



Harvest Festival

22<sup>nd</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 from a compromised world,  
set aside worldly cares,  
and bow before the One who already knows all our needs.

**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

Jenny Wood and Jasine Belinfante

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

**10.30am**

TODAY'S ALL AGE WORSHIP TOGETHER

**Junior  
Church**

**Preacher:-** Mrs Liz Little

**Worship Steward:-** Hazel Warner

**Music: -** Worship Band

- **Hymns:- All StF** 123, Cauliflowers fluffy, 128, 30, 125 and 131

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

- **Readings:-** Deuteronomy 16:13-17, Acts2:42-47 & Mark 1:14-20

**Intercessory prayer:-**

**On Sound Desk:-** Gordon Beeden

**6.30pm**

TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP – Holy Communion

**Preacher:** Rev. Dalwyn Attwell

**Welcomer:-** Norma Ayers

**Worship Steward: -** Hazel Warner

**Music: -** CDs

- **Hymns:- All StF** 129, 78, 001, 577 and 124

**Readers: -**Paddy Barrett and Nick Guy

- **Readings:-** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and John 6:25-35

**Communion Steward: -** Nick Guy

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**New to Priory? – Welcome**

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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 Willington this morning.

### 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**10.30 - Traditional Worship** - Mr Graham Follett

**Informal Worship** - Mrs Anne Foley

**6.30pm** – No Service at Priory this week

6.00pm -Circuit Healing Service at Cardington – Holy Communion

### Church Flowers

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Marjorie Bolster
	<b>Arranger</b>	Christine Hearn
	<b>Distributor</b>	Marlene Howker

<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Donor</b>	Emma and Carl Wright
	<b>Arranger</b>	Marilyn Lingings
	<b>Distributor</b>	Paddy Barrett

### Soup Run

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> September**      John H., Rachel and John

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

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Led by</u>
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Rev. Andrew Hollins – Holy Communion
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Alan Davis

**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>**

## **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*

## **Pastoral meeting**

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

## **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

## **TOOLS WITH A MISSION.**

The various leaflets about Tools with a Mission are now either on the table in the coffee lounge or the welcome area. There are some on the notice boards saying what can be used and what can't be). If you have something/s to donate they can be taken to Bob Burn who lives in Kempston. He will be happy to have a call from you and arrange a time for delivery OR contact Pauline Williams and I can arrange to deliver to him.

Things can be put to such good use, even if, when given, they look a bit disreputable - the team in Ipswich will de-rust, sharpen and make good! - and it's a practical way of helping people to become self sufficient. Donations of money can be given too, which will help to transport containers and to run courses for building skills etc, sewing classes - old sewing machines etc can be a gift, computer technology and business set ups. Thank you, for anything you can give, Pauline W.

## **Prayer Space**

This room, located near the Stewards vestry in the corridor between the Welcome Area and Main Hall, is available for anyone to use as a quiet and prayerful space, or for confidential conversations, at any time. A notice is available to put on the outside of the door to let other people know that the room is in use.

## **Harvest at Putnoe Heights Church**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a harvest festival service at 11 am followed by lunch at 12.30 pm. For details visit <https://www.putnoechurch.org.uk/whats-on>

## **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

## **Thank You Letter**

We have received a letter of thanks from the Rothsay Education Centre, it is on the board in the welcome area.

## **Harvest Festival at Renhold**

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

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Please bring harvest gifts to the 9.30 am service at St Mary's, Church Lane, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stmarygoldington.org.uk)

## **North Bedford Churches Together**

Ecumenical Day of Reflection: Saturday, 12th October • St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bletchley, MK2 2JE - Led by Fr Wayne Coughlin, Diocesan Director of Missio

Theme: "Entering the Mystery: Salvation history in art".

Bring-and-share lunch with tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day.

The day commences at 10:15am and concludes at 4:00pm. People may come for the whole or part of the day.

There will be an opportunity to purchase, at a reduced price, a wonderful book consisting of famous works of art (all profits will support Missio).

We shall be joined by ecumenical guests from the newly formed "North Bedford Churches Together".

Contact the Booking Secretary (Sheila) by Monday, 7th October to confirm attendance: [holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com) / (01234) 353116.



**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!



# Circuit Youth Service

**22nd September 2019**

Trinity Methodist Church  
Shortmed Street, Biggleswade

**5pm - 6.30pm**

Crafts Food Service

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<sup>rd</sup> October            28<sup>th</sup> November            24<sup>th</sup> October

5<sup>th</sup> December        31<sup>st</sup> October                12<sup>th</sup> December

14<sup>th</sup> November

For more information contact Caroline:

01234 348091 [carolineweaver@live.co.uk](mailto:carolineweaver@live.co.uk)

If you need transport contact Sue:

[sue.allen7@ntlworld.com](mailto:sue.allen7@ntlworld.com) or Jenny:

[jenny.snelson@ntlworld.com](mailto:jenny.snelson@ntlworld.com)



### **Matthew Lectionary Gospel for 2020**

I am sure that many of you will have heard of Belief who run Ecumenical Courses in Bedford.

Andrew has asked me to send a message regarding an up and coming Morning that Andrew has asked Belief to put on and would therefore encourage as many people as possible to attend.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 Lucy Dallas is coming to talk to Belief on Matthew the Lectionary Gospel for 2020.

This is what ERMC web page says about Lucy: **Lucy Dallas** is Director of Pastoral Studies and Contextual Education. Lucy holds first-class degrees in English Literature and Theology from the Universities of Kent and Oxford respectively, and a Master of Studies degree in New Testament Theology from the University of Oxford. After qualifying as a teacher at the University of Hertfordshire, Lucy taught English Literature in Hertfordshire schools and in a Christian missionary school in south east Asia. Lucy's passions include integrating biblical studies with pastoral theology, and teaching Spirituality and Discipleship. She has a strong commitment to interfaith engagement and has a particular interest in Christian-Jewish relationships. A lifelong Anglican, Lucy was ordained in 2012 and served her curacy in the diocese of St Albans, where she is part of the parish of All Saints, Leavesden.

The day is designed to be useful to preachers, giving them an introduction to the themes in Matthew and how to handle them.

Regards

Stephanie Field, Circuit Administrator

### **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.



## 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!



WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261107), Scotland (SC039307) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC17287

## 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

### **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.

### **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)



## 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.

THE WORD  
CHRISTIAN BOOKS & CARDS



167 Castle Road, Bedford MK40 3RU

Tel 01234 343353

## News from *The Word Bookshop*

As you may know, we are retiring from the bookshop in February 2020 and have been looking for people to take the shop on. We have had some interest, but nothing definite to date.

Please continue to pray that the shop can carry on. It may be that new owners will come from one place and a new manager from another, so if you think you could be part of that, please get in touch so that we can put people together.

**Martin & Joy Denny**

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