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## The Clifton Chronicles

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# Forward Planner

April	
1	Easter Day
2	Pilgrimage to St Albans
4	WI The History of the Swiss Gardens
8	All Age worship from 10:15 in church
14	Peaky Blinders Race Night, Comm Centre 8-11
14	Kieran Sutcliffe Concert—Southill 6.30 for 7pm
17	MU Members meeting, 18 Hitchin Lane, 2.0pm. WALKING IN GOD'S GARDEN –Susan Roberts
17	School term begins
20	Black Cricket Kids Club, Community Centre 6.30-7.30
20	CBC bin consultation closes
21-22	Friends safari garage sale 2-4—CANCELLED
25	Care scheme teas in church 2-4
May	
1	Toddler church 9:00—10.30 in church
9	Care scheme teas in church 2-4
12	Church yard working party
12	Orpheus Choir Concert, Church 7.30pm
13-20	Christian Aid Week
23	Care scheme teas in church 2-4



## **All Saints' Church Services**

See also:  
Church Services and Rotas,  
(at back of magazine for dates)

### **Sundays:**

- 8.00      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Communion Book of Common Prayer  
            4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Communion Common Worship
- 10.30am   Parish Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
            All Age Worship (Non-communion) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
            Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)
- 10.00am   Joint Service with Southill every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
            alternating between the churches.
- 6.30pm    Evensong: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sundays

**Wednesdays:** 10.00am Holy Communion

**Following the repair and restoration work on the  
East Window the church is now  
open during daylight hours.**



## **All Saints' Church From the Registers**



### **Cremation**

21st February 2018

Margaret Chapman

Dear Friends,



No joke, 1st April is Easter Day this year! The last time this happened was in 1945!

I hope your Easter eggs help you to think about the real meaning of Easter; they are eaten at Easter because they symbolise the new life given to Jesus after his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christians read the Easter story in the Bible and they are told that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life' (John 3:16-17).

The Christian message of Easter is about; how God showed his love and power through Jesus for all humankind. The shape of the egg also looks like a tomb – and the cracked egg symbolises the empty tomb. Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

Happy Easter,  
every blessing, Revd Caren

### **Clifton After School Bell Ringing club win award.**



For the past 18 months we have been running an after school bellringing club at All Saints' Church Clifton on a Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 5 during term time. This means that those attending get lots of "rope" time which helps them develop their skills. The Association of Ringing Teachers is an organisation which trains people to coach ringing. On 3<sup>rd</sup> March they held their annual conference in Royston. Part of this conference is the presentation of awards. The ART Awards recognise people and groups who are leading best practice and innovation in the teaching and development of ringing. This year, we submitted an entry for the Youth Group award on behalf of our After School Club and we were delighted (and a bit surprised) to win!

This award is for all those who participate in the club, the helpers, the students and the parents of the young ringers who help to ensure they are able to attend.

So, well done to our students : Izzy, Cara, Adam, Josie and Caren; our helpers : Frank, Jim, John, Sue, Russell and Terry; the parents (you know who you are!)

Philippa Whittington

Will Willmott is running the London Marathon dressed as a Rubik,'s Cube in aid of St John's Ambulance. Not only is he running but he is also doing a Guinness World Record attempt for the "fastest marathon runner dressed as a Rubik's Cube"!!



If you would like to support Will, his fundraising page is [virginmoneygiving.com/willsrubikscuberun](http://virginmoneygiving.com/willsrubikscuberun)

### **Clifton All Saints Academy April 2018**

March has been a busy month at school for the staff, children and PTA. There were some fantastic costumes worn by staff and pupils on world book day and an enjoyable day was had by all. Twelve year fours went to Henlow Academy for a Redbourne Sports Event which included `Curling` something which was new to everyone involved. Parent consultations were held over 3 late afternoons/early evenings. Swallows Class held its class assembly and Mrs Wards Performing Arts Club put on their performance `Joe and his Wicked Waistcoat` over two evenings. Thank you to everyone that supported these and we hope you enjoyed the assembly and performances.

The PTA organised Mother's Day gifts for the children to choose and put on a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Cakes were made and donated by parents, the PTA and the school kitchen so there was plenty to choose from. The children had the opportunity to have some cake and sit with their family during the afternoon. A huge thank you to everyone involved to make this a successful and enjoyable afternoon.

The last day at school before the Easter break is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, children return to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to some warmer and more spring like weather.

New date for Toddler Church

**Tuesday 1st May**

All Saints Church Clifton

**9:00- 10:30am**

Toddlers bring your adult.

Parents come and chat

With refreshments!

**Come and join the fun!**



**All Age Worship**

Come and join us on

**Sunday 8th April**

Homemade cookies and coffee

**10:15 am onwards**

Songs, short talks,  
Interactive worship

All Saints Clifton

**Sunday 27th May**

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

**10:30 am**

- ★ 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!**

Ruth Gray (01462 812820) or Suzanne Stapleton

(01462 811929) for more info if required



## Clifton All Saints Academy Crowdfunder Page

**Over £800 has been received so far but we would love to get this figure much higher. If you know of a company, supplier or individual who could support us then please contact them and pass on the information below. Thank you.**



**Please pass this on to friends, families, companies and your place of work.**

We are very lucky to have a separate ICT suite but unfortunately the equipment no longer works to the standard specification required for staff and pupils to use and access easily on a daily basis. There are many occasions when several computers won't even turn on! This is very frustrating and a complete waste of our teacher's and pupil's time. By investing a large amount of money and giving the infrastructure and suite a complete overhaul then staff and pupils will be far more encouraged to use the facility. A couple of I-Pads have been introduced in our Reception class but we feel it is also very important that children get to use a keyboard and learn how to type. Any donation however small would be greatly appreciated so we can move our school forward with the times. Our last ICT refurbishment project was back in 2002/3 and funded by the government. Luckily our PTA and Governors are in the position to put approximately £10k towards this project, however the overall cost is going to be over £30k if we do it properly! We already have a company working with us and are hoping the works will start in April. Unfortunately, schools do not have the funding in their budgets any longer to enable them to complete such projects. Thank you for your support.

Please type into your search engine and share on your social media.  
<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/moving-with-the-times-ict-upgrade-overhaul>

## Samuel Whitbread Academy



The snow has finally passed us by and unlike many other schools across the country we managed to stay open for the vast majority of last week. This was particularly important for Year 11 who had their latest set of mock exams last week with the remainder of Year 11s finishing theirs yesterday. Their behaviour in the exams has been impeccable and several invigilators, who all come from the community, have commented on the good behaviour of students.

The student leadership team is close to completing its research project into the quality and quantity of students' sleep. They have uncovered a number of key issues including the fact that over half of students in our community, from Year 9 to Year 13, do not get the recommended 9 hours sleep, and this gets progressively worse as the students get older. They have also discovered that the vast majority are checking their phones or looking at a tablet before they go to sleep – despite the fact that research has shown that tablets and mobiles emit blue light which makes it more difficult for people to go to sleep. They are planning to report their findings to students through a series of assemblies and will also be producing a pamphlet for parents with help and advice on improving sleep patterns from Dr Farquhar, an expert on teenage sleep, who has been working with the student leadership group on the research project.

I had the pleasure of interviewing potential candidates for next year's Head Boy and Head Girl last week. All the candidates performed incredibly well and I was reminded just how amazing our students are at SWA. The successful candidates have now gone through to the campaign stage and will spend the next few weeks getting their messages across to the student body before the vote later on in the month.

The Year 9 and 10 students on the ski trip had a fantastic week in Alpe D'Huez. Despite temperatures as low as -30C, they managed to ski every day and if the photos are anything to go by they had an enormous amount of fun. Three students in Year 10 also represented the school in the Rotary County Public Speaking competition last week. They were up against much older students from schools all across the county and came an impressive second which secured them a spot in next month's final. Miss Vallance was delighted with their performance and said they thoroughly deserved their second

place.

Two weeks ago we hosted the U15 county sevens girls rugby tournament and I'm pleased to say SWA had three teams entered and probably could have fielded four! The final saw SWA up against Wootton, which is rapidly becoming our main competition for sport in Bedfordshire. The girls dominated the final and were eventually crowned champions with an impressive victory, much to the delight of their coach Cerys Gregory from Year 11. Ex-student Josh Brown, has returned to school recently to teach a group of staff Boxercise every Monday after school. It was fantastic to see how Josh confidently led a group of 14 staff through our paces and certainly made us work hard – a great example of the student becoming the teacher! Finally, yesterday I was incredibly proud to witness the Sixth Form rugby boys win their national semi-final in Coventry in an incredible (albeit nervous!) match. We look forward to the final next week with great anticipation and excitement at a possible first ever national rugby trophy.

Nick Martin, Principal Samuel Whitbread Academy

### **SHEFFORD CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW**

This year the Shefford Craft and Produce Show will be on Saturday 1st September, in the rooms behind the Shefford Methodist Church and free schedules should be available in Shefford Library from early April. You can also request a copy via [sheffordcps@gmail.com](mailto:sheffordcps@gmail.com)

There are lots of classes for both adults and children to enter, we try to cover as wide a variety of interests as we can and you do not have to be a resident of Shefford to enter. Every child is eligible to enter a photograph and there are also age-related items. When at least one parent and one child enter, the family become eligible to win the Family Cup.

Adults can enter handicrafts, cookery, photography, preserves, garden produce flowers & plants and floral art. Our Novice Class this year is in the floral art section and is open to anybody who has never won a first prize for floral art in any show.

This year as a Show Special, we are asking for items which we are hoping to donate to local care homes for their dementia patients. Knitted Twiddle Muffs and sewn Activity Aprons provide stimulation for restless hands, while helping to keep fingers flexible. A knitting pattern for the muff is available in our Schedule, along with ideas for the apron. People can enter two items to be judged and the winner will be chosen by visitors to the Show.

# Christian Aid Week

13-20 May 2018



Please give generously

A promotional poster for a "Peaky Blinders Race Night" event. It features two images of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and flat cap, standing in a dark setting. The central text reads "PEAKY BLINDERS" in large, bold, black letters, with "RACE NIGHT" below it in white letters on a dark background. On the left, it says "Saturday 14th April 8:00 - 11:00pm". On the right, it says "Clifton Community Centre".

Saturday  
14<sup>th</sup> April  
8:00 - 11:00pm

PEAKY  
BLINDERS

RACE NIGHT

Clifton  
Community  
Centre

Join us for an evening of horse racing, whiskey (other drinks available) & dodgy Brummy accents!!

Ticket price £7.50 per person

★Buffet ★Licensed Bar ★Fancy dress optional

Tickets available from Sally Lawrence:

Mobile: 07876 238 108

email: [salbagsgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:salbagsgreen@hotmail.com)

This is a fundraising event, helping us to raise money for Phil's London Marathon charity place with the Down's Syndrome Association.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PhilLawrence>



# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



## TAKE CARE

Hopefully by the time you read this the wintry weather that wrought havoc up and down the UK will be a thing of the past and spring will be with us in all its glory. No doubt we will be hoping that the coming months will bring some warm days and long balmy evenings. That sounds idyllic for most of us but especially so for those who like to help themselves to our possessions.

With lots of open windows and doors that are open or unlocked to let the youngsters run in or out; adults out the back enjoying the garden or a BBQ it must seem as if all their birthdays have come at once.

Everyone should make the most of the good weather but just think carefully about your security while you are outside. Most security is a matter of common sense but so easy to forget while relaxing or easily overlooked when rushing around.

## NEED OUR HELP?

Remember we are here: if you need help just call.....  
07817 614654

Ring the Care Scheme 07817 614654 if you require transport



## Tea & Chat

- ★ 25th April
- ★ 9th May
- ★ 23rd May



**Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm**

Ring the Care Scheme if you require transport:

**07817 614654**

# Churchyard

## Working Party

### Saturday 12 May 2018



Can you spare a little time to help us prepare the churchyards for the summer?

We will be tidying undergrowth, weeding flower beds, edging paths and laying shingle. Refreshments will be available throughout.

If you are able to join us please meet at the church, bringing with you any tools (wheel barrows, rakes, hoes etc.).

A reminder that we will also take the opportunity to remove from graves any wreaths remaining from the Christmas period; these will be placed separately at the side of the compost area if anyone wishes to collect them.

We welcome fresh flowers and seasonal silk flowers on the graves.

For further information please contact the Rector or the Church Wardens (see Who's Who for details).



# Orpheus Choir Concert

## Saturday 12th May

### 7.00 pm start

doors open 6.30 pm

All Saints' Church, Clifton

### Tickets £10

including glass of wine at interval

Available from:

Kathy and Peter Blackmore, 01462 646371

The Orpheus Choir of North Herts, based in Hitchin, is an established and popular chamber choir with a repertoire ranging from early music - Bach, Vivaldi, Monteverdi and many others - to (more or less) up to date arrangements of folk tunes and jazz standards, this programme will include the Fouré Requiem. For more information see:

[www.orpheusnorthherts.com](http://www.orpheusnorthherts.com)

Ticket profits to Christian Aid



## Clifton Neighbourhood Watch March 2018



As a change from looking at the crime statistics for one month, please find below the stats for a complete year, ending in Jan 2018. They are surprising, I think, and are not what you might expect. These numbers relate to Stotfold, Shefford (Incl. Clifton) and Arlesey combined.

There were 1900 crimes reported.

Types of crime: In the lead by far is anti-social behaviour with 38%. Then comes violence and sexual offences at 17%, criminal damage and arson 10%, vehicle crime 9% with what you might have thought were the most occurring crimes at, burglary and other theft at 7% each – everything else is lost in the 'stats, even though they are more meaningful to those to whom the incident happened.

Resolution of crime: So, how well the incidents resolved?

The category 'no further action' take 81%, of which 56% 'no suspect identified' is the largest group by far. Also under this heading is 'unable to prosecute offender' at 24%, Then, 'dealt with by the courts' and crimes 'still under investigation' at 7% and 'dealt with by the Police' at 3%.

From the 'big picture' to an individual case:

One day towards the end of February in on of our quieter locations, around 8.30 pm, a family of local residents suffered an attempted burglary. The intruder entered the house which we believe was unlocked. The daughter was upstairs with headphones on. Thankfully they have a doberman pincher dog which is very alert to all noise. He was in his cage, but set up a large noise. Tthe intruder obviously decided to leave quickly leaving without anything. The door was left wide open but the daughter was alerted. We believe the door handle had been lifted but not key locked. Might a more modern lock have helped? Lessons for us all here, I think.

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<http://www.street-watch.org/CliftonNHW/>

# Showtime with Kieran Sutcliffe and special guests

A must for fans of Michael Ball, Alfie Boe and Russell Watson

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

All Saints Church, Southill, Beds

### Tickets £15

Show starts at 7.00 pm  
(doors open 6.30 pm)



The Man with the Golden Voice! BBC award winning international classical crossover and musical theatre star Kieran Sutcliffe brings his powerhouse vocals to opera classics and the best West End hits.

Kieran is one of the most sought after tenors in the UK and internationally. He has had the pleasure of singing for the King and Queen of Morocco at their request. He has sung for Hollywood A list superstars and even sang along side commercial platinum selling pop Groups 'B\*Witched and 'S Club 7'.

Kieran has a very versatile voice and great operatic repertoire as well as all the popular hits too and his larger than life personality makes him a great performer. He has a captivating stage presence and is brilliantly entertaining. His songs include ones we all know and love such as Puccini's "Nessun Dorma" Boceli's "Time To Say Goodbye", "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables, "Any Dream Will Do" from Joseph, "You Raise Me Up" plus many more.

On this unique evening Kieran will be joined by some very special guests the children of Clifton All Saints Academy and Southill Lower School and a local adult Choir

To book your tickets call Terry Sullivan on 01462 817491  
or Nico Rodenburg on 01462 811927

All profits go to All Saints Churches, Southill & Clifton



## Armistice 100

Help Clifton celebrate this significant anniversary by joining us in one or more of these:

- ✚ 30 men are named on the Clifton war memorial for WW1. Would you like to represent one of them at the Remembrance Day service? If so and you are between 19 and 42 please contact Philippa (see below).
  
- ✚ ***There but not there.*** Silhouettes of First World War soldiers have appeared in sites across the UK as part of a fundraising campaign for the charity Remembered. Members of the public are being encouraged to buy their own 10-inch versions to remember their own relatives, a century on from the end of the Great War. If you would like to buy one (£29.99 plus P&P and engraving) and are willing to lend it to the church for the Remembrance Day service, they will be placed on the window ledges for all to see. Please contact the Rector for more information.
  
- ✚ 1400 bell ringers were lost in the First World War. The aim is to recruit 1400 new ringers across the country to enable them to help us mark this significant date. Interested? Contact Philippa

### **Contact information**

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Pat Wisby welcomed everyone to the March meeting and AGM, including our guest, County President Diane Sanbrook. Two members had recently been bereaved so we held a minute's silence before Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the February meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Cards and plants were given to five members who had shared their patch-working, painting, scrapbooking, needlework and card-making skills with other members during the last two meetings. The fruits of their labours will be on show at our May meeting. The coach for Crazy For You leaves the Golden Lion promptly at 1.15pm on 22 March and members were reminded to pay for The Play That Goes Wrong within the next week. The Fish & Chip Supper at the May meeting will cost £4.50 and the money will be collected at the April meeting, when there will also be a Book Stall.

Notices from County included trips to Huntingdon Ladies Race Evening; the Black Country Living Museum; the Naval College at Greenwich and a day at Denman. Order your WI Diary for 2019 by 21 May and consider entering a photographic competition: "A Year in the Life of Your WI". Iris handed out birthday cards and members received the new Programme for 2018-2019, which includes the Tea Rota.

The monthly meeting closed and the AGM followed with the Financial Statement by Treasurer Chris, the Committee's Annual Report by Iris and a Farewell Report by Pat who has completed her 3 years as President. Pat reminisced with members about the various activities and trips we had enjoyed during that time, many to do with food! She thanked all her committees, including Teri, Pat Kemp, Katherine and Christine and welcomed Ruth to the new committee. Thanks were also given to the many other volunteers (and husbands) for all their hard work. Pat was presented with flowers and a gift token from members who then played Card Bingo while a few completed their paintings or cards from last month.

The speaker on April 4 will be Corinne Price talking about The History of the Swiss Gardens. Visitors are welcome for a £4 fee.

## Black Cricket Kids Club ~ Clifton



We are pleased to announce that we have found a more permanent venue for our Kids Club sessions and these will be now taking place on the third Friday of every month between 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Clifton Community Hall.

If you do not already know us, we are a club like no other. Planned and organised by a qualified teacher and zoo keeper, sessions are suitable for children age 5 - 13 (Year 9) with a focus on pets and wildlife. The activities are fun, interactive, educational and adapted to meet the needs of the children to learn about amazing animals, habitats, different places around the world, animal behaviour and welfare, genetic management, ecology and conservation.

Registration is required which includes a goodie bag.

Children with special needs are warmly welcomed.

Parents and carers are welcome to have a drink and a chat with others while the sessions are underway.

For further information please visit the website:

[www.blackcricket.co.uk/kids-club](http://www.blackcricket.co.uk/kids-club) and

[www.facebook.com/blackcricketkidsclub](http://www.facebook.com/blackcricketkidsclub)

Telephone: 07922 155565

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 12noon – 4pm each day  
– Safari Garage and Yard Sale**

Due to lack of interest, this has been cancelled.



Do join us for our other planned activities for which further details will be available later:

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Afternoon Tea and Games for All in the Garden**

**19<sup>th</sup> September – play Skittles at The Cock in Broom**

**9<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee Morning in the Church Hall**

**28<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Dinner in the Church Hall**



# Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

welcome to Spring, after that recent snow, looking forward to Summer.

This month's big topic is the proposed changes to bin collections. I'm sure that most of you are aware of this. but here are a few facts. Central Bedfordshire Council's (CBC) bin collection contract is coming to an end, and to save money there will be some changes. The theme is on recycling, and the best option is to recycle paper and cardboard separately from all other items. Every household will be given a food waste collection bin.

A recent study showed more than half of the black bin contents could have been recycled. This included food waste. Now, the downside to this proposal is that black bins would be collected every THREE WEEKS!

Garden waste that is collected in green bags will stop, and a big 240 litre wheelie bin will be provided. This will be collected every two weeks, but, it will cost the household about £40 a year. This apparently works out at £1.54 per collection.

All this information is taken from CBC's current leaflet.

The consultation is open until 20th April. A questionnaire is available from their offices or on line at

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/bin-changes](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/bin-changes)

The decision will be made at the Executive meeting on 10th May, and changes would be implemented in Autumn 2019. We recommend that you give this your attention..

**Now for some better news, Hot off the press!!**

Coming in the summer is 'CLIFTON WEEK' where there will be various events going on around the village from 22nd June to 1st July. More details should be available in the next issue

In the meantime, Stay Lucky, Den Fensome



# woodlands

pre-school

We'd firstly like to welcome all of the new children and parents who have joined over the last few weeks. Our open afternoons were a great success again and we look forward to welcoming some new children in April. If you are interested in sessions for September please contact us to book onto our upcoming open afternoons in June.

Our Bluebirds classroom has been a great success so far with the children enjoying varied resources and activities carefully thought out by the Bluebirds team. We have been introducing new letter sounds each week and the children have been bringing in their show and tell items which relate to the letter sounds of the week. We would encourage all parents to ensure their child has a show and tell item for Bluebirds as this is something the children really enjoy doing.

Our recent fundraising events have been very successful with the cake sale raising a fantastic £140 and the happy school bags raising a whopping £191!

Our next fundraising events will be fundraising towards new garden equipment. Our Pirate Ship is starting to show its age and we'd love to replace this with a new climbing frame or something similar. The children benefit hugely from large climbing equipment where they can build their gross motor skills, strengthen their arm and hand muscles which in turn benefits the ability to hold and control pencils, scissors and other fine motor skills.

World book day was lots of fun this year. Our staff all dressed up in characters from the Julia Donaldson books and the children came in looking fantastic! Thank you to everyone for taking part in this event, it's a great way of promoting the importance of books and story writing. We have been reading the books children have brought in this week and some of our children have even been writing their own stories. All these early reading skills will be a huge benefit to the children.

The Woodlands Team

01462 811486 <http://www.thewoodlandspreschool.co.uk/>  
thewoodlands1@btconnect.com

## **Woodlands : Dates to remember:**

**Bank holidays:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Easter holidays:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Training day (Woodlands closed):** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer term begins:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Cake Sales:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 and 3.00pm

**Happy School Bags collection:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

**Bank holiday:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Sponsored Obstacle Course:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.30am

**Bank holiday:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** 29<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Woodlands open:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Woodlands 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday picnic:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June in case of weather conditions)

**Happy School Bags collection:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm

**End of summer term:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **Clifton Planning Applications Update**

Central Beds Decisions to 9 March 2018

CB/18/00768/LDCP – 26 February 2018 – 64 Newis Crescent SG17 5HU. The proposal is for a storage room in the rear garden, 5.9m x 3m with the highest part of the building to be no more than 2.6m. By building this storage room the 50% rule will not be exceeded. Application Registered.

CB/18/00759/GPDE – 23 February 2018 – 64 Newis Crescent SG17 5HU. Prior Notification of Householder Extension: Erection of single story rear extension 2.6m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height of 3.54m and under 3m to the eaves with a 17 degree pitch. Consultation Period

CB/18/00297/FULL – 1 February 2018 – 1 Hitchin Lane SG17 5RS.  
Proposed one and two storey rear extension, convert garage to  
living accommodation, new front porch and alterations to roof slope  
at ground floor front and rear.

Awaiting Decision

CB/18/00284/ FULL – 24 January 2018 – Land between 5 and 6  
Chapel Close SG17 5YG. Erection of one, single-storey dwelling.  
Decided – Refused

CB/18/00192/OUT – 19 January 2018 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX.  
Erection of 7 detached houses and 7 semi-detached assisted  
houses. Consultation Period

CB/18/00098/FULL – 10 January 2018 - 32 New Road SG17 5JH.  
Single storey side extension, roof lift to provide increase in first floor  
living space. Full Application Granted

CB/17/05967/OUT – 27 December 2017 – Land west of New Road  
SG17 5JH. Outline planning application for the erection of up to 130  
residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing).  
Consultation Period

CB/17/06060/full - 21 December 2017 – 12 The Joint SG17 5RR.  
Erection of single story side and rear extensions and balcony over  
rear kitchen. Full Application Granted

CB/17/06041/FULL – 21 December 2017 – 12 Jubilee Close SG17  
5JW. Single storey rear extension. Full Application Granted

CB/17/05643/FULL – 30 November 2017 – Land adjacent. to 67  
Stockbridge Road SG17 5HH.  
Development of 20 new dwellings consisting of a mixture of 1 and 2  
storey buildings on existing land. Awaiting Decision

CB/17/05618/FULL – 28 November 2017 – Land rear of 104  
Shefford Road SG17 5RF.  
Retrospective planning for erection of garage. Full Application  
Granted

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# 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 contact:

**[parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk)**

**Kerri Kilby 07547 129038** or

**Bob Anderson on 07546 239784**

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



## Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

### Sunday Services

\*10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. A warm welcome is assured to all. Communion is held during the 6.00 p.m. service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.

\*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

### Mondays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

5-Up Club 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. at All Saints Academy

Explorers 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (for Reception to Year 4) at the Church

### Fridays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

**Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643**

# ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***



## **St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	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:** Revd Lorna Valentine is temporary unavailable and Revd Charlie Connor is covering for the moment 01234 851987.

**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](http://www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk)

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Captain Nicola Brooksbank 01462-731072

**Sunday Services:** 10.30 am, 6 pm  
Sunday School 11.15

## Church Services Rotas April

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Intercessors</b>	<b>Chalice Ass's</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Easter Day	10:30	Mrs S Welsford Mrs P Wisby	Mrs R Gray Acts 10:34-43	Rev Caren	Mrs K Blackmore Mrs J Pavey	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr B Padgett Luke 24:13-35	Officiate		
	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
8 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 All Age	Mrs J Peacock Mr D Brace	Ministry Team			
15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett Luke 24:1-12	Mrs P Whittington		
	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mr A Clarke Acts 3:12-19	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr P Blackmore Mr K Gray	
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs M Cakebread Galatians 4:1-5	Officiate		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mrs J Wyer Mrs K Blackmore	Mr J Good Acts 4:5-12	Mr R Parker	Mr A Good	
29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Joint Holy Communion at Southill				
	6:00pm	Deanery Evensong Walk and talk at Clifton with Rev Paula Venables				
6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs S Collins	Mrs S Welsford Acts 10:44-48	Mr R Welsford	Mr K Pledger Mr B Livesey	
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mrs P Whittington Revelation 3:14-end	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: <a href="http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk">www.clifton-beds.co.uk</a> .						

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