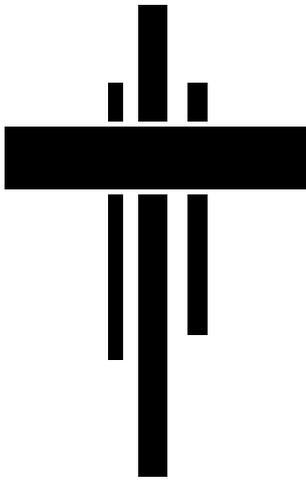


28<sup>th</sup> July 2019



# 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

When we call, the Lord answers us.  
Come with thankful hearts –  
his love endures for ever.

## **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**  
Steve Gordon and Janice Dawson Taylor

**StF** – Singing the Faith,

**10.30am** TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**Preacher:-** Mrs Susan Lowe, Local Preacher on trial from Cranfield

**Worship Steward:-** Alan Davis

**Organist: -**

- **Hymns:- All StF 36, 82, 158, 51 and 526**

**Readers:-** Sue Butler and Bill Knights

- **Readings:-** Romans 4: 1-8 & 13-17 and Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

**Intercessory prayer:-** Paddy Barrett

**On Sound Desk:-** Sue Gordon

**Junior Church**

No Junior Church  
during the  
summer.

**10.30am** TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

**Preacher:-** Mr Keith Lilley

**Worship Leader: -**

- **Hymns:- All StF 327, 20, 24, 544 and 354**

- **Readings:-** Colossians 2:6-15 and Luke 11: 1-13

**On Sound Desk:-** Gordon Beeden

**10.30am** TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No evening service this week at Priory

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 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?

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**10.30**

**Traditional Worship** – Rev. Eric Royden – Holy Communion

**Informal Worship** – Mrs Christine Denny

**6.30pm** – No evening service this week at Priory

## **Church Flowers**

<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Alan Davis
	<b>Arranger</b>	Christine Hearn
	<b>Distributor</b>	Paddy Barrett
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Roz Butterworth
	<b>Arranger</b>	Sue Butler
	<b>Distributor</b>	Liz Little

## **Soup Run**

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

**28<sup>th</sup> July**                      John H., Rachael and John

**4<sup>th</sup> August**                      John H., Norma and Lorraine

<b><u>Midweek Worship</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Liz Little
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Rev 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](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>**

### **Rev. Andrew Hollins**

is on annual leave from Tuesday 23rd July until Tuesday 6th August inclusive. For urgent matters requiring the attention of a minister during this period please contact Rev. Gill Baalham (gill.baalham@methodist.org.uk or 01234 930025) or refer to the circuit magazine or website (www.northbedsmethodist.org.uk) for contact details of other ministers who may be able to help. Thank you.

Rev. Andrew Hollins

### **Church Office**

Sue will not be in the office Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, she will be on annual leave. Rothsay Education Centre and other bookings maybe in and therefore the building may be open.

### **Church Alarm System**

We will extend this system from the office to other parts of the building this coming Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August.

This extension will be active from 11.00pm to 7.00am every day.

DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING BETWEEN THESE TIMES.

If you feel you have to enter for some reason then ring either John Lingings or Robert Wood

If you have any queries please contact either John or Robert.

### **Anne Radnor,**

a member of Priory Methodist Church, died at Bedford Hospital on 17th July. Anne's funeral will service be held at Priory Methodist Church at 11.15am on Thursday 8th August, followed by the Committal Service at 12.15pm at Bedford Crematorium. Our sympathy and prayers are with Anne's family at this time of bereavement.

Rev. Andrew Hollins

### **Ruby Carter**

I am sad to have to inform you that Ruby died last week in the Airedale Nursing Home having only moved in there a few weeks earlier, a past member of Priory, please hold her family in your prayers. There will be further information regarding funeral arrangements later.

Sue Gordon

### **Invitation Process**

Rev Andrew Hollins' current invitation comes to an end in August 2020. Andrew is interested to explore whether a re-invitation by the Circuit for him to stay as Circuit Superintendent and minister for Priory and Cardington, for up to a further 3 years, might be of interest to the Circuit and, if it is, whether he would be interested in staying for this period. A process is underway to consult with representatives of Priory bearing in mind the mix of people within the church. The consultation will take place from 21st July to 31st July.

Please be considerate of Andrew at this time, holding him and the Circuit in your prayers.

Lynne Gound

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to new grandparents Jonathan & Beth Smith, on the safe arrival on 18th July, of Edie Elizabeth How to Katherine and her husband Rob.

## **Next Footprints walk – 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Meet at Bletsoe Village Hall, Memorial Lane (turning at war memorial in the village) at 2.30 pm for easy stroll around the village and surrounding fields. Further details from Sue Allen.

## **Priory Finances & Treasurer**

Our Church Treasurer, Phil Barlow, is very poorly and currently unable to carry out his many and varied tasks and responsibilities. Our love and prayers are with Phil, and his wife Barbara and their family, at this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who has been helping to sort things out and make alternative arrangements to respond to this situation and plan for the immediate future. Keith Gaunt has offered to be the main point of contact for financial matters in the interim. Please contact Keith by email (priorytreasurer@hotmail.co.uk) or via the church office, and please be patient as things are dealt with during this challenging time.

Rev. Andrew Hollins

## **Autumn Fayre**

Thank you to those who have organised and helped with the Autumn Fayre over recent years. Priory Leadership Team was asked to discuss the future of this fundraising event, and has concluded that the church should consider holding an alternative event at a different time of year. Therefore, the Autumn Fayre which was scheduled for Saturday 2nd November 2019 will not be taking place. Please watch this space for further updates. In the meantime, please support the Open Garden Social event being organised by Sue & Steve Gordon on 3rd & 4th August (more details of this appear elsewhere in this notice sheet).

Rev. Andrew Hollins

## **North Bedford Churches Together**

### **Bishop at Renhold Church – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

The Bishop of St Albans will take the service at All Saint's Renhold, at 11am, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Ecumenical Service – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Town Centre Churches Together has arranged a service at St Cuthbert's Church, at 7pm, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. This Catholic Church is attended by many in the Polish community.

### **Global Healing Group**

This is being formed, at Holy Cross and Ss Philip and James, to look at how we can live in harmony with God's creation. To find out more email

**holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com**

### **ECO CHURCH**

Eco Church is an award scheme to "help churches to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully" (***ecochurch.arocho.org.uk***)

Putnoe Heights Church has just started working towards the bronze award. If you would like to know more email ***online@putnoechurch.org.uk***

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Following repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour, anti-climb measures have been arranged at Holy Cross in accord with diocesan instructions. For details email

**holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com**

### **Date of mini-retreat – 12th October**

This year North Bedford Churches Together retreat will be on Saturday 12th October. It will be held in Bletchley and free transport will be available. More information will be available nearer the time. Please note the date in your diary.

My name is Jacqueline Merne, I am a volunteer with The Hope Foundation and I was invited to give a presentation on The Hope Foundation last Sunday. I would be delighted if you could put my message into the Church Weekly Newsletter.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks for a very warm welcome and a wonderful response to my presentation on The Hope Foundation. It was a great honour for me to be given a chance to speak to such a lovely community of people. I always say together we are strong and together we can achieve so much goodness in the world.

Thank you all again and if anyone wishes to know more about The Hope Foundation please feel free to contact me on 07580301675 I have added a little more about HOPE.

Welcome to The Hope Foundation UK

It is estimated that up to 250,000 children go to sleep each night on the streets and in the slums of Kolkata, hungry and without shelter or protection.

HOPE promotes the protection of children living on the streets and in the slums of Kolkata, amongst the most underprivileged in India.

HOPE is dedicated to immediate and lasting change in their lives.

By extending support to children and their communities via 60 on the ground projects, HOPE provides sustainable holistic solutions to protection and development. By providing healthcare, counselling and education, HOPE ensures children in its care enter adulthood equipped with the tools and support they need to live healthy and happy lives.

"It should never hurt to be a child"

Our focus in the UK is to create greater awareness and to raise funds for our projects in Kolkata.

Thanking you all again for your support and kindness.

My best wishes  
Jacqueline Merne

**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)

**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.



**Sue & Steve Gordon's  
Open Garden/Social**

54 Irwin Road, Bedford  
MK40 3UN

Our garden will be open on  
Saturday and Sunday  
3rd & 4th August 2019  
between 2pm and 6pm

Pop in for tea/coffee or cold  
drinks and homemade cake.

Donations will go to  
Priory Church funds and a  
contribution to Children with  
Cancer UK.



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 10am to 4pm  
Belief welcomes David Tatem to run a workshop



## An Introduction to Bibliodrama

A whole person experience of engaging with sacred texts: using body, mind and soul.

£10 per person – All booking in advance [belief@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:belief@standrewsbedford.org).

At St Andrews Church Centre Kimbolton Road Bedford MK40 2PF. Places limited.

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## Beds and Herts Young Organists' Training Scheme

*PRESS RELEASE June 2019*



*"If you are called upon to play for a church service, it is a greater honour than if you were to give a concert on the finest organ in the world..Thank God each time when you are privileged to sit before the organ console and assist in the worship of the Almighty."*

So said Albert Schweitzer, the great theologian, physician, writer, humanitarian and organist. Today, many people are still fascinated by the organ, perhaps because it has so many pipes, but also because of its thrilling sound when in the hands of a capable player. Interestingly, the organ at St Albans Cathedral has 4,500 pipes, 72 stops, and four keyboards (manuals). It is the main instrument for the International Organ Festival and is used everyday to accompany the cathedral's main services.

But while the organ continues to fascinate us, it is true to say that, currently, there are less young people learning to play it. Consequently not all churches have organists for their services. That is why the Beds and Herts Organists' Association has launched a Young Organists' Training Scheme that provides funds to cover the cost of organ lessons given by professional, accredited teachers. Now in its third year, the scheme is aimed at young people from the ages of 10 to 25 who are interested in learning the instrument. Suitable applicants for the scheme will no doubt already have some keyboard skills, but, if they have a particular musical aptitude, that is not an essential requirement. The scheme is open to those who are really keen to learn and who are interested in using their talents in their local churches.

David Warner, president of the association said, " This training scheme is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn to play the organ. Where else could you have free lessons with top class teachers? This is truly a unique chance that is only available in this area." Already several students have benefited from the scheme and are either playing in their local church or have graduated to study music at university. The Beds and Herts Organists' Association is now extending the scheme further and is looking for suitable young people in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire who may wish to join in the scheme.

Mozart said " To my eyes and ears the organ will forever be the King of Instruments". We have many superb organs in our churches, but we now need to ensure that there are sufficient people to play them in years to come.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from the scheme please contact [johnwitchell73@gmail.com](mailto:johnwitchell73@gmail.com) or ring 01234 838114. Further details are on the website [www.bedsandhertsorganists.org](http://www.bedsandhertsorganists.org)