

The Welcoming Benefice of All Saints Churches of Clifton and Southill

JANUARY 13th 2019 Baptism of Christ



Our Clergy and Lay Team	Our Churchwardens
<p>Rector: Rev Caren Topley 01462 615499 All Baptism, wedding and funeral enquiries to rector@clifton-beds.co.uk <i>Her day off is either Friday or Saturday</i></p> <p>Active Retd: Rev Paul Lanham</p>	<p>Peter Blackmore 01462 646371 Linda Dawes 01462 816074</p> <p>Deputies Kevin Gray 01462 812820 Pat Wisby 01462 816451</p>
<p>Reader: Robin Welsford</p> <p>Lay Leaders of Worship: Kathy Blackmore Ryan Parker</p>	<p>Find us on: http://clifton-beds.co.uk/ and https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7788/</p>

Services Today

08:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren
08:45	Southill All Age Worship	Ministry Team
10:15	Clifton All Age Worship	Ministry Team
18:30	Clifton Evensong	Robert John

Evensong readings: Psalm 46, 47, Isaiah 55:1-11, Romans 6:1-11

Services and Meetings this week

14 th	10:00 19:45	Clifton Craft and Chat PCC	
15 th	14:00 14:30	Mothers' Union Southill Parish Teas in Broom	
16 th	10:00 16:00	Clifton Holy Communion Young Ringers' Practice	Rev Caren
19 th		Messy Church Away Morning	

20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren
10:30	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
18:30	Clifton Evensong	Kathy

Evensong readings: Psalm 96, 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Ephesians 4:1-16

Future Services and Meetings – January

21 st	10:00 14:00 20:00	Clifton Craft and Chat Pilgrim Course in Church Prayer Group at Sheila's	Rev Caren
22 nd	09:00 13:00 14:30 20:00	Toddler Church Clifton Come and Dabble Southill Parish Teas in Broom Pilgrim Course in Church	Rev Caren Robin
23 rd	10:00 11:15 13:00 14:00 14:00 16:00	Clifton Holy Communion Holy Communion Wren Park Navigation at Broom Funeral Clifton Tea and Chat Young Ringers' Practice	Rev Caren Rev Caren Rev Caren
27 th	08:00 9:00 10:30 10:30	4th Sunday of Epiphany Clifton Holy Communion BCP Southill Holy Communion Clifton Holy Communion Clifton Messy Christingle	Rev Caren Rev Caren Rev Caren/Kathy Robin

Parish Notices

Messy Christingle Sunday 27th January 10:30am

Come and join in the fun at our Messy Church Christingle with craft activities, stories and songs. If you would like to join Messy Church for a hot lunch after Christingle please let Jane Cooper or the Rector know. Everyone is welcome.

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 will be performing part songs, spirituals and folk songs. Tickets £10 including a glass of wine from Kathy & Peter 01462 646371 and Jean & Jim 01462 812514.

New Archdeacon

The Revd Canon Dave Middlebrook, the next Archdeacon of Bedford. Dave will be welcomed and licensed at a service on Saturday 30 March at 4pm in St Mary's, Woburn. Please pray for Dave and his family as he moves to this new responsibility. <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/next-archdeacon-of-bedford/>

Chalice Assistants

Please make 'extinguishing the candles' your first priority as soon as the service finishes. We need to conserve our oil as much as possible. Thank you. Rev Caren

Pilgrim Course

The next course will be about the Bible so get your Bibles ready for these dates:

Mondays 2-3pm in church: 21st Jan, 4th & 18th Feb, 4th & 18th March and 1st April

Tuesdays 8-9pm in church: 22nd Jan, 5th & 19th Feb, 5th & 19th March and 2nd April.

Need Project

We are continuing to support the Project, so please add any donation to the box at the back of church. Not just tins of peas but tins of potatoes, tomatoes, sweetcorn, rice, meat and coffee. Thank you.

The next Confirmation Service, by the Bishop of Bedford, will take place at St Peters Flitwick 15th May 2019

If you would like to take the next step along your faith journey, please speak to Rev Caren about Confirmation classes.

Dates for your Diary (more details later)

1. **Saturday 13th April.** The Bishop of Bedford will lead a Quiet Day for the Bible Society at Shefford Baptist Church.

2. **Sunday 7th July 2.30pm St Alban's Abbey.** See Bishop Michael license Ruth Gray as she completes her 3 years training to become a Reader. A coach will be available to take us to the Abbey after morning service.

Collect for today

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Please remember in your prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm including Anna, Bessie Wall, Catherine Allcroft, Christopher (Sheila's grandson), Colleen Leeson, Gladys Dawson, Nancy Watmough, Peter Hodges, Samantha Whitbread and Sarah Robinson and baby Harry. Also for the work of the Food Bank, for all those in need in our community and for the residents of Wren Park.

We also pray for Ruth Gray in her final year of Reader training, especially for her placement at St Andrew's, Bedford, until March.

Please pray for the Ames family as they grieve for the loss of Edna.

Pew Sheet

Please notify any changes or updates for future notices to Pat Wisby by Wednesday

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