the Welcome Area. (The offering bags will no longer be passed through the congregation during the service). At an agreed point in the worship, the offering will be brought forward for dedication by placing it on the Communion Table; a prayer or some other form of dedication may be used. It will take some time for this new way of making our offering to become familiar, so please don't worry if you forget to make your gift on your way into church; it is okay to add your gift after the service or to add it to your giving another week. Thank you for your generosity for God's work through the life of this church.



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 Kathy Lewis

H&P – Hymns and Psalms, **StF** – Singing the Faith

10.30am TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – Holy Communion

Preacher:- Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Steward:- Angela Guerriero

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

- **Hymns:- All StF** 3, 620, 615, 607 and 608

Readers:- Roger Wood and Stephen Heap

- **Readings:-** Genesis 2:18-24 and Mark 10:1-12

Intercessory prayer:- Susanne Edwards

Communion Stewards: - Hazel Warner and Sue Gordon

On Sound Desk:- Sydney Botchway

10.30am TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mr Geoff Talbot

Worship Leader: - Lynne Gound

- **Hymns:- StF** 24, **StF** 15, 10,000 Reasons, **StF** 258, 477 and
I want to be a tree that's bearing fruit

- **Readings:-** John 15:1-8 and Psalm 1

On Sound Desk:- Gordon Beeden

**Junior
Church**

led by Helen
and Helen in
Room 3

6.30pm TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

Preacher: - Rev Kathryn Pawlett

Welcomer:- Chris Fox

Worship Steward: - Les Exton

Pianist: - Keith Goddard

- **Hymns:- All StF** 88, 30, 6, 242 and 685

Readers: - Nick Guy and Gordon Beeden

- **Readings:-** John 21:15-19 and 2 Peter 1:1,5-9

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New to Priory? – Welcome

7th October 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

Andrew is at Cardington in the evening and Liz is at Clapham in the morning.

Next Sunday 14th October

10.30 Traditional Worship – Local Worship

Informal Worship – Mrs Angie Woodcraft

6.30pm – No Service at Priory this week

Church Flowers

7th October	Donor	Sue and Steve Gordon
	Arranger	Marilyn Lings
	Distributor	Liz Little
14th October	Donor	Alan Davis
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis

Soup Run

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

7th October	John H., Norma and Lorraine
14th October	Brian, Kath and Anna

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	10th October	Marian Knights
	17th October	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>

Front Door Finger Pad

The finger pad is not working on the front door system. Please use your four digit code to enter, if you need a code please speak to Robert Wood.

Ladies Meeting Point

The next coffee morning at Lynn Manning's will be on Tuesday 20th November from 10.30am. This year £46.00 has been raised for Macmillan cancer support.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who helped and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week and for the donations given on Sunday, This includes the donation from the Ladies Meeting Point coffee mornings, £250.17 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. Thank you to all involved.

Thanks

Many thanks for the lovely flowers which Paddy brought round on Monday. It was most unexpected and greatly appreciated. I am pleased to say that my treatment is going well and I am very grateful for all the concern that HAS BEEN SHOWN TO ME. Phil Barlow

Envelope Scheme

The new regular giving envelopes (green) for the year beginning November 4th are ready to be distributed to current donors during October. I shall distribute them in person after the morning services or later lodge them in the church vestibule pigeon holes.

If you are not currently in the scheme and would like a set of envelopes or just some information please seek me out for a chat.

Just a general reminder to always use the yellow envelopes for 'one-off' donations. This ensures that the church can claim Gift Aid whenever possible.

Mike Elliott – Envelope & Gift Aid Sec.

Goldington Churches Together Away Day

GCT away day is being led by our Minister, Andrew. So it should be an exciting day.

We still have plenty of spaces left. This is being held on Saturday 13th October 10am – 3.30pm, (times to be confirmed) at The Stables in Bolnhurst, along the Kimbolton Road. Transport can be provided, £5.00 with a bring and share lunch. There is a signup sheet on the table in the vestibule. For further information please see Lynne Gound or Jenny Lloyd.

Food and Fun Club

The next session will be on Tuesday 23rd October from 11.00 – 1.30pm. The theme will be light, and Jesus, light of the world – an alternative to Hallowe'en which is the following week. If you can help in any way, please speak to Carmen Rowe or Marian Knights. We need folk to greet the families, chat to them, help with craft activities and games, help to prepare lunch and tidy up afterwards – there's a role for everyone!

Methodist Church President & Vice President Prayer Cards

Copies of the Prayer Card, giving details of many of the engagements undertaken by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference throughout the year, are being distributed with this week's notice sheet. Please take these away with you as a reminder to pray for the President and Vice President as they encourage and inspire the Methodist people and represent the Methodist Church more widely.

Footprints

Warwick Holden will be leading a 3 mile walk between Henlow and Langford on 14th October at 2.30 pm. Meeting at the car park in Gardeners Lane, Henlow. This can be found at the Langford end of Henlow High St (B659) Postcode SG16 6DJ. The walk is level and paths are good.

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.

Shoeboxes?

After 14 years of working with International Aid Trust to send shoeboxes to needy children and adults, it has been agreed that it is time for a change. We have received dwindling numbers of boxes in recent years, it is expensive for IAT to collect them and many schools and other groups now collect in this way. However, this gives us a wonderful opportunity to support two local causes, The Women's Refuge and Smart Prebend Centre, both of whom need help to meet the considerable need in our own town, especially at Christmas. The aim is that we donate new items which will mainly be used to provide presents and treats for the clients, things which we tend to take for granted ourselves at this time. Each organisation has provided us with a list of items they would welcome; these lists, with brief details of each cause, are available in the vestibule. The gifts will be dedicated at our Worship Together on 18th November.

Wanted: 1,000 letters

Around 1,000 young people from across the country will attend 3Generate, the Methodist Church's Children and Youth Assembly for ages 8 - 23, in November. The theme will be Courageous and the organisers are asking for people to write letters to the children and young people sharing something of their own faith story, experience of being part of a church and encouragement for the younger generation to be courageous in their faith. Could you write such a letter? If so, or if you want to know more, please first look at the guidance which is on the notice board and on the table in the vestibule, or go to <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate/1000-letters/> Letters need to be received by the end of October at the latest. What a wonderful way for us to connect across the generations and across the Methodist family in the UK.

Operation Orphan - Keep A Child Warm

We hope to have enough jumpers blankets and gloves to fill a large box to send to Operation Orphan at the end of October. So please finish off all the items you have started in the summer. Our own Bedford Hospital Prem Unit is pleased to receive tiny clothes for tiny babies. The Create and Relax group, which meets on Wednesday mornings, will be pleased to receive any items. We are also able to put odd pieces of wool and unfinished items to good use. Thank you.

(Hazel & Susanne, for the Create & Relax group)

Dates For Your Diary

- 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.

PRIORY'S 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS PENTECOST 2019

Plans are in the process of preparation for our Birthday Celebrations on the week-end of 8th and 9th of June 2019. Put the dates in your diaries NOW. I have offered to collate a list of former Priory members so that they can receive an invitation. So please advise me of those with whom you keep in touch and who you think would like to join us that week-end. Please give names and addresses in a sealed envelope and leave in my pigeon-hole. Thank you.

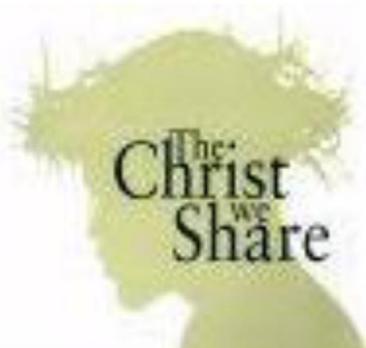
Susanne Edwards

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

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
invite you to an **Away Day**



Exploring 'The Christ we Share'
in words and images, music and quietness
led by Rev. Andrew Hollins (Priory Methodist Church)

Saturday 13th October, 10am to 3.30pm
at The Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst,
near Bedford, MK44 2ES

Cost £5

Please bring a Bible and also some food to contribute
to a bring-and-share 'Faith Lunch'

For more information please email Peter Gerrish
(hawberry@gmail.com)

The Chapel Willington

Monday Lunch



October 8th
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

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

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.

Belief in Conjunction with St Albans Study Centre

The Book of Isaiah (SACT & SACT+) - Starting Wednesday , 21 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 21 November - 19 December 2018 **Time:** 7.30pm - c. 9:15pm

Stephanie Field - Belief Coordinator

BEDFORDSHIRE HATE CRIME #TAKEASTAND CONFERENCE

Join us during National Hate Crime Awareness Week (NHCAW)
Saturday 13 October 2018, at 3.30pm
The Hub, University of Bedfordshire, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, MK41
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TAKE A
STAND!
#NoPlaceForHate

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

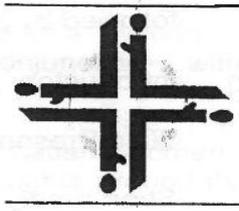
- Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke
- Bedfordshire Police and Anne Frank Trust 'What is hate crime?'
- Luton Islamophobia working group - the impact of 'Punish a Muslim'
- Crown Prosecution Service - reporting hate crime

Tea and cake will be provided, parking available on site
There are limited places available, to register visit <http://bit.ly/hatecrimeevent>

#NoPlaceForHate #TakeAStand #NHCAW18



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.

Priory Methodist Church

Newnham Avenue, Bedford MK41 9QJ

Raffle Refreshments Gifts

Cakes

Crafts



AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 3rd November

10.00am - 2.00pm

Tombola

Cards

Lunches

White Elephant

Activities for Children

£1 Entry - Children Free

Proceeds for Church Funds - Reg Charity 1127751