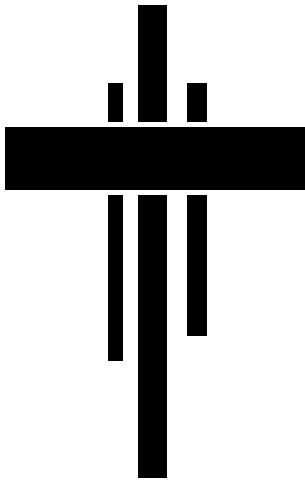


4th August 2019



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, all you who are trying to make sense of the world.
Look up! Look up! Focus on Christ.
Find everything you need in him.

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

Norma Ayers and Jill Richards

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

10.30am TODAY'S TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Holy Communion

Preacher:- Rev. Eric Royden

Worship Steward:- Alan Davis

Organist: - Pauline Kaye

• **Hymns:-** **SoF**457, **SoF**97, **SoF**131, **StF**556 and **SoF**220

Readers:- Roger Wood and Stephen Heap

• **Readings:-** Colossians 3: 1-11 and Luke 12:13-21

Intercessory prayer:-

Communion Stewards: - Lesley Wycherley

On Sound Desk:- Nick Guy

Junior Church

No Junior Church
during the
summer.

10.30am TODAY'S INFORMAL WORSHIP

Preacher:- Mrs Christine Denny

Worship Leader: - Lynne Gound

• **Hymns:-** Bless the Lord O my soul, **StF**58, My lighthouse, **StF**405 and **StF**706

• **Readings:-** Acts 16:16-34

On Sound Desk:- Tsatsu

10.30am TODAY'S EVENING WORSHIP

No evening service this week at Priory

New to Priory? – Welcome

4th 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?

Wendy is at Ampthill, Meredith is at Putnoe and Liz is at Wootton.

11th August 2019

10.30

Traditional Worship – Local Worship – Carmen and members

Informal Worship – Mrs Liz Little

6.30pm – No evening service this week at Priory

Church Flowers

4th August	Donor	Roz Butterworth
	Arranger	Sue Butler
	Distributor	Liz Little
11th August	Donor	Marian and Bill Knights
	Arranger	Christine Hearn
	Distributor	Kathy Lewis

Soup Run

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

4th August	John H., Norma and Lorraine
11th August	Brian, Kath and Anna

<u>Midweek Worship</u>	Date	Led by
Wednesdays 12.00pm in the Chapel	7th August	Rev Andrew Hollins
	14th August	Marian Knights

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

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.

Next Footprints walk – 4th August

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.

Church Office

Sue will not be in the office Monday 5th August, she will be on annual leave. Rothsay Education Centre and other bookings maybe in and therefore the building may be open.

Anne Radnor,

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

Rev. Andrew Hollins

Ruby Carter

I am sad to have to inform you that Ruby died last week in the Airedale Nursing Home having only moved in there a few weeks earlier, a past member of Priory, please hold her family in your prayers. A Service of Thanksgiving for Ruby is at Priory on Thursday 8th August at 4.00pm Sue Gordon

Thank you

Millicent de Souza wishes to say very many thanks for the beautiful flowers delivered from the church by Gordon Beeden last week. She is so happy to receive the love and good wishes from you all. She sends her thanks to Gordon for his very welcome visit which she enjoyed and sends her love to all.

Congratulations

Congratulations to new grandparents Jonathan & Beth Smith, on the safe arrival on 18th July, of Edie Elizabeth How to Katherine and her husband Rob.

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 as things are dealt with during this challenging time.

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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

North Bedford Churches Together

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.arochoa.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.

King's Arms Project is Recruiting!

We have been working with the homeless and disadvantaged for **30** years in Bedford (*since 1989*).

We have vacancies for **Support Worker(s)** at our Nightshelter (40 hrs/week).

For full details please see: www.kingsarmsproject.org/jobs



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26th July 2019
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Our grateful thanks

We are writing to thank everyone at Priory Methodist Church for their donations to Bedford Foodbank between January and June in 2019. The total weight of the food you have donated is 14.86kg.

Regular donations, such as yours, are vital to the on-going provision of food for those in our community who are in such great need. The need for help from the Foodbank continues to increase year upon year and we now regularly feed around 650 people a month, giving them enough food for 3-4 days, or around 10 meals. The monthly food leaving our warehouse is generally in the region of 7-8 tonnes, so we are very grateful for all donations we receive as each one is vital for the ongoing work of the Foodbank, and is greatly appreciated.

It is sad that help like this is needed, but great that individuals, organisations and communities can come together to meet what is an ever increasing need in Bedford and the surrounding villages

Thank you all once again for your support on behalf of everyone who uses or volunteers at the foodbank

Yours sincerely

Andrea Badman
Assistant Project Manager

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.

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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