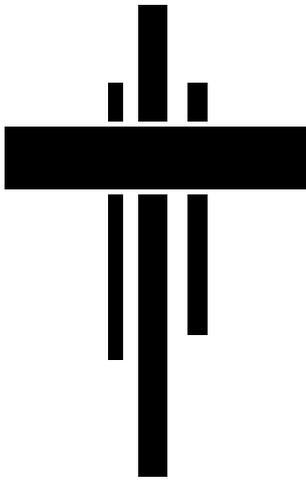


1st September 2019



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

God calls us here to his house.

We enter with joy and thanksgiving!

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

Bill Knights and Janice Dawson Taylor

StF – Singing the Faith,

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Holy Communion

10.30am

Preacher:- Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Steward:- Les Exton

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:- All StF** 127, 457, 409, 588 and 691

Readers:- Roger Wood and Anna Graham

• **Readings:-** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14:1, 7-14

Intercessory prayer:-

Communion Stewards: - Lesley Wycherley and Susan Arthern

On Sound Desk:- Robert Wood

10.30am

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Local Worship

Worship Leader: - Lynne Gound

• **Hymns:-** Bless the lord O my soul, **StF**481, StF421and My lighthouse

• **Reading:-** Matthew 14: 22-33

On Sound Desk:- Gordon Beeden

Junior Church

No Junior Church during the summer.

10.30am

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No evening service this week at Priory

New to Priory? – Welcome

25th August 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 Clapham for early Communion and Cardington in the evening. Wendy is at Kempston East and Liz is at Clapham in the morning.

8th September 2019

10.30

Traditional Worship Mr Ebo Ofori-Quaah

Informal Worship – Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

6.30pm – No evening service this week at Priory

Church Flowers

1st September	Donor	
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Liz Little
8th September	Donor	Sue and Steve Gordon
	Arranger	Bernice Monk
	Distributor	Paddy Barrett

Soup Run

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

1st September John H., Norma and Lorraine

8th September Brian, Kath and Anna

Midweek Worship

Date

Led by

Wednesdays 12.00pm
in the Chapel

4th September

Alan Davis

11th September

Hazel Warner

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>

Extra Church Council meeting

There will be an extra meeting of the Church Council after this morning worship to consider the Church Treasurer responsibilities and position. All voting members of the Church Council should have received notification of this meeting from the Church Council Secretary, to whom apologies should be notified. Other church members are welcome to attend the meeting, but may not vote.

The 6th day – This Friday

This Friday 6th September will be a quiz evening starting at 7pm at Priory, quiz master, Alan Davis and suitable for all ages. Just come along; we hope to see plenty of people enjoying this social time together.

Liz Little

Front Door of Church

The new keypad has been fitted and is up and running. For those who have a code please press the # key, bottom right, followed by your four digit number, your numbers have stayed the same. If you do not have a code press the bottom button with a bell on.

Thanks

I feel that I must thank you all for your love and prayers through cards, letters and messages at this difficult time. I also have wonderful support from friends at Church and elsewhere who keep me going. I don't know where I'd be without you all.

I've just received some lovely flowers from Gordon. Thank you all so much.

Barbara Barlow

Sue Ryder Lunches

Lunches will begin again on Friday 13th September. We have decided that in future they will only be once a month, always on the second Friday of the month.

We would love to see some new faces there, and hope to get more people from outside too.

Barbara, Carol, Christine and Stella

Harvest Is Coming!

We will be celebrating our harvest festival on Sunday 22nd September and would like to decorate the church as part of our thanksgiving. The small wall shelves which we use for our nativity scenes will be put up: could you decorate one of them? This could be with fruit and veg, flowers or plants, craft work or any item which represents harvest, your choice. If you would like to be responsible for a shelf, or want to know more, please speak to Hazel Warner or Liz Little (lizlittlebedford@gmail.com)

Also, does anyone have a piece of coal we can borrow as a traditional item for our altar display? Thank you.

Keeping the kettle on

Our Wednesday coffee morning is becoming established, with a regular group of between 8 and 12 people attending, some new to the church and finding a welcome. As we approach the winter months, it would be good to advertise the morning more widely in the local community, to reach out to those who may be lonely, especially now that Jaffa Orchard has closed. However, in order to do that we do need to be sure that there is always somebody ready to welcome people and serve drinks and biscuits. To date, there have been a number of weeks when there has been no volunteer and we have relied on the good will of a very small number of folk to keep it going. That is not a comfortable basis for expansion!

Could you consider whether you could offer to help with this event occasionally and sign up on the list in the vestibule? The morning runs from 10.30 – 12 noon. Thank you.

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. See poster on the board in the coffee lounge.

Charity Fair!

St Andrew's Bedford will be holding a Charity Fair on Saturday 14 September, 10.00am - 12noon, when we will welcome a variety of charities and fundraising groups to set up stalls outside the church to raise money for their good causes. If you would like to book a table for a charity which you support, application forms are now available from St Andrew's Church Office (office@standrewsbedford.org). Tables are free and you are welcome to sell cakes, crafts, books, plants or quality bric-a-brac (no jumble clothes or shoes) or to run a tombola or raffle. For further information, please call 01234 216881.



...and we celebrate that with a fun event on the 6th day of every month in 2019. These are for EVERYONE, so come and spend time together, enjoy each other's company and have a good time.

We have had some great events already
here is the programme for the rest of the year.

Details will be in the notices, but please note the dates now:

Friday 6 th September	Quiz evening
Sunday 6 th October	Afternoon film showing with discussion
Wednesday 6 th November	Games evening
Friday 6 th December	Christmas fun evening with Boys' Brigade

Church Alarm System

We have extended this system from the office to other parts of the building now.

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.

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

HOPE in Bedfordshire



Roy Crowne, National Director of Hope

Is speaking at our next Hope Bedfordshire celebration.

Sunday 8th September at 6.30

Bedford Pentecostal Church, Roise Street, Bedford.

Join us as we hear the vision of Hope 2020

For our town and nation.

Also

My name is Stephen Elphick and together with my wife Pip, we have taken over from Paul Sands as chair persons of Hope. Please look at the website for details of our prayer/celebration events and other activities that churches wish to advertise. It is our aim to make the Hope website a space where

churches can advertise a special event that they are holding as well as being a directory for any particular ministry i.e. debt counselling, marriage courses etc that your church runs. If you wish to use this facility, please don't hesitate to get in touch. (pipelphick@gmail.com)

Saturday 28th 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.

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

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BPC Town Outreach

In Association with Hope in Bedfordshire, Gideons UK, Open Air Missions & Face 2 Face Ministries (project for the homeless)

You are invited to the following events

Thursday 5th September @ 7:30pm

(Prayer For Bedford)

Friday 6th September @ 7:30pm

(Worship night)

Saturday 7th September @ 7:00pm

(Reach Out Meeting with Kirk McAtear - NLT - AOG)

Sunday 8th September @ 6:30pm

(Hope in Bedfordshire with Roy Crowne- National Leader Of Hope UK)

All Events Held At

Bedford Pentecostal Church, Roise Street, Bedford, MK40 1JE

For more information please contact Pastor Josh Masih on 07770841384



ALL WELCOME!

North Bedford Churches Together
Ecumenical Day of Reflection:
St Thomas Aquinas Church
Sycamore Avenue, Bletchley, MK2 2JE
Saturday, 12th October

Led by Fr Wayne Coughlin

**Entering the Mystery:
Salvation history in art**

A donation of £5 is requested

Bring-and-Share Lunch

Tea, coffee and biscuits available

Participants please contact the Booking Secretary (Sheila) by Monday, 7th October to confirm attendance: (01234) 353116 / holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com
A small number of seats are available on a minibus; for details (and for all queries) please contact the Booking Secretary

10:15am to 4:00pm - people can attend for the whole or part of the day!