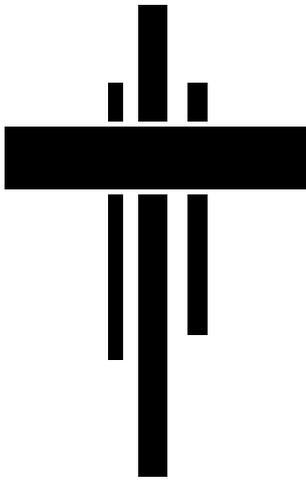


10th February 2019



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

Let us remind ourselves
of the good news proclaimed to us,
which we have received, in which we stand,
and through which we are being saved;
let us worship God.

Amen.

Our Minister is the Reverend Andrew Hollins



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.

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

Marlene Howker and Stella Speare

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

10.30am

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mr Paul Jarrett

Worship Steward:- Bill Knights

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- All StF** 353, 443, 153, 504 and 256

Readers:- Paddy Barrett and Bill Knights

• **Readings: -** Colossians 3: 12–17 and Galatians 5: 13–23

Intercessory prayer:- Gordon Beeden

On Sound Desk:- Sue Gordon

10.30am

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mrs Angie Woodcraft

Worship Leader: - Carmen Rowe

• **Hymns:- StF** 161, **SO**F 423, **SO**F 419, **StF** 519 and **StF** 531

• **Reading:-** Matthew 6: 5-15

On Sound Desk:- Tsatsu

6.30pm

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No Service at Priory this week

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Junior
Church

With Paulette
and Steve in
the Large Hall

New to Priory? – Welcome

10th February 2019

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 Clophill in the morning.

Next Sunday 17th February

10.30am –All Age Worship Together

Rev. Andrew Hollins

6.30pm – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

Church Flowers

10th February	Donor	Sue Gordon
	Arranger	Marilyn Linings
	Distributor	Paddy Barrett
17th February	Donor	Paddy Barrett and Glynis Breen
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Liz Little

Soup Run

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

10th February	Brian, Kath and Anna
17th February	Nesta, Jenny and Gill

Midweek Worship

	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	13th February	Liz Little
	20th February	Andrew Hollins

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>

Taking the offering

The trial of making our offering as we enter church was discussed at the recent Worship Consultation and it was agreed that as from 3rd February, we would revert to taking up the offering within the service. However, we have made a change in that we will begin the collection at the back of the church rather than from the front so as to avoid taking by surprise any visitors, particularly baptismal parties, who tend to sit at the front and are not familiar with our practices. A reminder that if you give by Direct Debit, which is very helpful, there are tokens to place in the bag as a tangible reminder of your own giving.

Food and Fun

The next session will be on Monday 11th February, 11.30am – 1.30pm. If you are able to help in any way, you will be more than welcome; details from Marian Knights or Liz Little in person (our photos are in the vestibule), or via the pigeonholes or the church office. If you know of a family which might be struggling during the school holidays, do take an invitation from the vestibule. The club is for children AND their carer(s).

URGENT

There have been no offers or enquiries in response to the recent appeals for help with Junior Church. This need is now VERY URGENT. Without offers of help Priory Methodist Church will not be able to offer Junior Church for our children on some Sunday mornings. Please consider offering your help - resources and support are available, so you don't need to start from scratch. Thank you. (Rev. Andrew Hollins).

Church Office

The office will be closed Wednesday 13th February, Sue will be taking annual leave.

Donations and Gift Aid.

If you are a taxpayer, but not in the Envelope Scheme or a Standing Order donor, you can still enable the Church to receive an extra 25% from HMRC on any donation you wish to make. Just use one of the Yellow Gift-Aid envelopes and fill in the details. These envelopes are available in the Welcome area.

Please note that anonymous donations over £20 are not eligible for Gift-Aid even under GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme). This also applies to named donations (e.g. Envelope Scheme users) from non-taxpayers.

I am always ready to answer any queries surrounding these matters; and of course in total confidence.

Mike Elliott – Envelope & Gift Aid Sec.

Joys & Concerns

On the recommendation of the Worship Consultation, Church Council has agreed to introduce *Joys & Concerns* into the worship at Priory Methodist Church, beginning by including it in the *Worship Together* services (usually, but not always, on the third Sunday morning of each month). *Joys & Concerns* will involve the preacher, worship leader or steward (using a roving microphone) inviting the congregation to share brief details of their joys and sorrows with the congregation. If necessary or appropriate, this can then feed into the prayers. The inclusion of *Joys & Concerns* relates to all three aspects of *Positive Priory - Building Community, Inspiring Worship and Sharing Faith* - and hopefully it will enrich our worship and strengthen our church life. So, please be prepared to share *Joys & Concerns* when invited; the first opportunity will be during *Worship Together* on Sunday 17th February.

On the Sixth Day

Thank you to Phil Barlow for arranging the enjoyable quiz evening on 6th February. The title of the film being shown at 7 for 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, is *Hidden Figures*. All welcome.

BELIEF

It is not long now until Belief have the pleasure of hosting The Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John to talk to us on St Mark's Gospel.

Details are: Saturday 16th February 2019, 10am to 1pm

St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF

£10 per person, payable on the day including tea or coffee.

It is a great honour that The Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John is coming back to Belief

An extra meeting of the Church Council

will be held after the 10.30am Worship Together service on Sunday 17th February. The only agenda item at this brief meeting will be the appointment of church members to serve on the Priory Methodist Church Leadership Team (PLT). Mrs. Lynne Gound has been nominated. There are further vacancies on PLT. Any church member wishing to nominate themselves or another member (with their consent) to serve on PLT should please contact Rev. Andrew Hollins.

Priory's response to Emergency and Disaster Appeals

Church Council has agreed that a monthly retiring (i.e. after worship) collection should be taken to build up a fund from which the church can make rapid donations to support emergency and disaster appeals. This retiring collection will be taken on the first Sunday of each month, beginning in April. Donations may be Gift Aided by putting your donation in one of the yellow envelopes and completing the relevant details. Thank you.

Thank You

We have been able to give more jumpers to needy families. These were placed with Lorraine Kaylan who is distributing them through her team of Social Workers.

She writes: I gave some jumpers to some families today. They were over the moon. Please thank all the ladies for their hard work. xxx

Gift Day

The Gift Day proposed to take place on Saturday 16th March has been postponed at the request of the Priory Leadership Team. A new date, along with clear details of the intended use of any donations, will be publicised in due course.

Concert - Saturday, 2nd March 2019

We are to have a concert at Priory by the Ivel Handbell Ringers from Sandy. Starting at 7.30pm and to include light refreshments in the interval, all proceeds will be for the Positive Priory Fund. Tickets are available from the Church Office - £5 in advance, £6 on the door. Come and enjoy a different way of making music. Sue Butler

Flower Board

If you would like to make a donation for flowers in the Church on a particular Sunday, please put your name in the appropriate box and give your contribution to Sue Butler a couple of weeks beforehand. It does not need to be a significant Sunday for you, although you may choose to remember a particular date. If the date is special to you, it may well be that someone else also wishes to donate on that day, and we hope that in the spirit of Christian love, you will be happy to share your joys and sadnesses.

Lent Groups

will, as in recent years, be shared with our partners in Goldington Churches Together. The groups will be based around a book called *Rediscover Jesus* written by Matthew Kelly. A group, led by Rev. Andrew Hollins, will meet at Priory Methodist Church at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 13th, 20th & 27th March and 3rd & 10th April. A daytime group, led by Father Wayne Coughlin, will meet at 1.30pm at Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic Church, Severn Way, Brickhill on Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March, and 4th & 11th April. The session on 7th March will be a general introduction to the course/book. Copies of *Rediscover Jesus* are available (cost £5) from Sue in the Priory church office.

Save The Date

Saturday 30th March, Fish and Chip Supper and Beetle Drive in aid of Jake's Camps International Expedition to Tanzania and Kady's World Cheerleading Competition. Loads of fun had by all at the last one. Timings to follow but likely to start around 6.30pm. Thank you Stephanie Field

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



Schoolgirl's tribute

A six-year-old schoolgirl is organising a concert in tribute to her great aunt who died after suffering vascular dementia. Victoria Grady heard about an announcement at Holy Cross Church, Bedford, that it was raising funds to support people with dementia to attend services, and decided to put on a show. She asked all the children at the church if they wanted to sing too,

and is now welcoming others to rehearsals. The concert is on February 27, at 5pm at Holy Cross Church. Tickets are available through her mum Mel at m.grady_tcc@yahoo.co.uk or through Facebook events. Rehearsals are every Wednesday, 5pm-6pm, at Holy Cross. Tesco Riverfield Drive have donated refreshments and raffle prizes have been donated by local businesses.

SAVE THE DATE!

3 GENERATE

Regional 2019

9 March 2019
10am to 4pm

Worship • Activities • Workshops
FREE

High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden

For ages 8 to 23 years
No group too large or too small

For more information and to register your interest
email lineast@methodistchurch.org.uk

#**COURAGEOUS**

The Methodist Church
East of England

Daffodil Day takes place at Westminster Central Hall on Monday March 4th.

A 61 seater single decker coach has been booked with pick up points in our circuit in Bedfordshire as follows:

- 8.20 am Bedford - Priory Church, Newnham Road, departing at 8.30 am
- 8.45 am Kempston East Methodist Church, Bedford Road
- 9.00 am Wilstead - Cross Roads
- 9.15 am Ampthill - Cottage Bakery, Dunstable Road
- 9.30 am Flitwick – Bollywood Lounge, High Street

Worship begins at 2.00pm and is organised by MWiB, supporting The Marie Curie organisation.

The coach will return from Westminster at 4.30 pm, usually arriving back in Bedford at approximately 7.30 pm. The cost per seat on the coach will be £15.00. The coach company will need payment by Monday 25th February 2019 so we need all names (with a contact telephone number and one of the above meeting points) and monies to confirm seats on the coach by Friday 22nd February at the latest. The first 61 payments will secure these seats. Please send/hand cash/cheques (made payable to Mrs. Ann Blair) to

Ann Blair on 01525 714847

annmblair@hotmail.com

5, Pevensey Grove,
Flitwick,
Beds.
MK45 1SD

Linda Pitts on 01525 714060

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5, Kestrel Road,
Flitwick,
Beds.
MK45 1RB

You will receive a confirmation of your booking by email or telephone.

In February we'd really love to see all the Youth Workers, Children's Workers, Community Workers, Ministers and volunteers **who work with children or young people** in a Christian context in Bedfordshire get together for a Retreat Day! I'm sending this to you betting that you know someone who fits the bill, and you might please pass on this information to them, or other church contacts in Bedford.

The Caldecotte Project will host us for free, providing instructors for a 1h 30m activity of our choice! We'll get to see the site and experience the activities they put on, plus use the yurts for our own worship and prayer time together as church workers.

Leaders' Retreat Day:

Thursday 14 February from 10am till 3pm

The Caldecotte Project, Milton Keynes (MK6 3AG)

Bring along your own lunch, drinks will be provided.

Rough timetable:

10:00am Arrive

10:15am Worship in the yurts

11:00am Activity - wear/bring suitable clothing & footwear

1:00pm Lunch - bring your own

1:30pm Prayer

3:00pm You can stay to look around the site more if you'd like / depart

It's completely free! If you're available to join, **please sign up using this**

link: <https://amphillbaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/gln61dso>

Please also feel free to invite other youth and children workers you know in the area!

I really hope you know someone relevant who you can pass this information onto. I arrange monthly prayer lunches for all those involved in youth and kids work in Bedford on the second Thursday of every month. Do get in touch if you or someone you know might be interested in that but is unable to come on the retreat day. *Cheers, God bless. Martin Sutch, Youth Worker, Amphill Baptist Church*

Mobile number: 07902 957246 martin@amphillbaptist.org.uk



C o u r s e

- Course Launch: Thursday 7th March, 1.30 pm, at Ss Philip & James Church, Severn Way
- Sessions 1 – 5: Can be attended at Ss Philip & James, at 1.30 pm, on these Thursdays: March 14th, 21st 28th and April 4th and 11th. Also at Priory Church, Newnham Avenue, at 7.30 pm on these Wednesdays: March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd and 10th
- United Service: On Sunday 28th April we will meet at Priory for bring-and- share meal at 5 pm and café style worship at 6 pm.
- Course book: Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly.
We are selling this for £5 in aid of a charity.
- For more information: See newsletter notice and leaflet. Arranged by Goldington Churches Together.

Fun and Fellowship

DAY TRIPS WITH CIRCUIT FRIENDS

why don't you join us?

The Methodist Modern Art Collection
on tour in LEICESTER
Wells & Walsingham
Saturday May 25th
by coach from Wilstead & Priory
Tuesday Aug 13th
Cost approx.* £15

By coach from Wilstead, Priory and Sandy
Cost approx.* £20..

Please contact Marian Blyth asap for more information or to reserve a place so that she can hire the right sized vehicle. 01234 781469 or marian.blyth@btinternet.com

*depends on numbers travelling