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The Clifton Chronicles

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Who's Who

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Forward Planner

April	
2	Toddler Church, All Saints Church Clifton, 9:00-10:30am
3	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	Clifton WI, Church Hall
5	End of Term
	RSPB Local Group, 7.30, The Settlement, Letchworth
6	Churchyard Working Party, 10.00—1.00
12	WI Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10-12
14	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee, Palm Sunday
	Palm Sunday, The Cross of Christ, 6.30
16	GLGS, Girton, 14.00
17	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
19	Messy Easter, 10.30, Church Hall
24	Campaign Protect Rural England, AGM Comm. C., 7.00 pm
23	Term Begins
	Toddler Church, All Saints Church Clifton, 9:00-10:30am
28	Clifton Cricket Club, Champagne Breakfast, 10.30 am
May	
1	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
3	RSPB Local Group, 7.30, The Settlement, Letchworth
8	Copy Date June Chronicles
17	Shefford Health Centre, Public Meeting, 7.00, Ch. Hall
17-19	Clifton Cricket Club, Beer Festival Weekend
21	GLGS, Bedford and County, 14.00
27	Half term begins
June	
7	Neigh'hood Policing Surgery 2—4 pm. Council offices
15-16	Clifton Scarecrow Weekend
15	Kingfisher Players, 2.30, Church



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.



All Saints' Church From the Registers



Burial of Ashes:

27th February 2019

Annette Pacey

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

Tuesday 16th April

2.00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane

Chris Powell, Diocesan Members Co-ordinator



Dear Friends,

Every generation has faced uncertainties. It might seem that we have one too many rolling in one after another. In the days before Jesus died – the world was also topsy turvey. However, the Easter story tells the fact; that Jesus died and rose from the dead. It changed everything!



There was hope, death is not the end, but a new beginning. A new beginning stemming from brokenness. Eight months ago the church window was broken, but your support and generosity through fundraising has enabled us to have the window restored.

On Easter Day at the 10.30 am service we will give thanks to those in person who initiated ways to fund the repairs. Do come along with them so we can say 'Thank you'. Easter is about forgiveness and new life.

May God continue to touch the lives of those who broke the window. They broke the part of the window that told the Christmas story. The Christmas story was only the beginning of God dwelling with us. For Easter is the most important event for Christians.

As we look forward to eating our Easter eggs, let's remember the real story of Easter about forgiveness and Jesus rising from the dead. These are the foundations of the Christian faith. Here's to new beginnings. Happy Easter!

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

PALM SUNDAY—14th April, at 6 30

All Saints' Church, Clifton

The choir will lead the worship in a devotion for Holy Week:

"The Cross of Christ"



In addition to traditional readings and hymns for Passiontide, the choir will sing anthems by, amongst others, Bach, Mozart and John Goss. The service is presided over by Robert John, and will offer reflection and insight into the events and meaning of this most important week of the Christian year.

Peter Maundrell

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

2nd & 23rd April

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

14th April

Starting with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme: **Palm Sunday**

Interactive worship with songs
And short talks

All Saints Clifton

Friday 19 April

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!



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



BE AWARE AND TAKE CARE

April may bring its showers but it can also herald the start of some warmer days and pleasant evenings where we can sit outside and enjoy the weather. This all sounds rather lovely especially for those who might like to take advantage of such occasions and relieve us of us of some of our possessions. With open windows and doors that are left open or unlocked to let the youngsters in and out; adults out the back enjoying the garden or a BBQ it must seem as if all their birthdays have come at once.

It is so important to 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 rushing around. Please give it a thought and don't make it easy for those who might wish to spoil your fun.

NEED OUR HELP

Remember we are here if you need us.

Just call **07817 614654**

Tea & Chat



- ☆ Wednesday 3rd April
- ☆ Wednesday 17 April
- ☆ Wednesday 1st May

Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



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

All Saints' Church Junior Choir



Peter Maundrell, organist and choirmaster of All Saints' Church, is planning to form a JUNIOR CHOIR. It will be for boys and girls aged seven and over who enjoy singing and who, when they can be available, would help lead the worship, in conjunction with the Senior Choir, at the morning service on 1st. and 3rd. Sundays of the month. Once established, junior choristers will be fully robed.

Junior Choir rehearsals will be in church on Tuesdays from 4.00 - 4.30.

If you are interested, please contact Peter on 01767 314621 or by e mail peterdmaundrell@hotmail.co.uk

Clifton All Saints Academy

We Need You...



- ? *Are you looking for a part time job to fit in with your child/ren being at school?*
- ? *Would you like to earn your own money, be part of the local government pension scheme as well as receive holiday and sick pay (dependent on length of service and contract type)*
- ? *Do you enjoy working with children and being in the school environment?*
- ? *Are you available to work between 11.55 am -1.25 pm?*
- ? *Do you want to increase your steps on your fit bit or pedometer?*

If you have answered YES to any of these questions we would love to hear from you...

See overleaf

Vacancy

Midday Supervisor Required



(AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)

Clifton All Saints C of E Academy requires either one midday supervisor to work 5 lunchtimes a week or two midday supervisors to share the role and join our team ASAP....

We do have flexibility with the days worked if the position is shared. This can be split over the working week as long as the lunchtimes are suitably covered by staff.

Over the years many of our midday supervisors have taken their experience from this position to train as teaching assistants and gain employment at other local schools or here at Clifton All saints Academy.

The ideal candidates must be a team player as well as being able to work on their own initiative, have excellent communication skills as well as a caring and approachable manner. Experience working with young children is an advantage but full training will be given.

To apply please collect an application pack from the school office or send a direct email (details below) and I can send the forms electronically for completion.

Completed applications must be handed in to:

The Business Manager, Justine McCarthy

or via email on sbm@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk

by midday on Friday 29th March

*We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children therefore any job offer is subject to DBS clearance and satisfactory references.

Samuel Whitbread Academy



We've had some fantastic weather over the last two weeks and students have certainly been making the most of it. It's amazing to think that this time last year we had a snow day because the school site was covered in snow!

At the end of last week we launched our new website, which when you next have an opportunity to have a look, I'm sure you will agree looks really impressive.

Last week students in Year 11 had their last set of mock exams before the real exams begin after Easter. I have been really impressed with how the students have gone about the mock exams and over the next few weeks teachers will be feeding back on how the students have done and any gaps in their knowledge, as well as devising revision lessons to meet any areas of weakness. Students in Year 9 are in the process of selecting their options for next year.

If the singing that I can hear from my office is anything to go by, then the rehearsals for High School Musical after school are going really well, as are the rehearsals for the BEST production of 'Celebration of Hollywood'. Next week we also have the Spring Concert, which is one of the highlights of the year. And last week we had another one of our maths challenge days for students from Henlow, RBA and Etonbury. The day was a great success and I would like to thank Mr Fernandes for all his hard work in organising the events throughout the year.

Last week we hosted three Rugby 7s tournaments for boys U14, U15 and girls U15. The atmosphere around school has been fantastic and students have really enjoyed watching their fellow students playing teams from schools all across the county. In each tournament we have entered at least two teams and in the girls tournament we had over 40 girls playing for the school. With the two national semi-finals coming up this weekend at Saracens' Allianz Park Stadium, we decided to rest many of our Year 10 boys and Hitchin girls rugby team also had an important cup match this weekend, so many of our girls were also not taking part. Fortunately, we have so many students keen on playing rugby that we still managed to come first in the boys U14 competition, second and fourth in the U15 competition. Last week we were also

crowned county champions for Year 9 boys 15s rugby, boys handball and girls futsal.

Finally, our newest member of staff, Rolo, started this week and has already had a big impact - helping to calm several students who were having a difficult time with their exams. We will be gradually increasing Rolo's role within school as students get used to having a dog around the school site - but so far it seems to have gone down extremely well.



Nick Martin, Principal

Lions Annual Jumble Sale

Saturday 30 March

1.30 pm

Clifton Community Centre



If you have any jumble that you would like us to have please contact us:

Keith on 01767 262433 or Judith 01462 814693

RSPB Hitchin & Letchworth Local Group

Friday 5th April @ 7.30 pm

The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB

'Moths home and away'



A talk by Andy & Melissa Banthorpe
moth recorders for Bedfordshire

Visitors very welcome £3.

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



Biggleswade District

Choral Society



Summer Concert

All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 concert

Tickets from:

Peter and Kathy 646371

Profits to All Saints Church

The Kingfisher Players Present

Sketches & Songs from the Shows

All Saints Church, Clifton

Saturday 15th June

at 2.30 pm

Tickets £5

Lower school children £2.50

Tickets available from school

Includes tea and cake in the interval



Kingfisher Players

Churchyard

Working Party

Saturday 6 April 2019

10.00—1.00



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).



Clifton Fun Run

29 September 2019

Put the date in your diary Now!

5k & 3k routes

Off-road (tracks/grass), Clifton Bury Farm

Start Times: 5k—11.00 / 3k - 11.15

£10 adult / £5 junior / £25 family ticket

www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Profits: Clifton All Saints' Church & All Saints' PTA



Christening Outfits Through the Ages

This event has been deferred until April next year.

Our apologies to those who have offered to loan items for display but please keep them to hand for next year. If you have an outfit you would be willing to loan for display please do get in touch with Julie-Anne as below NOW so we can get in touch as soon as we start planning for next year.

Julie-Anne 851400.

Friends of Clifton Church Events for 2019 (so far)



June 28th

Coffee Morning, Church Hall



This replaces the previously published date of May 3rd as another organisation is holding a Coffee Morning 3 weeks prior to this.

Saturday July 20th

Garden Party for members only



September

Visit to Old Warden Vineyard

including a tasting session

November 25th

Christmas Curry at Clifton Cuisine

Further details will be available nearer the time



The Clifton Chronicles

Copy date for June

8th May



SHEFFORD BAND

We are seeking new brass or woodwind players to join our group of amateur musicians who meet weekly to play for pleasure.

We play a wide repertoire of music from films, TV, hymns, marches, classics and popular melodies.

Where: Shefford Methodist Church Hall

When: Thursday Evenings

Time: 7:45pm – 9:45pm



Contacts:

Conductor: Victor Parker 01525 713202

Secretary: Jayne Steinfeld 01462 339703

Engagements: Wendy Marriott 01462 850810

Come
and join
us!

www.sheffordtownband.org

Clifton WI



Linda began the evening by welcoming 37 members to the meeting. Linda read out a card from Jo thanking everyone for their good wishes and for the card. Linda told us that Pat passed on her thanks for all the good wishes and kind thoughts. Chris has the tickets for the Annual Council meeting and for the shoe sale and lunch. We have had an email from Marilyn in Clifton Australia who is hoping to come and see us soon. Board for fish and chip supper for May is available. Money to be paid at April meeting.

- Resolution conference -26th April – Gravenhurst hall – 7,30pm - £3
- Speakers Day – 15th June – Shefford Community Hall – 10am - £6
- Intermediate Crochet course – 22nd June/20th July – WI House - £23
- Denby Pottery – 3rd July – Elstow Park & ride/Flitwick Hall - £30
- Wine tasting and supper – 12th July – Westoning Hall- 7pm - £25
- Delapre Abbey and 78 Derngate (Rennie Mackintosh House) – 16th July - Pick up from Elstow Park and ride - £35
- 100 Years of Music – Thursday 16th May 2019 – Stewartby Hall – 7pm – cost £15 including a 2 course meal. ((own refreshments)
- Afternoon Tea at Denman House
- Thank you Mr Speaker Workshop ,9th May, WI House, 9.30 -12, £6
- WI diaries order forms in - £5 – orders in by 19th May

Linda thanked the committee for their hard work over the year and a special thanks was given to Chris as she steps down as Treasurer. Gill Brown was elected as the new Treasurer. Chris handed out copies of the accounts to the members and read through and explained the report. Iris read a report of all the different activities and speakers that have made up WI this year. Linda's report thanked everyone for helping her through her first year and expressed excitement for the year ahead. The County Advisor told us of forthcoming events. Birthday cards were handed out by Jackie. Tea ladies for April are Chris P, Sheila and Angela

Tonight we had a photograph competition and members were encouraged to identify WI members from their baby photos. The photos were beautiful from tiny babies to bridesmaids and school children. Thank you everyone for the photos. We also had a quiz. How many towns could you identify from the clues. The raffle was drawn and tea and coffee were served.

The next meeting Wednesday April 3rd. Visitors welcome for a £4 fee.

Ruth (01462 815482)

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 8th March 2019

CB/19/00173/FULL – 20th February 2019 – Land at Stockbridge Close SG17 5FG. Construction of new reinforced concrete retaining wall to replace failing wall built using timber logs. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/04767/FULL – 19th February 2019 – 4 Clifton House Close SG17 5EQ. Single storey rear extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00235/FULL – 8th February 2019 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Internal and external alterations to existing House in connection with its conversion into nine self-contained flats (2 no. one-bedroom, 3 no. two-bedroom and 4 no. three bedroom apartments), including: External alterations: removal of small lean; formation of a front porch extension to unit 8; insertion of glazing to in-filled Coach House openings; and insertion of conservation rooflights to Coach House; Closure and infill of the existing access drive and creation of new access drive and pedestrian access in the boundary wall; Provision of no. 20 car parking spaces and secure cycle storage; and Provision of refuse storage, together with a collection day bin storage point. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00236/FULL – 8th February 2019 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Listed Building - Internal and external alterations to Existing House in connection with its conversion into nine self-contained flats (2 no. one-bedroom, 3 no. two-bedroom and 4 no. three bedroom apartments), including: . External alterations: removal of small lean; formation of a front porch extension to unit 8; insertion of glazing to in-filled Coach House openings; and insertion of conservation rooflights to Coach House; . Closure and infill of the existing access drive and creation of new access drive and pedestrian access in the boundary wall; . Provision of no. 20 car parking spaces and secure cycle storage; and . Provision of refuse storage, together with a collection day bin storage point. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00408/FULL – 8th February 2019 – 39 Manor Close SG17 5EJ. First floor extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00109/FULL – 15th January 2019 – 5 Rookery Walk SG17 5HW. Single storey side extension. **Granted**

Clifton Cricket Club



We at Clifton Cricket Club are gearing up for the 2019 Season which starts at the end of April! We would like to welcome all local residents, family & friends to come and enjoy the club and our beautiful Claybridge Ground at our events and of course for our matches where you will be very much welcome.

Youth Training starts on Friday 12th April at 6pm. All Children of all abilities are welcome to come along for trial sessions to see if they enjoy it before committing become a member. Sessions run every Friday throughout the Summer season and we will have the bar open every week for supportive parents to enjoy. All coaches are CRB checked and ECB trained. U9, U11, U13 & U15 teams available with matches played mid-week or on Sunday mornings. To find out more please contact Ian on 07766917645.

Our start of season **Champagne Breakfast is taking place on Sunday 28th April from 10.30am.** Breakfast is served at 11am. Tickets are £25 which includes bottomless (Until it runs out!) Prosecco, Full English Breakfast and Guest Speaker. This is usually a very enjoyable day in the sunshine.

The Club's annual **Beer Festival will start on Friday 17th May** and run for the weekend. Bouncy Castles, Cricket and BBQ's will be available throughout.

Sponsorship for the 2019 Season is also now open, if you'd like to Sponsor the club and get targeted advertising to over 1000 followers on social media, as well as physical advertising packages for exposure to Teams and Supporters from all over Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire we'd love to hear from you!

As always, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist us with any events which include the legendary Duck Race that takes place in July or if you just want to get involved to support the Club, we would love to hear from new enthusiastic people. If you are interested in playing - are a dab hand at Cricket or have never picked up a bat in your life - we'd also love to hear from you!

Please direct all enquiries to Sian:
cliftonbedscc@gmail.com/ 07852997259 or find us on Facebook

WI Coffee Morning

Friday April 12th

Church Hall

10.00—12 noon



APCM

Sunday 7th April

12 noon All Saints Church



Clifton Cricket Club

Champagne Breakfast

Sunday 28th April from 10.30 am

Breakfast is served at 11am. Tickets are £25 which includes bottomless (until it runs out!) Prosecco, Full English Breakfast and Guest Speaker. This is usually a very enjoyable day in the sunshine.



Clifton Cricket Club
Beer Festival Weekend
17th—19th May

Bouncy Castles, Cricket and BBQ's will be available throughout.

Clifton Residents Association

We are still waiting for YOU to come forward to join us as secretary. Can you help? As usual, any opinions or comments email denfensome@yahoo.co.uk

Stay lucky, Den Fensome



Campaign to Protect Rural England AGM - 24th April Clifton Community Centre, 7.00 pm

Are you a keen countryside person who enjoys open spaces?

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is an organisation that campaigns for a beautiful and living countryside. On the 24th April they are holding their Annual General Meeting in Clifton.

Their Chief Executive, Crispin Truman, will be the speaker, and he will be giving a talk on CPRE and the future of our countryside. All residents are welcome to attend. This could be a very interesting evening.

Shefford Health Centre

Public Meeting, 17th April at 7.00 pm, Church Hall

We will have the Practice Manager and possibly a GP to help explain the many changes to healthcare. All welcome.

Clifton Scarecrow Weekend

15th & 16th June

We had a fair response last year, but we hope this year even more of you will join us to make this a special event. The more original ideas the better to give the judges a hard time choosing a winner.



Clifton Neighbourhood Watch



Crime statistics for February have again proved our Neighbourhood Policing Team (North) are helping to keep our village and residents safe. There was a Burglary committed in a residential dwelling on Church Street on 12th February. Surprisingly in our quiet village there were two incidents of assault in Hitchin Road and Shefford Road at either end of the month. An incident of mail theft occurred in Shefford Road and an arson attack, not endangering life, happened in Bilberry Road. We also had two cases criminal damage to vehicles in Pedley Lane and Stanford Lane together with theft from a vehicle on Miles Drive.

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has announced that she is to back recruitment of up to 400 new Police Constables and double the number of PCs in Community Policing across the county as the result of a £2 per month increase in the police share of council tax which was approved by the county's Police and Crime Panel -5 February 2019.

Spring is just round the corner – we hope – allowing us to spend more time outside. Consider spending a few minutes checking your security measures. Check all locks on sheds etc. and make sure that all access points to your home are secure. Do you have a chain on your front door? Do you use it...???

If anybody has a particular reason to be concerned, remember that the Police have a service available to offer advice and help to the vulnerable. We have some Neighbourhood watch stickers for wheelie bins, on request. (Please contact us as below). Remember that wheelie bins can be used as ad-hoc ladders by burglars, so should be secured, perhaps by a lock and chain, away from vulnerable access points.

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482 790269

7th June 2019 2—4 pm.

Neighbourhood Policing Team Surgery



Will be held outside the Council Offices. – This is basically a drop in session for members of the public to meet their community policing team, raise local issues and concerns & be updated on local crime and ASB matters and take part in survey to determine local



WANDERBUS

2019 EXCURSIONS

4th THURSDAY

Call **0300-123-3023** or e mail: **thewanderbus@gmail.com**
for more information or to book your seat.

We do require a deposit of £5.00 pp for any excursion:

- Cheque to Wanderbus, 5 The Pastures, Upper Stondon, SG16 6QB
- Bank transfer to: CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account No. 00013118 Name: Wanderbus Ltd (Use your name in the Reference)

23rd May: Cambridge Botanical Gardens, £7.50 + Entry Fee £6.00.
Plants from around the world.

Reindeer Earn a Rest



Well the reindeer are safely tucked up in their stable enjoying a well earned rest after doing the numerous sleigh runs and tin shakes at various venues and streets around Biggleswade, Sandy and surrounding villages.

Biggleswade and Sandy Lions would like to thank all those who gave generously around the routes and at our tin shakes at various shops and supermarkets over the Christmas period. Just before Christmas we distributed approximately 150 food parcels to those in need as well as Christmas plants.

We are currently collecting jumble in preparation for our annual jumble sale which is being held Saturday 30 March at 1.30pm at Clifton Community Centre. If you have any jumble that you would like us to have please contact us on the number below.

Soon we will be getting the chickens ready to attend all the various village fetes, we need to make sure that they are ready for all their flying.

We really need you to think hard, please , about whether you could find a little time in your busy lives to come along and meet us and find out what being a Lion is all about and consider joining Biggleswade and Sandy Lions. It's a good feeling helping others and putting something back into this community of ours. So please

Do call Keith on 01767 262433 or Judith 01462 814693 visit www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk



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

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

Church Services Rotas April

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessor	Chalice Ass's	Sound
7th Passion Sunday	10:30	Mrs K Blackmore Mrs S Collins	Mr C Brown Philippians 3:4b-14	Mr A Clarke	Mr P Topley Mr B Livesey	Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mrs F Kendal	Mrs F Kendal Luke 22:1-13	Officiate		
	10:15 All Age	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Rev Caren	Ministry Team		Mr K Gray
14th Palm Sun- day	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Luke 20:9-19	Officiate		
	8:00 pm Tene- brae	Mrs A Good Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs L Dawes, Mrs P Wisby, Mrs K Blackmore Mr P Topley, Mrs R Gray Mrs J Pavey, Mr A Good	Officiate	Mr A Good	
19th Good Friday	2:00	Mrs S Collins	Watch at the Cross			
21st Easter Day	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs R Gray Acts 10:34-43	Rev Caren	Mrs K Blackmore Mr K Gray	Mr P Topley
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs J Pavey 1 Cor. 15:1-11	Officiate		
28th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch	Mrs P Wisby Acts 5:27-32	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs J Pavey Mr P Blackmore	Mr P Black- more
	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs P Wisby	Mr K Pledger Acts 9:1-20	Rev Paul	Mr B Livesey Mr R Welsford	Mrs P Wisby
5th May	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Luke 24:13-35	Officiate		

If you are unable to participate on the date given, please swap with someone else and inform the Churchwardens (Peter Blackmore 01462 646371 or pb08@clifton-beds.co.uk & Linda Dawes 01462 816074 or linda.dawes@nitwo5th.rid.com) of the swap. Also inform Peter Blackmore (as webmaster) so that he can change the online Rota which ensures that the correct people receive the automated reminders on Saturdays, along with the duty warden. If possible, also amend the copy in the Vestry.

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