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The Clifton Chronicles

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Who's Who

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in Clifton

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Forward Planner

December	
1	Light up Christmas, 4.30, Admiral
3	Lions' Sleigh Ride in Clifton
4	Toddler Church, 9.00
5	Tea and Chat, Church, 2.00 – 4.00
	WI - 7.30
7	RSPB, Gulls, what a load of rubbish, Settlement, Letchworth
9	All Age Worship, 10.15
	Warden Abbey Wine Sale, 11.00-4.00
10	Lions' Sleigh Ride in Clifton
18	Mothers' Union 2.00 at 18 Hitchin Lane
19	Tea and Chat, Church, 2.00 – 4.00
	End of Term
20	Toddler Church, 9.00
January	
3	Spring Term Begins
8	Toddler Church, 9.00
9	Tea and Chat, Church, 2.00 – 4.00
13	All Age Worship, 10.15
15	Mothers' Union 2.00 at 18 Hitchin Lane
18	PTA Family Quiz Night
19	GLGS Dinner and Presentation Evening
22	Toddler Church, 9.00
	GLGS AGM
23	Tea and Chat, Church, 2.00 – 4.00
24	WI Lunch at the Indian Cuisine – 12.30
27	Messy Christingle, 10.30, Church Hall
31	Henlow Panto
February	
1&2	Henlow Panto
2	Ensemble of Friends Concert , Clifton Church, 7.00
11	Half Term Begins
27	Happy School Bags



All Saints' Church Services

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

Sundays:

8.00 am 4th Sunday Communion Book of Common Prayer

10.30 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday

10.15 am All Age Worship (Non-communion) 2nd Sunday

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

10.00 am Joint Service with Southill every 5th Sunday
alternating between the churches.

6.30pm Evensong: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Sundays

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

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



Bob and Elisabeth wish to thank all our friends and
neighbours who have sent cards and messages of
condolence following the death of
our beloved son Michael.

It has meant a great deal to us to know
that our friends are thinking of us during
this difficult time.



Clifton Mothers' Union Group

**Tuesday 18th December
Christmas Celebration**

Tuesday 15th January
Judy James, St Albans Diocesan Vice-President

Both events 2.00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane



Dear Friends,

Are you ready for Christmas?



We're nearly there at All Saints! We feel a bit like Mary and Joseph and taken by surprise, we're still organising those Christmas Events and not feeling quite ready. If you're like us and still mired in the to-do lists, not living up to the image some people give regarding the perfect Christmas. Maybe Christmas is for you a sad and lonely time; then we invite you to be with Jesus and come along with us to the Christmas services, (see the flyer inside your magazine).

As usual we will be passing the travelling crib around the village from family to family ending up at the Crib Service on 24th December at 5.30pm in the church.

From Christmas Eve we will be following the star! If you want to share #FollowTheStar do join in. Like the Wise Men; Follow the Star takes us into the New Year. New beginnings!

Our Missions Committee will be thinking of new charities to support in 2019. This year we supported the Lucy Blackman Trust, Respite at home volunteers, CHUMS, Herts and Beds Wildlife trust and Spinal Research project. Maybe you could email me with your ideas for the church to support in 2019.

Keep following!

Every Blessing for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Revd Caren

Toddler Church 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (term-time)

- ☆ 4th December
- ☆ 20th December
- ☆ 8th January 2019
- ☆ 22nd January 2019

All Saints Church Clifton

9:00- 10:30am

Toddlers bring your adult

Parents come, chat & share refreshments!

Come and join the fun!



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

As the festive season approaches many of you will be looking forward to spending time with relatives and friends and generally enjoying yourselves but for some, both old and young, it can be a lonely time. If you know of anyone like this a quick check to make sure that they are alright and are not in any need would be a lovely gesture.

Our usual reminder at this time is that as you start to buy presents it is a good idea to keep them somewhere out of sight. If you don't have any spare storage space just make sure the items are covered up and not visible either through your windows or doors. This is very important when the items have been gift wrapped as they can be very attractive to a passing opportunist who would be pleased to relieve you of them. And don't forget to make sure the electrical decorations are still safe and to switch them off before leaving the house or going to bed.

NEED OUR HELP?

Remember we are here if you need help just call.....

07817 614654

And finally from all of us at the Clifton Care Scheme do have
A very happy Christmas and New Year

Tea & Chat

- ☆ **Wednesday 5th December**
- ☆ **Wednesday 19th December**
- ☆ **Wednesday 9th January**
- ☆ **Wednesday 23rd January**



Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

Ring Care Scheme for transport: **07817 614654**

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Baptisms:

4th November Aoife Elizabeth McDonagh
18th November Erin Louise Kilby
 Matilda Alice Heather Churms
 Harry James Dimelow

Funeral Service and Burial:

29th October Patricia Valerie Heath

Cremation:

1st November Josephine Odette Peacock

Funeral Service and Cremation:

9th November Gordon Crowhurst

All Age Worship



9th December

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

13th January 2019

"Surprising Voices"

Services start with refreshments **10.15 am onwards**

Interactive worship with songs
And short talks



CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

This year, with Remembrance Sunday falling on the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War we decided to turn the school entrance into a striking display. All of the children had an art morning where they made poppies, wrote poems and completed a variety of art work. Many samples of the work are on display. A very special thank you to Mrs Dixon our very talented volunteer who is in school on a regular basis who made this display so eye catching.

Fundraising Skydive

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has supported us, we have raised a total of **£1,507**, this will cover the cost of nearly 4 laptops as part of upgrading out ICT in school. Mrs Ford and I had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The weather was really kind to us and we have been overwhelmed with the communities support and generosity. The just giving page is open until the end of November should there be any last minute sponsors or for anyone waiting to see if we would actually do it!

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/justinegeraldineskydive. **THANK YOU** all so much, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Ford. There are a couple of photographs of the skydive on our website.



Children in Need

This year the whole school wrapped up warm, put on their wellies and walked down to Clifton Bury Farm (thank you very much Mr & Mrs Brace) to do a sponsored ramble. It was lovely to have the whole school working together and raising money at the same time.

Term Dates

The last day of school is Wednesday 19th December and the children return to school on Thursday January 3rd. Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. On our website below.



School emails

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www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk

Samuel Whitbread Academy



The autumn term is rapidly progressing and we're nearly halfway through November already. The big event this week was preparing for remembrance Sunday and the WW1 centenary. Mr Edwards has been leading the assemblies all week and talking about the importance of remembrance day and we have had poppies on sale for the last two weeks in reception. We've also had three poppies on display in reception from the Tower of London, that belonged to members of staff and were presented in an amazing Perspex case built by Mr Bonham. At 11am three students played the last post on their trumpets, in three different locations across the school site whilst students and staff respected the two minute silence.

The rehearsals for this year's pantomime, Cinderella, are well underway and going extremely well. But last week the music department still found time to organise an amazing concert including choirs, bands, orchestras and several individual performances in aid of the Clifton Church appeal. They managed to raise a further £470, which we added to the £1770 raised before half term by the non-uniform day and brought the total well beyond our £2k target to £2240. This is an amazing achievement and demonstrates how determined the students were to help Clifton Church repair the damage from the break-in, which many of them found very upsetting.

The recent Year 9 Open Evenings were incredibly successful and initial figures show that we will definitely be full for 2019. Next up is the sixth form open evening, which we combine with the Y11 parents evening and a careers convention. This is the third year that we have combined all three events into one and it's shaping up to be another thoroughly worthwhile event for both our students and external students – including the Y11 students from Etonbury who we are looking forward to welcoming to the academy.



Nick Martin, Principal

All Saints' Academy PTA



Family Quiz Night

Friday 18th January 2019

At the school - more info from Kerrie or Katie

Email: cliftonallsaintspta@gmail.com

Dates for your 2019 diaries:

- ✓ Happy School Bags - 27th February & 11th June
- ✓ Children's Easter Disco - Friday 5th April
- ✓ Family Bingo Night - Saturday 18th May
- ✓ Summer Fayre & Maypole Dancing - Friday 14th June
- ✓ Sports Day Breakfast - Friday 21st June

Contact Kerrie or Katie
Email: cliftonallsaintspta@gmail.com



Interested in nature and wildlife?

Then come along to RSPB Hitchin & Letchworth Local Group

Friday December 7th @ 7.30pm

The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB

'Gulls: What a Load of Rubbish' by Paul Roper

Gulls are prolific migrants and face fascinating conservation challenges. Paul is a very experienced bird ringer, both at home and abroad and his talk will tell us about gulls, and the work of the North Thames Gull Group.

Visitors very welcome, £3

See rspb.org.uk/groups/hitchinandletchworth f
or more information and programme.

Clifton – The Cherry Tree Village

In the not too distant past Clifton was known locally as “The Cherry Tree Village”. No doubt you can work out for yourself why it was so described.

The Parish Council believe a nod to times past would be welcomed by those of us fortunate enough to live in Clifton in the present day and we have been looking for ways to bring back the splendour of springtime cherry blossom.



The road to fulfilling this apparently simple idea is as strewn with more potholes than a modern day highway, and overcoming the bureaucracy of planting dozens of trees on verges is almost impossible due to the number of modern subterranean services, but, nevertheless, we have concocted a plan...

As you will see, it is indeed a plan which is cunning, yet simple...

Clifton Parish Council is offering to provide a **free ornamental cherry tree** to anyone who owns a garden that directly abuts a road within the Parish Boundary of Clifton.

We will provide the tree. All you would have to do is plant it in a garden where all can enjoy it from the road and keep it watered until it is established. If you require help with the planting, a sturdy volunteer will come and do it for you. (or, maybe, one of the men!).

The tree would be ornamental so you should not expect any fruit, (in any case the birds would almost certainly get there before you!), but you should expect a fabulous display in Springtime.

If you would like to help make the Cherry Tree Village once more live up to its name, please contact one of your Parish Councillors or email parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk and let us have your name, address and telephone number.



Numbers are limited,
so it will be first come, first served.
We look forward to hearing from you,
Clifton Parish Council

Clifton WI



Linda began the meeting with a minute's silence in memory of Mary Clark, a former member of the WI. She then welcomed 42 members to the meeting. We sang Jerusalem and the minutes of the September and October meetings were read, agreed and signed. Linda explained that there was a small charge this year for our Christmas dinner as we are having outside caterers and gave details of the menu. Pat Wisby has unfortunately had to step down from the committee and was presented with a floral bouquet and a card to say thank you for all her hard work. Lesley Burton was proposed and seconded to fill the vacancy and we welcome her to the committee. Tonight we celebrated Clifton WI's 96th birthday with a glass of wine for each member and guest.

From County

- An afternoon with Dame Stella Rimington on Monday 11th March 2019 at King's House Bedford from 2-4pm. Cost £27
- NFWI AGM in Bournemouth – invites members to attend as an observer.
- Denman weekend – October 2019 – various courses available.

Future plans

- 24th January 2019 – Lunch at the Indian Cuisine – 12.30
- January tea ladies – Katherine, Teri and Val
- Christmas meal needs paying for tonight please.
- Members were shown the wreath for the memorial on Remembrance Sunday
- Theatre trip – The girl on the train – Milton Keynes in January

Unfortunately our guest speaker was unwell and unable to be there. We hope she feels better soon. Instead we had a game of Playing Card Bingo and a quiz.

Tea, coffee and birthday cake were served.

The next meeting will be:

Wednesday December 5th - Christmas Party celebration

Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Ruth (01462815482)

Clifton Remembers

Remembrance Sunday—11th November 2018

The Act of Remembrance

The Act of Remembrance, at the War Memorial was attended by nearly 300 people over 200 of whom processed down Church Street to the Church where a moving service was held, during which brownies, guides, cubs and beavers presented colours.



Ringin' Remembers

Our local Clifton ringers joined ringers across the country to mark the 100 years since the end of World War 1. They rang the bells 'half-muffled' before the service at the war memorial. After the service they rang the bells 'open'. Ringers who took part were: Mary Pledger, Keith Pledger, Teddy Rowe, Cara Nocera, Holly Stuart, Tilly-Marie Pigram; Izzy Byers; Nicholas Brown; Teresa Brown, Shaun Somerville, Sheila Ashton, Colin McCartney, Liz McCartney, Caren Topley, Adam Page-Browne, Peter Blackmore, Frank Rivett, Philippa Whittington, Russell Brown and Jim Peacock. Following this they rang a quarter peal where they were joined by Sue Silver and Cara rang her first quarter peal.

Poppy displays

The Clifton WI joined knitters across the country in creating poppies to commemorate the end of WW1. The poppies were displayed in the hanging baskets on the memorial.

Other hand-made poppies were displayed at the church. More poppy pictures are on the website.



Poppy Sales £2631.26

Thanks to Denise Panton for organising the sale of poppies in the village, to all the people who helped in the door to door collection and all who donated, this amazing total was collected which will enable the Royal British Legion to support veterans. Well done Clifton.

LIGHT UP CLIFTON

Saturday 1st December

Outside the Admiral

Starts 16:30, tree light up at 17:00

- ☆ Father Xmas and Sleigh
- ☆ Children's Roundabout
- ☆ Xmas Raffle and Prizes
- ☆ Children's Gifts
- ☆ School Choir
- ☆ Gift Stalls
- ☆ Hamburgers / Hot Dogs / Mulled Wine



Come and join other village residents as we celebrate the start of Christmas

Christmas Presents for Children—Appeal

It is nearly Christmas and yes there will be toys and gifts put under the Christmas Tree in **Clifton All Saints Church** by 16th December.

If anyone would like to contribute a present please contact me on 01462 629822 . This year the toys and gifts will be delivered to **Stotfold Salvation Army**, but they have asked that toys and gifts should **NOT BE WRAPPED**.

Thank you, Gladys Dawson



Henlow Village Drama Group
presents:

IT'S A PANTO
JIM...BUT NOT
As We Know It

Written by
Andrew Yates



At Henlow Village Hall

31st January, 1st & 2nd February

Performance times:
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7-30 pm
Saturday matinee 2.00 pm

Box office opens on 8th January 2019
80, High Street, Henlow. 01462 815392

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 7th November 2018

CB/18/04021/FULL – 29th October 2018 – 22 Grange Street SG17 5EW. Proposed demolition of single storey part rear extension. Proposed part single storey rear extension & part rear double storey extension with internal alterations. Demolition of timber enclosed front porch and proposed open roofed timber front porch. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/03456/FULL – 25th October 2018 – 81 Shefford Road SG17 5RQ. Two storey side and single storey rear extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/03852/NMA – 15th October 2018 – 6 Newis Crescent SG17 5HT. To extend front porch further 0.6m to the front. **Decided – Application withdrawn**

CB/18/03719/GPDE – 2nd October 2018 – Clivedale, 174 Shefford Road SG17 5QS. Prior Notification of Householder Extension: single storey rear extension 3.2m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height of 3.5m and 2.3m to the eaves. **Decided – CPD not required**

CB/18/03366/FULL – 5th September 2018 – Land to the Rear of 65 Shefford Road SG17. Erection of 1 No. two story dwelling following previously approved Reserved matter application CB/15/00671/RM: Erection of a two bedroom bungalow following outline approval Ref: CB/12/01892/OUT dated 08/10/2012. **Granted**

CB/18/03365/VOC – 4 September 2018 – Land adjacent to 67 Pedley Lane SG17 5QT. Variation of Condition: No 13 on Application **Granted**

CB/18/03317/FULL – 30 August 2018 – 2 Clifton House Close SG17 5EQ. Single storey orangery style rear extension with roof lantern. **Granted**

CB/18/02450/LDCP – 25th July 2018 – 11 Stockbridge Close SG17 5FG. Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: New RC retaining wall to replace failing timber log wall alongside boundary to Brickle Place **Decided – Application withdrawn**

CB/18/02820/OUT – 19th July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Outline planning application - for the erection of up to 130 residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, public open space, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation vehicular access points from New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of means of access. **Decided – Refused**

CB/18/02637/RM – 9th July 2018 - Land adjacent to 34 Hitchin Lane. Reserved Matters Application following Outline application CB/15/02733/OUT (for 97 dwellings) for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/01518/OUT – 8th May 2018 – Land off east New Road SG17 5JH. Development of 25 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/02820/OUT – 19th July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Outline planning application - for the erection of up to 130 residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, public open space, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation vehicular access points from New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of means of access. **Decided – Refused**

CB/18/02637/RM – 9 July 2018 - Land adjacent to 34, Hitchin Lane. Reserved Matters Application following Outline application CB/15/02733/OUT (for 97 dwellings) for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Consultation Period

CB/18/01628/OUT – 17 April 2018 – Land off Hitchin Lane. Proposed residential development of 24 units and ancillary works. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/01099/OUT – 16TH March 2018 – Land rear of Broad Street SG17. Outline Application: for residential development up to 80 dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), landscaping, public open space, surface water flood attenuation, vehicular access from Broad Street and associated ancillary works. Outline with all Matters Reserved with the exception of the vehicular access from Broad Street. **Appeal**

Pastime with Good Company

An Evening of Music at All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 2nd February 2019 @ 7.00

Ensemble of Friends

An a cappella chamber choir

Conducted by **Douglas Coombes MBE**

Performing: part songs, spirituals, folk songs

Tickets £10 (including a glass of wine)

Kathy and Peter 646371



Clifton Neighbourhood Watch



Following demands from residents & our Parish Council regarding the drug problem in Clifton, our MP, Nadine Dorries recently visited Clifton. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team (North) have been active throughout the last few weeks. An assurance has been received from Sgt Rachael Welsh that everything possible to improve the situation is being done, with an increased police presence in the area. We should be reassured that the Police team are working incredibly hard to address the issues in Clifton whilst also having to manage a large number of other villages/towns within Bedfordshire. Latest updates are available on twitter @northbedspolice.

A letter drop from the Police requesting information, including details of how to make contact with the Police team was completed in the Church Street, Whiston Crescent, Brickle Place and other areas of Clifton. Information (including positive feedback) may be passed to the Police via telephone 101, or any of the routes listed on <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/Contact/Contact>

A considerable number of Patrols, included "Stop & Search", have been carried out at regular intervals during the last few weeks and these have yielded very positive results with arrests and cautions being issued for possession of Cannabis and and a summons to court for possession of a knife.

Neighbourhood Watch in Clifton is fully supportive of the Police for their efforts on our behalf, knowing that they have many other priorities to satisfy, with diminishing resources.

From time to time we acquire items for distribution to members, to increase personal security. At the moment we have a few each of purse rattles, security marker pens, electrical timers, simple window alarms, door alarms and a money box disguised as a food tin. If you know of anyone who could make good use of one of these, please contact 07482790269 or cliftonbedsnw@gmail.com

Other Crime Stats Information

Our residents suffered two incidents of Criminal Damage & Theft from motor vehicles in Bilberry Rd. Shop lifting leading to wilful damage to property in Shefford Rd. Four separate incidents of Assault in Shefford Rd, some included Actual Bodily Harm (ABH) Theft of a pedal cycle in Newis Cres and Non Dwelling Burglaries in New Rd & Whiston Cres.

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482790269

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 27 January

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)



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our October and final competition of the season was played at **Stevenage GC**, competing for the **Martin/Swain Trophy**. The weather was comfortably warm and sunny. We have experienced some amazing weather this year! The benign conditions led to some particularly high scoring. Our winners were:

- 1st with 40 pts – **Paul Williams**
- 2nd with 35 pts – **Les Small**
- 3rd with 31 pts – **Ian Saunders**
- Longest Drive – **John Wall**
- Nearest the Pin – **John Whitbread**



Our next competition will be in March 2019.

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

Lions' Sleigh Ride in Clifton **3rd & 10th December**



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone

We had our Annual General Meeting on the 6th November and a new chairman was elected. Yours truly will take the chair for at least the next 12 months, and a new vice-chair is now in position. Our Treasurer and Secretary were reinstated so off we go for another year. Our first AGM in actual fact was held on 29th October 2001. We have covered a lot of issues in the last 17 years!

We had a committee meeting straight after the AGM with a general theme of crime statistics, future events and planning issues, with an early finish, which pleased every one. Remember, we are here for the community.

Finally, on behalf of all the Residents Association members, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Biggleswade Sandy Lions

Guy Fawkes had his annual roasting two days ago and we are now finalising our Christmas fundraising events which will provide the main source of income for our community service activities throughout the next twelve months. The tin shakes have been agreed well in advance with the local stores.



Our Christmas Sleigh is due to return from hibernation and needs a complete overhaul before it hits the streets on 3rd and 10th December in Clifton.

At Langford Garden Centre, Father Christmas will be attending between 2 and 4 pm at weekends from the 1st until 16rd Dec; then from the 18th he'll be there each day until the 23rd.



Any changes to this programme will be published on our Website and Facebook page. You can keep track of what we are doing and find details of how to contact/join us on our website bslions.org.uk or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/biggleswadesandylions/

Making a Difference



Have you ever thought that you are not doing too badly compared to many other folks? Have you thought that you would like to give something back, to do something for people not as fortunate as you?

Rotary Clubs are made up of men and women of all ages, backgrounds and differences, and there are 33,000 clubs all around the world. We raise money to help the needy, not always giving the money directly but by buying what is required and passing it on via the local Rotary club so that we know everything arrives where it is needed, and it is followed up.

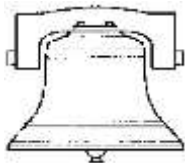
Clubs often work together on projects and help each other out for events. Recently, some of our members helped out at the Royston Rotary Kite Festival which raised money for the Sick Children's Trust. Local clubs have helped in providing a garden for the injured children in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, an outside beautiful space where they can get out into the fresh air for a while. Our own club recently organized a Fun Day at the Ivel Valley School in Biggleswade, for children with special needs.

Local clubs meet in Biggleswade, Sandy and the Biggleswade Ivel club which meets in the Green Man at Stanford near Biggleswade. We welcome anybody who would like to either join us as a member or get involved in any smaller way. Or maybe you have a local project that you would like us to help you with? We raise money by putting on all sorts of events, and we always find we enjoy ourselves along the way.

For further information telephone Pam on 07817 014865

Sunday, 11 November 2018 in 42m

1260 Plain Bob Doubles



- 1 Cara Nocera
- 2 Susan M Silver
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Russell A Brown
- 5 Frank W Rivett (C)
- 6 James A Peacock



Rung open to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice marking the end of the First World War. First quarter peal - 1

WARDEN ABBEY

The community vineyard

Thanks to the glorious summer weather we have very good crop this year, now safely harvested and delivered to our wine maker. Why not join us for our:

Christmas Wine Sale **9th December, 11 am—4 pm**

The Stable Yard, Southill Park, Southill SG18 9LJ
Free entry, parking and mince pies (whilst stocks last)



Ideal for Christmas gifts or your own festive celebrations

THANK YOU

All Saints Church Clifton is very grateful for all the support it has received around the community raising fund to repair the break-in through a 19th century stained glass window which caused up to £10,000 worth of damage. Thank you to:

- ☆ Gary Henderson for organising the fundraising concert at the Golden Lion pub, and the community for supporting this
- ☆ People donating online to the BT and just giving pages which has raised over £2000.
- ☆ Henlow Church of England Academy raised £528.67 from a 'MUFTI' day
- ☆ All Saints Academy, Clifton raised £205.15, from a 'MUFTI' day
- ☆ The Samuel Whitbread Academy raised £2240 with a Mufti day and an amazing Concert.

We are truly blessed that so many people of all ages care about the church in this community. Thank you, we can now book the repairs to the window. This will have be undertaken by specialist church glaziers and at the earliest it will be back in place by Easter 2019.

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

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: Revd Lorna Valentine 813284

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 Nicola Brooksbank 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a modern, 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

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 3rd Sunday in the month.

*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to be 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 Church

Thursdays (term time)

Coffeepot 11.30am - 1pm at the Church

Fridays (term time)

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

Website: www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk

Contact: cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com

Church Services Rotas December

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Sound
2nd	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mr A Clarke 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Mrs R Wagner	Mr K Pledger Mr A Good	Mr P Topley
	6:30 Darkness to Light	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Ecclesiasticus 24:3-9 and Exodus 3:1-6 Mrs P Whittington Isalah 11:1-4a and Isalah 22:21-23 Mrs F Kendall Numbers 24:15b-17 and Jeremiah 30:7-11a	Officiate		
9th	10:15 All Age	Mr S Wyer Mrs P Wisby	Mr C Brown Philippians 1:3-11	Ministry team		Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mrs P Whittington Luke 1:1-25	Mrs P Whittington		
16th	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mr J Cooper	Mrs J Dulsou-Steinfeld Philippians 4:4-7	Mr R Welsford	Mr B Livesey Mr P Topley	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs J Peacock Mrs L Burton	Nine Lessons and Carols			
23rd	08:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mrs F Kendall Hebrews 10:5-10	Mr R Parker	Mr K Gray Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs P Wisby
24th	17:30	Mrs S Welsford Mr B Padgett	Crib Service			
	23:00 Midnight	Mrs L Dawes Mrs F Kendal	Mrs K Blackmore Acts 13:16-26	Mrs P Whittington	Mr K Gray Mrs K Blackmore	Mr P Topley
25th	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford	Mrs R Gray Hebrews 1:1-4	Officiate	Mrs K Blackmore Mr P Topley	Mr K Gray
	10:00	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs K Blackmore Colossians 3:12-17	Mr A Clarke	Mr K Pledger Mrs J Pavey	Mr P Blackmore
30th Joint Service						

Church Services Rotas January

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Sound
6 th Epiphany	10:30	Mrs J Peacock Mrs S Welsford	Mrs P Wisby Ephesians 3:1-12	Mr B Livesey	Mr R Welsford Mr P Blackmore	Mr K Gray
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs J Pavey John 2:1-12	Officiate		
13 th Baptism of Christ	10:15	Mrs S Collins Mr C Brown	Mr K Pledger Acts 8:14-17	Ministry team		Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett Romans 6:1-11	Officiate		
20 th	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mrs S Welsford 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr A Good Mr B Livesey	Mr K Gray
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs F Kendall Ephesians 4:1-16	Mrs P Whittington		
27 th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mrs K Blackmore Mr D Brace	Mrs L Dawes 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Officiate	Mr P Topley Mrs J Pavey	Mr P Blackmore
	10:30	Messy Christingle				
3 rd Feb Candlemas	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mr J Good Hebrews 2:14-end	Mrs S Welsford	Mr K Gray Mrs K Blackmore	Mr P Topley
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore John 2:18-11	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.

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