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Who's Who

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in Clifton

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Forward Planner

March	
2	WI AGM and Beetle Drive - Church Hall 7.30pm
4	WI Coffee Morning, 10.00- 12 noon, Church Hall
	MU Women's World Day of Prayer, Shefford Methodist, 2.15 pm
4/5/6	Clean for the Queen
6	Mothering Sunday, 10.30, All Saints Church
	Give Nature a Home, Family Day, The Lodge RSPB, 11.00-3.00
9	Wildlife Trust Bedford Local Group, Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford, at 7.30pm: 'Marston Vale Country Park'
12	Lions Jumble Sale, 1.30 Community Centre
14	7.45 pm The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners in church
	7:50 pm The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
15	GLGS Redbourn, 13.00
17	MU, Church Hall 2.00 pm
18	Cricket Club Race Night, 7.30 Bar Opens, 8.00 Races Begin
19	Clifton Artists Exhibition, Community Centre, 10.00-4.00
20	Palm Sunday, Special Evening Service, 6.30 pm
21-23	Holy Week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 8.00
24	End of Spring Term
	Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, 8.00, with stripping of the altar
25	Messy Easter, Church Hall, 10.30 am
	Good Friday Devotion, 2.00-3.00 pm in Church
27	Easter Sunday Communion, 10.30 am
	Missions Baking Stall, after the service
28	Easter Monday Pilgrimage, see pew sheet

All Saints' Church
From the Registers



Baptism:

24th January Kiarno Junior Baker.

Funeral:

29th January Liyanage Ranjith Tilakasiri Kitulagoda

Mothers Union



March 4th Woman's World Day of Prayer,
Shefford Methodist Church at 2.15 pm

March 17th The Elegant Art of Table Napkin Folding,
Colin McCartney, Church Hall at 2.00 pm

Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

*10.30 am and 6.00 pm. A warm welcome is assured to all.
Communion following the service 3rd Sunday in the month

*The Sunday morning service for Providence Baptist Church,
starting at 10.30 am will continue to be held at the
Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, until further notice.

Mondays (term time)

Mums and Tots – 10.00 am
5 Up Club – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Wednesdays

Weekly bible study and prayer meetings – ring for details.

Thursday's

10.30 am—12 noon – Coffee-pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

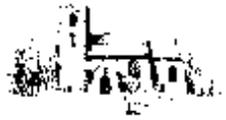
Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

Dear friends

March is said to be the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. With Easter being early this year and so sitting towards the end of March, this statement seems doubly appropriate. Spring will bring us signs of new life, and we will celebrate Easter - that greatest of Christian festivals, with symbols of new life; not least of which will be Easter Eggs.



But surely, Christmas is a bigger festival? Surely that's a more important celebration, because it marks the time when God chose to radically intervene in history and send his Son, Jesus, to be born as one of us. Well, yes it's at Christmas we celebrate the start of God's amazing intervention. But it's at Easter we celebrate when and how Jesus' mission to save humanity from itself was accomplished. By his death on a cross at the hands of those he came to help and save.

How can that be something to celebrate? Isn't that just a tragic but heroic end to the life of a charismatic young man who only wanted to help people and promoted peace and harmony. Well, it is that, but it's also so more than that. Because, not only was Jesus' death the ultimate act of forgiveness, but also by it we can know forgiveness from those things that damage and tarnish us as people. So forgiven, we can know new life. And we can share that new life and forgiveness with everyone.

There are plenty of opportunities to share in this celebration. If you're a young family then Messy Church in the Church Hall at 10:30 on Good Friday will help you do this with fun and messy activities, following which you can share in a tasty meal. In a more traditional, but still very accessible pattern the Parish Communion at 10:30 on Easter Sunday will be a great time of worship, with great music and a church full of fresh Easter flowers.

So please, this Easter, celebrate the forgiven new life we can know in Jesus. And look to forgive others, just as we've been forgiven.

God bless, Robin Welsford, Reader

During the vacancy:

General enquiries: Anne Sullivan 01462 817491

Baptisms: Dorothy Brown 01462 628982

Weddings: Philippa Whittington 01462 851816

Funerals: Frank Rivett 01462 851816

All Saints Church Services

(for dates see sidespersons' rota at back of magazine)

Sundays:

- 8.00 Communion, 2nd & 4th Sundays (2nd BCP)
10.30 Family Communion 1st Sunday
Parish Communion 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Morning Worship (non-communion) 4th Sunday
Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)
6.30 Evensong 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesdays: 10.00 am—Communion

Church Open every Monday 10.00-12.00

And 1st Sunday of the month 2.00-5.00

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a new, spacious, well-equipped community centre with floodlit parking for 60 cars.

For information on the facilities available, and to see just how easy and inexpensive it is to use this hall see:

[www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls for hire/Community Centre](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls%20for%20hire/Community%20Centre)

To check availability and make a booking, please email:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



All Saints' Church

Special services in the next few weeks



Mothering Sunday, March 6th

This is an informal non-communion service,
flowers will be distributed

14th March 2016 APCM

7.45 pm The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners in church
7:50 pm The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Palm Sunday 20th March
Special Evening Service, 6.30 pm



Holy Week 21-23 March

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings at 8.00
Led by Reader Robin Welsford



Maundy Thursday 24 March

Holy Communion 8.00
Including stripping of the altar

Good Friday Devotion 25 March
2.00—3.00



Messy Easter 25th March
see Page 24

Easter Day 27 March

Holy Communion 10.30 am



Easter Monday pilgrimage—details on pew sheet

Clifton All Saints' Academy

Our value for March is 'Helpfulness'



It has been a busy couple of months and we are now over half way into the academic year, hopefully spring is around the corner!

Bollywood Workshop

On Friday 15th January we had Don Rae Academy of Movement & Arts in for the day to teach the children all about Bollywood dance. Don Rae has done several different workshops for us over the years and they have all been excellent. All classes have a fun filled session with him and then he put on a performance for parents at the end of the day. We look forward to Don returning next year for the Chinese New Year workshop which is a very colourful event.

Young Voices 2016

On Wednesday 27th January, the whole of our Woodpeckers class spent the day at the O2 arena in London, performing with over 7000 other school children. We were very lucky to be able to take 5 adults with us for this trip which made monitoring the children much easier in such a vast space. The children travelled by coach, arriving at the arena at around lunchtime. This was followed by a 2 1/2 hour rehearsal, tea and then a 2 hour concert, returning to the school at 11.15pm. The children were fantastic and a real credit to the school and their families. They sang with enthusiasm and confidence, making the most of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to everyone that supported this trip as we know it is a very long day!

School Council

The school council came up with the idea to have a `Muffin Monday` similar to our `Thirsty Thursday`. A variety of mini muffins` were purchased for the school council to sell every Monday during break for a period of four weeks. A total of £45 has been raised which the school council will decide on how to spend!

Parents Consultations

Our parent consultations will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 4-7pm and Thursday 3rd March 5-8pm. Each classroom will have an appointment time sheet on display from 23rd February for you to choose your

time slot. It is preferred that children and siblings do not attend these appointments. We are hoping to have Cambridgeshire Catering Services joining us at the parents evening on Wednesday 2nd March to give you chance to sample food and talk to our catering providers.

In Memory of Jane Pratchett—British Lung Foundation

Lauren and Danielle Pratchett will be running the London Marathon this year for the British Lung Foundation. Lauren had originally secured a place on the London Marathon with her Mum Jane. However, very soon after they secured places, she was given the devastating news that she had lung cancer. Very sadly, Jane lost her fight last August and so her daughters will be running this April in Jane's memory. They have grown up and lived in Clifton all their lives and attended Clifton All Saints Academy where Jane worked for many years.

If you would like to support Lauren and Danielle please bring in your donation to the school office during school hours. All donations will be gratefully received and the school will be supporting them all the way! We wish you the very best of luck with all of your fundraising and of course running the London Marathon.

New library books

The PTA has very kindly bought £275.00 worth of fiction and topic books for the school library. This is a fantastic contribution and will be greatly welcomed by all the children and staff in the school. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are now starting to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers; please can you send in any vouchers via your child's book bag or drop them into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. The address is School e- mail addresses are as follows:
<http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

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school@clifton-beds.co.uk

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headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

DOES CLIFTON NEED A CARE SCHEME?



In September we specifically appealed for an additional phone-holder and in February we again appealed for volunteers to join our ageing committee. To date we have had absolutely no response. That seems to suggest that nobody in a position to help regards the Care Scheme worthy of support - yet the statistics speak for themselves.

The Clifton Care Scheme is now well into its 15th year and during that time has responded to approximately 4,000 appeals, with requests for help from the scheme rising dramatically during recent weeks. We are continuously grateful for our excellent team of over 40 volunteers who share the response to these client requests, but we do need organisers.

There are many residents who regularly use and depend on the service we offer. Just getting to doctors, dentists, hospitals or shopping can be a real problem for anyone who is elderly or infirm and without their own transport.

Surely, faced with this record there must be someone with the required ability to use a mobile phone to coordinate requests or someone who could work with the existing committee to take us into the future.

The ideal committee member would probably be similar to those who started the scheme, an early retiree with a genuine interest in our community and able to give just a few hours each month. Of course you may not fit that profile yet if you could make a real contribution to our future we would like have a chat without any obligation.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

We are here to serve everyone in whatever way we can, so if you need our advice or assistance please let us know, **just call us on**

07817 614654

. and we'll do our best to help.



Hi Everyone,

Good grief! As I write this we have very strong gales and pouring rain. As they say "not a night for dawdling". The NEED project bin is now in place in our local butchers. If you can spare a few tins to help it would be greatly appreciated.

We have a public open meeting coming up on the 18th May and I'm pleased to say that we have two prominent speakers lined up to enthral you. Firstly we have an Ambassador from McMillan Cancer to tell us what the organisation is all about and their objectives for the future. Our second speaker will give us a talk about falls and fractures and how to avoid them.

Nominations are now being received for the **'Stars of Aragon Award'**. This is an annual event run and sponsored by Aragon Housing Association, and anyone can be nominated. It doesn't have to be a tenant of Aragon.

The five community awards are:

- Good neighbour (someone who helps out their neighbours)
- Best kept area or street
- Volunteer award (a person or group that volunteers in their local area)
- Best community project (community safety group, youth group etc)
- Best environmental idea (something to help the environment eg litter picking, allotment)

This can be done on the Aragon website or by official nomination form from the Residents Association. All nominations should be returned as soon as possible. For any more information e-mail:

Nicola.king@aragonhousing.co.uk Why not have a go and show someone how much you appreciate them.

It doesn't cost you a penny !

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Clifton W.I.



Pat welcomed 35 members and 6 visitors to the February meeting, 'Jerusalem' was sung and Iris read the minutes of the January meeting which were agreed and signed.

Pat thanked Katherine for organising the really enjoyable meal at Clifton Cuisine. Sally is organising an outing to Milton Keynes on June 15, this is for a matinee performance of 'Guys & Dolls'. The overall cost is £35, payable up to and including April. One nomination has been put forward for 2015 – 2016 Committee. Various County events were mentioned, all detailed in the in W-Eye.

There is to be a Street Party on June 12 to celebrate the Queen's birthday. There will be a clothes collection and all donations to be taken to All Saints School on Tuesday April 26 by 10am. Flower displays will be in the Church and entries can be from individuals or groups.

There is a Coffee Morning on Friday March 4 in the Church Hall, Stanford Lane, from 10am until 12noon. Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Cakes, Books and Card Stalls and a Bring & Buy. Proceeds from this event will be for Church Hall Funds. Birthday cards were handed to ladies with February birthdays and the speaker was introduced.

Elliot Burns, the son of a member, told us about his life as a GP in South Yorkshire. He has been a doctor for 11 years, and a GP for 3 years. He told us about working in various departments in Yorkshire hospitals which was extremely interesting and he answered many and various questions from a very interested audience.

The raffle was drawn and refreshments served by Gill Brown, Marion Lewis & Jean Wyer.

The next meeting is on Wednesday March 2, this will be our AGM followed by a Beetle Drive. The tea ladies will be Jennifer Watts, Barbara Watts and Janice Daniels. Visitors welcome for an entrance fee of £4.

Katherine Edwards 816334



Her Big Birthday

Clifton is celebrating the **Queen's 90th Birthday:**

Street Party in Church Street

Sunday 12th June 2016

11.15 am Open air service in Churchyard

12.00 noon—4.00 pm All the fun of the fair

What's the cost?

Nothing on the day! Funding is coming from the Parish Council and local businesses supporting the event through advertising, as well as grants from other local organisations. You can also help to fund the event by supporting '**Happy Bags**' see opposite. The only thing to pay for is refreshments on the day.

Who's it for?

All children living in or attending school or clubs in Clifton AND those with family living in Clifton. All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Clean your cupboards for the Queen!

Declutter your wardrobe and cupboards and bring all your household's unwanted clothes and other items to:

Clifton All Saints' Academy

by 10.00 am on

Tuesday 26th April 2016

We will be using the funds raised by this 'Happy Bags' community event to enable the street party on 12th June to be free to all Clifton residents.

More details next month.



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY



Are you interested in playing golf? Are you interested in joining an established, local and friendly golf society?

The Golden Lion Golf Society is now into it's 24th year, and still going strong! We have around 30 members, ladies and gentlemen, of all abilities from single figure handicaps to beginners. We are always on the lookout to welcome new members. The more the merrier.

Membership is £10 per annum, and, typically our competitions cost £30 to £35 which includes, coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a two course meal in the evening. Competitions take place, monthly, from March to October, always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our first one of the season is:

March 15th

Redbourn

13.00

We are also planning a 3 day tour to Bournemouth in early October, the details have yet to be finalized.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact, Harvey Price on 01462 812781 or John Wall on 01462 814097.

All Saints' Academy PTA

Kids on the Catwalk

Friday 20th May



we will need models more details available soon.



Happy's Circus

12 July 2016

Community Centre Playing Field

Starts 6.00, gates open 5.00

A fun packed comedy show for all the family

Supported by international circus acts

Stalls * Refreshments * Face painting
and much more.

Tickets available now!

£8 pp or family ticket £30

(2 adults and 2 children)

Tracey: 07876787266 or Clifton All Saints' Academy office

All funds raised will go to Clifton All Saints' Academy

www.happycircus.co.uk

Missions Baking Stall
Church on Easter Sunday
27th March
After 10.30 service



Clifton Cricket Club

Latest Results On Sunday 7.2.16:

Clifton A lost to Blunham B
Clifton B beat Potton B.



Clean-up Weekend 2nd & 3rd April

We have undertaken renovations at the club this year and just need a final push to get it ready for the new season. We are holding a clean up weekend on 2/3rd April and anyone that would like to come along from 10am on either or both days would be welcome!

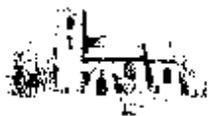
Race Night Friday 18th March



Bar Opens 7:30 pm
Races start 8:00pm.
Free entry with cash prizes!
Hot food will be available on the night for £5.

All Saints Church

Arrangements during the Clifton vacancy



Clifton Rectory

The Diocese of St. Albans have offered the Rectory for let during the vacancy and we look forward to welcoming tenants to the property in due course. We have been asked to remind residents of the village that there is no public right of way through the Rectory grounds to the church and ask that you respect the privacy of those living in the rectory during the vacancy.

The Church Wardens

Contact details:

General enquiries: Anne Sullivan 01462 817491

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Weddings: Philippa Whittington 01462 851816

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The email address 'revdanne@clifton-beds.co.uk' has been discontinued. We are currently in interregnum and all emails addressed to 'rector@clifton-beds.co.uk' will be forwarded to both Wardens for the necessary response or action. This arrangement will remain in place until a new incumbent is appointed.

Many thanks, Webmaster

Clifton WI

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 4th March

10am - 12noon

Church Hall, Stanford Lane.

Refreshments: Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.

Raffle and stalls to include Cakes, Books, Cards and Bring & Buy (no jumble please).

Proceeds for the Church Hall Funds.



CLIFTON LEISURE AND PLEASURE SOCIETY

What do you do in your spare time?

Do you want to meet up with like minded people?

Do you want to share your interests and or hobbies?

What about **JOINING-up**, **MEETING-up** or even **SETTING-up**
a **NEW** group?

The purpose of this proposed society is to help existing groups increase membership should they wish, and at the same time expand the opportunity to socialise more by setting up **NEW GROUPS** for any age such as:

Wine appreciation group

Computer using

Carpentry workshop activities

Games Club eg whist, flush, chess, bridge, monopoly etc

Daytime Social Club

Plus any other suggestions for setting up or enlarging an existing group would be welcome. Our small sub committee has been set up to try to help everyone in the area and we are here to try to help others to make friends and feel wanted in the community. Everyone has either something to offer or may need to meet up with like minded people. In the first instance do contact us so that we can gauge whether our plans meet your needs.

Contact Pat on 01462 811575 or
email vicstap71car@talktalk.net
(Clifton Residents Association)



Lions Annual Jumble Sale

12th March

Community Centre

Doors open at 1.30pm.

Entry 50p per adult, children free.

Refreshments available.



Clifton Street Watch



Clifton, thankfully has been reasonably quiet throughout January, following the horrendous problems that occurred in our village last month. Unfortunately, only those causing the vehicle damage have been caught, they were apprehended and put on bail with a court order banning them from entering Clifton.

On 23rd January, thieves had two unsuccessful attempted burglaries in Newis Crescent, with both front and rear locks being smashed, thankfully the two residents had secured their properties and the thieves left empty handed. Not so lucky, 19th January, was a Shefford Rd resident who had padlocks smashed on outbuildings and thieves made off with various items including an off-road bike. Also same day, an unknown offender filled up with fuel at the Broad St Service Station and made off without paying!

Mentioned last month, "Operation Fidelity", a Bedfordshire Police force's dedicated burglary initiative, was in operation to prevent and clear our towns and villages of these offenders, our colleagues have been celebrating some positive results from around the county. In Leighton Buzzard, a 15-year old was arrested & charged with 6 counts of receiving stolen goods, and in Kempston, a resident reported suspicious activity taking place at the Co-op store in the early hours, officers immediately attended and disrupted a burglary, two men were arrested. Two additional offenders cleared from our streets were, Peter Smith, 33, from Arlesey, arrested & charged with burglary, in connection with a Biggleswade offence. A prisoner, Jason Smith, 29, currently serving a sentence for burglary, admitted further offences and was given a seven-year sentence to run concurrently with his current six-year term. Detective Insp Young of "Force Intel" & "Ops Fidelity" said recently "Results like these are becoming increasingly more common since we began our innovative new approach to tackling burglary, while our instances of this type of crime continue to drop year on year".

What seems to be key in some of their recent successes, is that more information is being reported by residents and partner agencies, demonstrating a more effective way of working with others to protect the public.

You can help by reporting any suspicious activity! Telephone 101 or 999.
Gary Edwards 01462 816334



woodlands

pre-school

This term our topic is 'Transport' the children have been learning about all of the different modes of transport with our curriculum being guided by the 7 areas of learning set out in the EYFS.

We have limited spaces at our after school extended care club, if you are interested please phone Nichole, Sarah or Rachael or alternatively visit our website detailed below for a prospectus.

This term we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on the 2nd & 3rd March, the children will be dressing up as their favourite book character & bringing in their favourite books.

We break up for the Easter holidays on 24th March & return on 12th April, May we take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy Easter.

Some dates for your diary next month, we will be running a 'Healthy Eating' evening on 22nd February to help teach & remind us all about the benefits of a healthy diet from an early age. We are also having an Easter ball for the children on 18th March, we will be having an Easter bonnet completion with prizes for the best entries.

A reminder for anyone shopping on the internet: please go via our easy fundraising link which is: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> it doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you can raise valuable funds for Woodlands at the same time! It takes a couple of minutes to register, please remember to specify The Woodlands Pre-School Clifton so we receive the donations. 'Every little bit helps' and we really appreciate your support.

If you would like further information on Woodlands Pre-school please visit our website or call us:

www.thewoodlandspreschool.co.uk

01462 811486.

FRIENDS PROGRAMME FOR 2016-7

The Friends have mapped out a programme of events for 2016, and into the start of 2017. We have four events this year, intended to provide things that you can enjoy:

Ten Pin Bowling

Tuesday, 12th April 2016, 7 pm

See page 21



Croquet and afternoon tea

Saturday, 16th July 2016, 3 pm
on a lawn near you.

A Ripper Walk around Whitechapel

A Saturday evening October/November 2016 where murder and mayhem and one of the great mysteries of 1888 took place. An expert guide will evoke the scene, and then we can all recover with a meal in Brick Lane.



Pre-Christmas lunch

Mid December 2016
to mark the season.

A "horse" race night with a twist

Spring 2017

in that you are the jockeys and the results depend on individual skill and ability in bringing your mount to the finishing line.



We look forward to enjoying these events with you.

Graham Seaby

A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.

gseaby@btinternet.com, 01462-813991

FRIENDS SOCIAL EVENING— APRIL

As 2016 advances, the Friends have thought of another great social night out. Hopefully April will be Spring, and we hope that you would like to do something just a little active, perhaps new or not visited for some time. So we will raise a competitive spirit, and have fun doing so.

We have arranged an evening of Ten Pin Bowling on Tuesday 12th April starting at 7pm. We are going to Stevenage Leisure Park, where we can get two games, a drink, and a finger buffet for an all-in price of £21 for members, and £23 for guests. Apparently we can even get a group photograph as proof that we had a great night out together.

Now you may be saying that Ten-Pin Bowling is a bit too active, or for youth. Not a bit of it. It is something everybody can take part in, and every assistance will be given to ensure that you have fun whilst trying to get those stubborn pins to fall over. We might even find a prize or two, whether you win or lose. Winning aside, the intent is to provide a social scene where Friends and their guests can enjoy a convivial evening, and we have not been lax on that score in the past, not do we intend to be in the future. So even if you have never tried the game, or rubbish like me, do come, have a go, have a laugh, be social, and support the Friends once more.

We have not arranged transport to and from Stevenage as such, but we intend to arrange car sharing so that those without wheels can get to and from, and so that the minimum number of people need to drive. So when booking, please say if you need transport, or if you can take other people there and back.

Booking is essential and is to me at the e-mail address shown below, though telephone bookings can be made.

This should be another great night out for our village. The first event of four planned for 2016, and there should be another article in the Chronicles showing what we have in mind later on.

We did well in 2015, with a varied programme, so help us start our 2016 programme in fine form by rolling a few balls and having a great evening out in the company of friends (small “f” intended).

Graham Seaby, A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.
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All Saints Clifton



Friday 25 March

Church Hall

10:30am

- ★ Craft activities for all the family
 - ★ Stories and songs
 - ★ Hot lunch
- ★ No fixed cost- donations welcome
 - ★ No need to book

Come and join the fun!

Contact Ruth Gray (812820) or Suzanne Stapleton (811929)
All children must be accompanied by an adult



My most heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sent such kind and caring messages of sympathy and support after the loss of my husband Kit. They meant so much at this difficult time. Sincere thanks to you all

Sue Kit



All Saints' Church

Christian Aid Quiz

Wednesday 18th May

All Saints Academy, 7 for 7.30 prompt start

Teams of up to 8

Ploughman's Plate, Bring your own drink and glasses

£7.50 per person

All Proceeds to Christian Aid

More details next month

CLIFTON ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

Clifton Community Centre

Saturday, 19th March, 2016.

10.00am-4.00pm:

Admission: Free

Clifton residents are cordially invited to this one day exhibition of work by over twenty local artists and crafts workers.

The show is being held in order to offer an opportunity for people in the community to see, first hand, the extent of the talent within the village which is very much alive but often lies unknown and hidden from public view.

The exhibition will include paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, collagraphs, quilts, calligraphy, hat making, jewellery and woodcarving, and will offer the people of Clifton a chance, not only to admire the quality of the work but, also, to purchase locally produced artwork at affordable prices.

Contact Peter Warren 01462 621946 peterwarren@nasuwt.net

Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 9th February 2016



CB/16/00380/OUT – Land south of Pedley Lane, SG17 5QT, Residential development with the erection of 2 detached houses with garaging. – Consultation period.

CB/15/04931/FULL 10a Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS. Garage extension with new pitched roof encompassing existing garage. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/04846/VOC – Land at Chapel Close, SG17 5YG. Variation/Removal of Conditions: Delete condition 8 and vary condition 4 of application No.

CB/15/00992/FULL dated 04/06/2015 – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/04657/FULL – 4 Brickle Place SG17 5HX. 1st floor front extension over existing to create additional bedroom. – Application refused.

CB/15/04529/OUT - Land to Rear of 16-18 Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS
Outline Application: 3 dwellings to include vehicle turning and access. –
Outline application refused.

CB/15/04462/VOC – 21 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN. Variation of Condition 3 from planning permission CB/15/1563/FULL (Substitute drawing nos. 1170.202A for 1170.202). Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to the existing house. Variation of condition - granted.

CB/15/04608/LDCP – 19 Spring Road, SG17 5RE. Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: upgrade attic room to meet current standards & increase in size – Granted.

CB/15/04577/FULL – 11 Fairfax Close, SG17 5RH. Single storey rear infill, alterations to gable elevation to create additional first floor bedrooms and conversion of garage. – Granted.

CB/15/02733/OUT – Land off Hitchin Lane. Outline planning permission for up to 97 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), demolition of existing outbuildings, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Hitchin Lane and New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site accesses. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/01657/OUT – 19th May 2015 - Samuel Whitbread Community College, SG17 5QS. Outline Application: enhancement of sporting facilities including new '4G' floodlit pitch, tennis courts, improved grass pitches and new changing rooms. Construction of up to 64 new homes on land south west of the main school buildings and new access from Hitchin Road. – Awaiting decision.

Church Services Rotas March

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer	
6 th Mother- ing Sunday	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs F Kendall Exodus 2:1-12	Mrs K Blackmore	-	-	
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread 2 Timothy 4:1-18	Officiate			
13 th	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher					
	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mrs K Blackmore	Mr A Clarke Philippians 3:4b-14	Mr R Welsford	Mrs R Gray Mrs J Pavey	Mrs K Black- more	
20 th Palm Sunday	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mrs S Welsford Philippians 2:5-11	Mrs J Pavey	Mr R Parker Mr A Good	Mr A Good	
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr K Pledger Luke 20:9-19	Officiate			
24 th Maundy Thursday	11:00a m	Abbey Service					
25 th Good Friday	8:00pm	Mrs F Kendall Mrs L Burton	Mrs L Dawes Exodus 12:1-14	Officiate	Mr A Good Mr P Blackmore	-	
	2:00pm	Mrs S Collins Mr C Brown	Watch at the Cross				
27 th Easter Day	8:00	Mrs P Heath					
	10:30	Mrs S Welsford Mrs P Wisby	Mrs R Gray Acts 10:34-43	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs S Collins Mr K Gray	Mrs K Black- more	
3 rd April	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford		Mrs A Sullivan	Mr K Pledger Mr P Blackmore	-	
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Galatians 4:1-5	Officiate			

A copy of this rota is on the Vestry notice board. If you are unable to participate on the date given, please try to swap with someone else and inform a Churchwarden and the webmaster or amend the Vestry copy. This rota is also available at: www.clifton-beds.co.uk.

ABOUT OUR FRIENDS



St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford

Father	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
Deacon	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
Parish Secretary	Rose Boulton	811547
	Sister Margaret	814079

Sunday Services

St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Francis 11.00 am

Shefford Methodist Church

Minister	Dave Haseldine	813284
Steward	Elspeth	817199
Bookings	Chris & Peter	815069

Sunday Service

9.30 am Worship for all, plus Junior Church, crèche facilities & refreshments afterwards

Other activities see the notice-board &
www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk

Salvation Army, Stotfold

Captain Alison Stone 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15