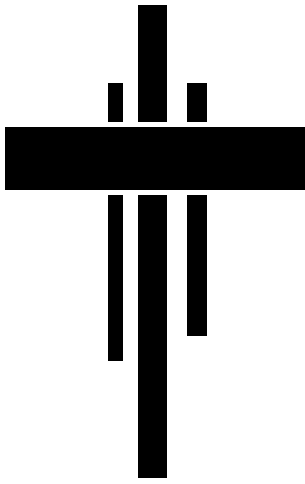


8<sup>th</sup> September 2019



# 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

Come, bow before the one who is just.

**May the Lord lead us to exercise justice.**

Let us worship the one who put his life on the line for others.

**May the Lord inspire us to make a stand for the oppressed.**

**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**  
Millicent de Souza and Kathy Lewis

**StF** – Singing the Faith,

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**10.30am**

**Preacher:-** Mr Ebo Ofori-Quaah

**Worship Steward:-** Alan Davis

**Music:** - CDs

• **Hymns:-**

**Readers:-** Paddy Barrett and Gordon Beeden

• **Readings:-**

**Intercessory prayer:-** Paddy Barrett

**On Sound Desk:-** Sydney Botchway

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP  
Holy Communion

**10.30am**

**Preacher:-** Rev. Andrew Hollins

**Worship Leader:** - Hazel Warner

• **Hymns:- Stf** 345, **SoF** 309, **StF** 570 and **StF** 470

• **Readings:-** Philemon 1: 1-25 and Luke 14: 25-27

**Communion Steward:** - Nick Guy

**On Sound Desk:-** Tsatsu

**Junior Church**

With Helen T.  
and Helen W.  
in Room 3

**10.30am**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No evening service this week at Priory

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 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?

Liz is at Upper Caldecote this morning and Andrew is at Haynes this evening.

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**10.30**

**Traditional Worship** Rev. Andrew Hollins

**Informal Worship** Mr Geoff Talbot

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

## **Church Flowers**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Sue and Steve Gordon
	<b>Arranger</b>	Bernice Monk
	<b>Distributor</b>	Paddy Barrett
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Jasine Belinfante
	<b>Arranger</b>	Carlo Gammons
	<b>Distributor</b>	Kathy Lewis

## **Soup Run**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> September** Brian, Kath and Anna

**15<sup>th</sup> September** Nesta, Jenny and Jill

## **Midweek Worship**

Wednesdays 12.00pm  
in the Chapel

## **Date**

**11<sup>th</sup> September**

**18<sup>th</sup> September**

## **Led by**

Hazel Warner

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](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>**

### **Today's Teas/Coffees and cake**

Sue and Steve Gordon would like you to join them for cake with your tea or coffee this morning to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today. Drinks on them too.

### **Worship Consultation**

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Priory. This is an open meeting when we can discuss all aspects of our worship life together; we will consider particularly the new pattern of services which will begin in January. All are welcome at this meeting; please let Liz Little know (lizlittlebedford@gmail.com) if you would like to add anything to the agenda.

### **Celebrating Harvest**

Thanks to those who have offered to decorate a shelf for our harvest celebrations on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We still have a couple of spare shelves, so if you would like to be responsible for one, please speak to Hazel Warner or Liz Little (lizlittlebedford@gmail.com).

As part of our response to God's generosity to us, we are inviting everyone to bring gifts of non-perishable food to our morning worship on 22<sup>nd</sup>; these will be divided between the Foodbank and Smart Prebend Centre to help feed the hungry and needy in our local community.

### **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.

### **Sue Ryder Lunches**

Lunches will begin again on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.

### **Community Meeting with Bedfordshire Police**

All are invited to attend the Putnoe, Goldington and Newnham community priority forum. As residents, you can attend to have your say and discuss the focus for the upcoming 3 month period.

It will be held on Monday 16th September 7pm-8pm at the Church Lane Community Centre.

NBCT

## **Coffee Morning – September 14<sup>th</sup>**

This will be held at Putnoe Heights Church, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 10 am and midday. NBCT

## **Bedford Foodbank**

Please find below our list of currently needed food and toiletry items. We have also included this list in poster form display on the noticeboard.

Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Spaghetti,  
Long-life Fruit Juice, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Cup-a-Soup, Biscuits,  
Tinned Rice Pudding, Squash, Tinned Custard Carmen

## **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 further in these notices and 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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto: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.



**HOPE** in Bedfordshire

**Roy Crowne, National Director of Hope**

Is speaking at our next Hope Bedfordshire celebration.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.  
Offering a one-day workshop giving an introduction to the principles of Bibliodrama, its underlying philosophy and approaches and including a complete working session.  
£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.

#### **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)

**PRIORY METHODIST CHURCH,**  
Newnham Avenue, Bedford

Come and celebrate with us!

# HARVEST

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**10.30am**

**A harvest celebration for the whole family.**

**6.30pm**

**Harvest Holy Communion.**

**All are welcome!**  
**Give thanks for all God's gifts!**

**LET'S BREW THIS!**

## Come along to our Coffee Morning

Every penny we raise means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Where: Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Ave.  
Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September Time: 10:00 – 12:00

**Cakes, cuppas and cash at the ready!**

**FR** Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

**WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC028907) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MNC07787

# Circuit Youth Service

22nd September 2019

Trinity Methodist Church  
Shortmed Street, Biggleswade

5pm - 6.30pm

Crafts

Food

Service



World Day of Prayer



Bedford Conference

Priory Methodist Church  
Newnham Avenue  
Bedford  
MK41 9QJ

Monday 21 October 2019

10.30am-3.00pm

Contact Jasine Belinfante for further  
information