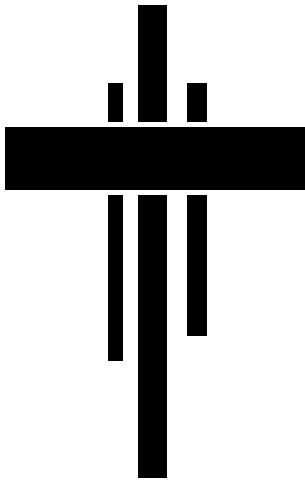


21st July 2019



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

Let us accept the hospitality of this place,
find refreshment in the Lord Jesus Christ,
and meet with our God.

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
Kathy Lewis and Norma Ayers

StF – Singing the Faith,

10.30am TODAY'S ALL AGE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Preacher:- Captain David Wells, member of the Church Army

Worship Steward:- Bill Knights

Music: - Worship Band

• **Hymns:- All StF** 357, 332, 343, 446 and 317

Readers:- Paddy Barrett and Gordon Beeden

• **Readings:-** Matthew 16: 13-17 and Colossians 1: 15 to 38

Intercessory prayer:- Stephen Heap

On Sound Desk:- Sydney Botchway

Junior Church

No Junior Church
during the summer.

6.30pm TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP – Holy Communion

Preacher: Rev. Andrew Hollins

Welcomer:- Chris Fox

Worship Steward: - Les Exton

Music: - CDs

• **Hymns:- All StF** 91, 154, 511, 590 and 73

Readers: -Nick Guy and Hazel Warner

Readings:- Genesis18: 1-10a and The Gospel of Luke 10: 38-42

Communion Steward: - Susanne Edwards

New to Priory? – Welcome

21st 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?

Andrew is at Kempston East in the morning and Jeremy is at Kempston West

28th July 2019

10.30

Traditional Worship – Mrs Susan Lowe

Informal Worship – Mr Keith Lilley

6.30pm – No evening service this week at Priory

Church Flowers

21st July
Donor Kathy Lewis
Arranger Carol Gammons
Distributor Gordon Beeden

28th July
Donor
Arranger Sue Butler
Distributor Paddy Barrett

Soup Run

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

21st July Nesta, Jenny and Gill

28th July John H., Rachael and John

Midweek Worship

Date

Led by

Wednesdays 12.00pm
in the Chapel

24th July

Jeremy Arthern – Holy Communion

31st July

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

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

Memorial Service

The Service on Thursday is for Ludwik Janiga, husband of Doreen, they are local to the church and have many friends at Priory.

Church Alarm System

As you are probably aware the office has its own alarm system which is active whenever the office is unoccupied.

We are planning to extend this system to other parts of the building on 1st 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.

Ann Radnor,

a member of Priory Methodist Church, died at Bedford Hospital on 17th July. Ann'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 Ann's family at this time of bereavement.

Rev. Andrew Hollins

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

Monthly Prayer dates: Saturday - 11:00am - 12:00pm

We continue to be persistent in prayer.

27th July, 31st August. All are welcome!

Blessings, Carmen

Church Office

Sue will not be in the office Monday 22nd, 29th July and Friday 2nd August, she will be on annual leave. Rothsay Education Centre and other bookings maybe in and therefore the building may be open.

Next Footprints walk

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 during as things are dealt with during this challenging time.

Rev. Andrew Hollins

Church Security

Under the present regime the locking up of the church after evening lettings, usually around 10pm, falls to just a couple of people who check that no lights are left on, fire doors are shut and the premises are secure.

It would be very helpful if this relatively simple task (which only takes between ten to fifteen minutes) could be shared out between a few more 'willing volunteers'. Ideally, it would be very helpful if we could organise a rota and the same person is responsible for one night a week.

If this is something that you feel you could help with then please speak with John Lingings 01234 306676 or Sue Gordon in the church office.

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

A BAG FOR LIFE

In an effort to eliminate 'single-use bags' I have made bags out of spare fabric to use instead of plastic. One can be kept in handbag or pocket, always ready to use when buying, say, loose fruit and veg at the supermarket; to carry files to a meeting or even your knitting. Endless opportunities - and washable!

Donations towards P.P. Funds of a minimum of £1.00 would be a suggestion.

Made by Susanne with fabric given by craft club members.

North Bedford Churches Together

Bishop at Renhold Church – 28th July

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

Ecumenical Service – 28th July

Town Centre Churches Together has arranged a service at St Cuthbert's Church, at 7pm, on Sunday 28th 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.arocha.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



**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.



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

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.

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 or ring 01234 838114. Further details are on the website www.bedsandhertsorganists.org