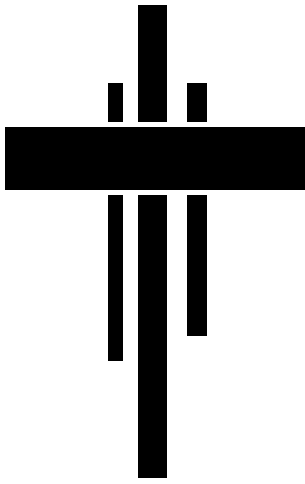


15th September 2019



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, worship the Lord in fellowship with one another.

**We come together as his children in this place.
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

StF – Singing the Faith, **SoF** Songs of Fellowship

10.30am

TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Rev. Andrew Hollins

Worship Steward:- Angela Guerriero

Organist: - Andrew Thomas

• **Hymns:- All StF** 83, 431, 429, 443 and 556

Readers:- Alan Davis and Elaine Leach

• **Readings:-** Exodus 32: 7-14 and Luke 15: 1-10

Intercessory prayer:- Wendy Evans-Wood

On Sound Desk:- Tsatsu

10.30am

TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mr Geoff Talbot

Worship Leader: -

• **Hymns:- STF** 247, **SoF** 37, **STF** 367, **STF** 462 and **SoF** 1702

• **Readings:-** Luke 15:1-10

On Sound Desk:- Nick Guy

Junior Church

With Helen T.
and Helen W.
in Main Hall

and
Eternal Light
are meeting
with Colin
and Steve
in Room 2

6.30pm

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No evening service this week at Priory

New to Priory? – Welcome

15th 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?

Meredith is at Beeston in the morning and Liz at London Road.

22nd September 2019

10.30am - Harvest

All Age Worship Together – Mrs Liz Little

6.30pm – Rev. Dalwyn Attwell – Holy Communion

Church Flowers

15th September	Donor	Jasine Belinfante
	Arranger	Carol Gammons
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis
22nd September	Donor	Marjorie Bolster
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Marlene Howker

Soup Run

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

15th September Nesta, Jenny and Jill

22nd September John H., Rachel and John

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	18th September	Liz Little
	25th September	Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion

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>

Belated Congratulations

to Revd Bill & Mrs Barbara Davies who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 29th August.

Congratulations

to Revd Jeremy & Mrs Susan Arthern who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 12th September.

Congratulations

to John Bassill who will be married to Moyra Collins during Morning Worship today at Uppingham Methodist Church in the Stamford Methodist Circuit. (John was a member of Priory Methodist Church and Local Preacher in the North Bedfordshire Circuit before he moved to Oakham several years ago; Moyra is also a Local Preacher).

Worship Consultation

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th 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.

Monthly Prayer Dates For Your Diaries.

- Saturday 28th September at 11:00 until 12:00 noon
- Saturday 26th October at 11:00 until 12:00 noon

*Paul added that we are to 'pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit'
(Ephesians 6:18)*

Carmen Rowe

Thank You

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers from Priory which Paddy brought to us to celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We shall continue our celebrations on 6th October when we invite you to coffee and cake after the morning service.

Jeremy and Susan

Thank you for sharing with us the cake last Sunday celebrating our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Also thank you for the flowers we received from Priory, they are much appreciated.

Sue and Steve

Methodist Prayer Handbook

The 2019-20 Methodist Prayer Handbook are in the pigeon hole of those who have ordered them. Can you leave the money (£3.50) due with Sue in the office please..

Barbara Barlow

Celebrating Harvest

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 22nd; these will be divided between the Foodbank and Smart Prebend Centre to help feed the hungry and needy in our local community. The gifts will be received during morning worship.

If you are unable to be at the service, you can leave donations in the Foodbank box in the welcome area, or we will be open between 10.30 and 12 on Saturday 21st to decorate the church and gifts can be brought then. Thank you.

Pastoral meeting

The next pastoral meeting will be on Monday 30th September at 10am. Send apologies to Jenny Lloyd.

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

The 6th Day

Thank you to Alan Davis for a very enjoyable quiz evening on 6th September. Our next event will be in the afternoon of Sunday 6th October, when we will have a film show followed by an opportunity for discussion for those who wish. More details to follow shortly.

Sue Ryder Lunches

Lunches started 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, so the next one is Friday 11th October.

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

Harvest Service at St Mary's

A harvest service aimed at families and children will be held at St Mary's, Church Lane, on Saturday 21st September at 10.30am.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Please bring harvest gifts to the 9.30 am service at St Mary's, Church Lane, on Sunday 29th September. They will be distributed to the Bedford Foodbank and St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger.

A harvest lunch will be held at the church at 1 pm. The cost is £6 and profits will go to the Bishops Harvest Appeal. For details email office@stmarygoldington.org.uk

Harvest Festival at Renhold

This will be held at 11 am at All Saints' Church, Renhold, on Sunday 29th September.

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.

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.

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.

We welcome all to join us for 'Compass'; an opportunity to explore what we think of God and the difference Jesus makes and even what it might mean to be Methodist!

'Compass' offers space to share with others, reflect on our journey of faith, explore the Bible, pray together and connect it all to our experience of life

Compass will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on the following Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm

3 rd October	28 th November	24 th October
5 th December	31 st October	12 th December
14 th November		

For more information contact Caroline:

01234 348091 carolineweaver@live.co.uk

If you need transport contact Sue:

01234 407264 sue.allen7@ntlworld.com or Jenny:

01234 344417 jenny.snelson@ntlworld.com



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

PRIORY METHODIST CHURCH,
Newnham Avenue, Bedford

Come and celebrate with us!

HARVEST

SUNDAY 22nd 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!



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: 27th September Time: 10.00 - 12.00

Cakes, cuppas and cash at the ready!



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 (8204). Also operating in Northern Ireland. IMC17787

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

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.
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.

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