

# July 2019

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# Forward Planner

July	
2	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
3	WI, Clifton Church Hall, 7.30pm, Midshires search & rescue
10	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
12	Cricket Club Annual Duck Race, 5.30 pm
18	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee
16	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
	GLGS, Cambridge Meridian, 14.00
20	Friends Garden Party
24	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
28	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
August	
7	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI BBQ
9	Cricket Club Poker & Curry Night
20	GLGS, St Neots, 14.00
21	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
31	Shefford Craft and Produce Show
September	
4	WI, Respite at Home
13	Cricket Club Annual Youth Awards Evening
14	Friends visit Old Warden Vineyard, 2.00
17	GLGS, Wybostyon Lakes, 14.00
21	<b>Clifton Craft and Produce Show</b>
29	<b>Clifton Farm Run</b>



## All Saints' Church Services

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

### Sundays:

10.30 am Parish Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

10.15 am All Age Worship (Non-communion) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

10.30 am Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday      Joint Service with Southill alternating between  
the churches.

**10.30 Clifton, 9.00 Southill**

6.30pm      Evensong: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sundays

Tuesdays: Toddler Church, alternate weeks, 9.00am

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

The church is open during daylight hours.



## **Clifton Mothers' Union Group**



**Tuesday 16th July**

2:00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton



Our speaker will be:

Jill Thomson:

**'The Gardens of Costa Rica'**

Dear Friends,

## Vacation or Vocation?



Have you been called to take your holiday at home or abroad this year?  
Have you been called to take up a Vocation as a Lay Minister or Ordained?

Those of you who have been baptised are called to ministry, whether that is lay or ordained. The Church needs a wide variety of ministers in order to serve all people. God calls young people and older ones, wealthy and poorer. The Church's ministers come from all walks of life, social classes, ethnic backgrounds and educational abilities.

Could you have a vocation?

If you would like to explore your vocation do please come and speak to me. When I answered my vocation, I was a young mum with two children under the age of 3 years old. I spoke to my Parish Priest who helped me see that my vocation was possible and the rest is history.

This Diocese is always seeking new people with a vocation. If you are aged 18 and over, God could be calling you to serve your community.

Here I am! This Vacation why not consider your Vocation.

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

## All Saints' Church From the Registers



### Baptism

9<sup>th</sup> June Edie Louise Crompton  
Hattie May Crompton

### Confirmation

15<sup>th</sup> May Jade Elizabeth O'Neill

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

**2nd & 16th July**

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 July**

Starting with refreshments from

**10.15am onwards**

Our theme: **Have you heard?**

Interactive worship with songs  
and short talks

All Saints Clifton

**Next Messy Church**

**Sunday 25th**

**August**



**Come and join the fun!**

Ruth Gray (01462 812820) or Suzanne Stapleton (01462 811929)

# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



## HOW KIND

The Trustees of the North Beds Charity Cup (NBCC) held their 111th Charity Cup Final at the end of April between Ampthill and Biggleswade FC. Biggleswade won 5-1. The Trustees had generously agreed to donate the season's gate takings to Good Neighbour Schemes and support smaller local charities who in turn, are supporting their communities.

Clifton Care Scheme was fortunate to be one of the four selected. They gave us a handsome cheque for which we are most truly grateful. It will help us to continue to support the village and give us a break from fundraising. Our thanks too, to the kind people who put our scheme forward to the NBCC for consideration

On a more parochial note the Care Scheme are looking for volunteers not just drivers but phone holders and anyone who would like to help.

Give us a call if you'd like to know more or if you need help.....

**07817 614654**

## Tea & Chat

- ☆ Wednesday 10th July
- ☆ Wednesday 24th July
- ☆ Wednesday 7th August
- ☆ Wednesday 21st August



**Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm**

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



# Friends of Clifton Church

## Events for 2019



Thank you for attending the coffee morning—  
funds raised will be reported next month

### Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>

### Garden Party for members only



### September 14th

### Visit to Old Warden Vineyard



Tour of the vineyard 2–3 pm:  
a talk and tasting session 3–4 pm  
and then tea and snacks.

£15 per person.

### Last week in November

### Christmas Curry

### at Clifton Cuisine



Further details will be available nearer the time

As usual, contact Keith Pledger to book your place on  
01462 629020 or [keith.w.pledger@gmail.com](mailto:keith.w.pledger@gmail.com).

9th Clifton All Saints  
**Craft & Produce Show**  
**Saturday 21st September 2019**

An opportunity to showcase our many talents in the village at this year's Craft & Produce Show with a:

## Wild West Theme



The closing date for entry forms is 14<sup>th</sup> September. Entries must be delivered to the Church between 9:30am and 10:30am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Doors open at 2:00 pm, with presentation of prizes at 4:00 pm.  
at Clifton All Saints Church

### Children's Classes

PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all entries **MUST BE THE WORK OF THE COMPETITOR ONLY**, as the judges will be looking for the children's own work.

#### Age Under 5

1. Decorate a paper plate as a cowboy/cowgirl

#### Ages 5, 6 & 7

2. Decorate a horseshoe
3. Make a Sheriff's badge – any medium

#### Ages 8, 9 & 10

4. Make a cowboy hat – any medium
5. Decorate a wooden spoon as a cowboy/cowgirl

#### Ages 11 & above

6. 4 pieces of rocky road on a paper plate
7. Design a wanted poster – maximum size A4

#### **OPEN CLASSES** (for all children, age at time of entry to be stated)

8. A photograph of a horse or a Wild West theme – photo to be 6" x 4" (15cm x 10cm), entrant's name/age to be written on the back
9. Make a Ranch on a plate

## **Adult Classes** (no child aged 16 or under to enter adult classes)

### **Handicrafts**

10. Make a cactus in a terracotta pot – any medium
11. Make a tepee – maximum height 30cm, any medium
12. Make a dream catcher – maximum 20cm diameter, any medium
13. Make a hobbyhorse – any medium

### **Cookery**

14. A homemade swiss roll
15. 4 Cowboy kisses (Please see recipe on the village website)
16. 4 cupcakes on a Wild West theme
17. MEN ONLY CLASS – 4 mini Yorkshire puddings with sausages

### **Preserves**

18. A bottle of homemade barbeque sauce
19. A jar of soft fruit jam with a twist of your choice
20. A jar of chunky “cowboy” salsa.

### **Photography**

21. A photograph using the inspiration “The good, the bad, and the ugly”
22. A photograph using the inspiration “True Grit”

### **Garden Produce**

23. 3 long runner beans – will be measured end-to-end
24. 5 tomatoes on a paper plate – to include at least two varieties
25. 3 onions on a paper plate
26. A maximum of 5 different kinds of vegetables in a seed tray.

### **Flowers and Plants**

27. A vase of mixed garden flowers
28. A collection of herbs in water
29. A chilli plant
30. A cactus in a pot
31. **SHOW SPECIAL:** 5 stems of sweet peas in a vase.

### **For Craft & Produce Show Rules, entry forms, hints and tips:**

Please see the village website:  
[www.clifton-beds.co.uk](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk), or contact  
Julie-Anne Clark (01462 851400) or  
Jane French (01462 811967)



# Clifton Cricket Club

## Annual Duck Race

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30pm



It's that time of year again – we are excited to announce that the Annual Clifton Cricket Club Duck Race will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30pm.

The Duck Race is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we usually see up to 1000 people turning out to support the Club and enjoy an evening in the sunshine where the Children are kept very entertained by our various activities and stalls.

This year we have the usual Bar & BBQ as well as many craft stalls, bouncy castle enclosure, face painter and glitter tattoos, sweet cart, candy floss and popcorn, Ice cream Van, Hook a Duck Funfair attraction and a little kids motorised ride. There will also be much more!

Of course we will also have the main event – the Duck Race itself – 1<sup>st</sup> place £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place £50 & 3<sup>rd</sup> place £25. Ducks are £1 each. We will also be raffling a large fluffy duck on the day.

Please come and support the club, this event is usually incredibly well attended and enables us to continue to provide quality Youth Training as well as Adult Cricket.



## GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our May competition was played at Bedford & County GC, competing for the President's Cup. The weather was warm and sunny, with a gentle breeze, perfect golfing conditions. The low scores reflected the difficulty of the course rather than the conditions. All the leading positions were decided on count back. Our winners were:

- 1st with 32 pts OCB – John Wall
- 2nd with 32 pts OCB – Harvey Price
- 3rd with 25 pts OCB – John Whitbread
- 4th with 25 pts OCB – Roger Manning
- Longest Drive – Roger Manning
- Nearest the Pin – John Wall



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

# Clifton Farm 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](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk)

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



# Samuel Whitbread Academy



The exam season is now fully underway with GCSE English, maths and science exams all taking place last week, along with several of the option subjects and a raft of A Levels courses. Our army of invigilators from the local community has arrived and are doing a fantastic job as always. Many of them have already commented on the excellent behaviour of the students in the exams, and how calm and composed they all are, as they go into the exam halls.

Three weeks ago we had our final assembly for Year 13 and last Thursday it was the turn of Year 11. The atmosphere around school was one of joy and sadness, as many of them marked their last day as students at Samuel Whitbread. There was the traditional fancy dress this year, with appearances from the Mario brothers, ninjas, Shrek, nuns, sharks, a T-Rex and numerous marvel comic characters. I would like to thank all the year teams for organising the final assemblies and the film department for producing all of the epic end of year videos, which are available on the Samuel Whitbread Academy website.

The pastoral team were busy organising a range of tutor time activities, posters, a non-uniform day and even a cake sale, as part of the Mental Health Awareness Week. I would like to thank Mrs Sagggers and Mrs Godfrey for organising such a successful week of events on a very important issue.

Rehearsals for High School Musical are in full swing and Shefford Lower School will soon be coming up for a full dress rehearsal before the main event on July 10th to 12th. Please get your tickets soon to avoid any disappointment. This is also the time of year for DofE, with Bronze, Silver and Gold training expeditions all going on.

Sport has been amazing this half term. Girls won the U14 County Cup with a win against Queensbury and after winning all three boy's rugby County Cups in U14, 15 and 16 we went on to appear in all four football finals and came away with both the U16 and U18 cups. Athletics season is now underway and we are already through to the regional finals for boys and girls and currently 6th in the country. The PE department has made a number of key appointments this month and is now complete with a Director of Rugby (Mr Rhodes), Football (Mr Goldman), Netball (Miss Mackellar) and Elite Netball Coach (Miss Trip) who many of you will know is the New Zealand Goal Keeper.

Nick Martin, Principal

## Clifton WI report: June meeting



Linda began the evening by welcoming 41 members and 1 visitor to the meeting. We sang Jerusalem and the minutes of the May meeting were read, agreed and signed. A thank you letter was received from Chris for her flowers and voucher. County news was outlined including upcoming events were shared with members; 18 sets of hats for the premature baby unit were handed into WI House. Thank you to all our knitters for a fantastic job. Birthday cards were handed out by Jackie.

Our speaker tonight was Tessa Chiswell who gave us a demonstration lesson of armchair Pilates. Everyone was encouraged and praised for joining in and the class was punctuated by simple clear reasons and explanations for how people of all ages and abilities can become fitter and can access exercise at all levels. It was fantastic to see the whole room joining in and having fun. What a brilliant evening. Thank you Tessa for such an inspiring talk.

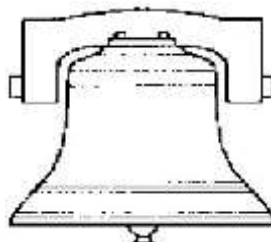
The next meeting will be Wednesday July 3rd, Midlands search and rescue – Elaine Murphy. Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Ruth (01462815482)

### All Saints Church Clifton On Sunday, 2 June 2019

A quarter peal of 1290 Doubles was rung in 43 minutes  
(In 2 methods, 30 Grandsire Doubles; 1260 Bob Doubles)

Susan Silver	Treble
Shaun A Somerville	2
Philippa M Whittington	3
Anthony H Smith	4
Frank W Rivett	5
Izzy Byers	Tenor
Conducted by Frank Rivett	



1st quarter - 6



Rung to celebrate the

### 90th birthday of Don Killick

a loyal supporter of All Saints Church, Clifton.



## Clifton

### Neighbourhood Watch

Our Clifton Community, having been relatively free from serious crime during the last 6 months, was suddenly hit by a massive crime spree during the month of May. The most serious of these problems were three burglaries in different areas of our village, namely Shefford Road 26<sup>th</sup> April, Chapel Close 26<sup>th</sup> May and at our own Community Centre in Whiston Crescent on 28<sup>th</sup> May. A further attempted burglary happened in Church Street 30<sup>th</sup> May.



There have also been reported a number of thefts from vehicles, many of these related to a lone thief seen on cctv and a “ring” device visiting many streets in the village routinely checking all vehicles and thoroughly searching the inside of any that had not been securely



locked. This offender has been recorded in all areas of our village on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3am, see notes on the Clifton Facebook page. We are also aware that some vehicles have had valued tools removed. Please ensure your vehicles are locked and all items are removed or locked away out of sight.

The village has also suffered a large number of assaults in various areas together with some harassment, controlled drug and criminal damage incidents. Our local One Stop Shop also suffered from petty theft. In total some 18 recorded crimes were reported in May plus the problems mentioned earlier of the theft from vehicles in the first few days of June.

I have received information from our Community (North) Rural Policing Team via Sergeant Rachael Welch, they have a number of new personnel joined the team, we now have five PC's together with a further six PCSO's helping to reduce crime in our area.

I have recently been advised by Neighbourhood Alert of 'Courier Fraudsters'. They are contacting victims by telephone and purporting to be a police officer or bank official. Basically should you be contacted by someone as above block the call & report it to Action Fraud which can be contacted on 0300 123 2050.

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482 790269



# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## Central Beds Decisions to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

CB/19/01203/FULL – 15 May 2019 – 26 New Road, SG17 5JH. Conversion of half of the double garage into a summer room with bi-folding doors into the garden. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/01256/FULL – 14 May 2019 – 55 Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HH. Single rear storey extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/01095/FULL – 29 April 2019 – 22 Grange Street, SG17 5EW. Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/19/1078/FULL – 17 April 2019 – 220 Shefford Road, SG17 5QS. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of garage. **Granted**

CB/19/00642/FULL – 18 March 2019 – Rear of Clifton House, SG17 5ET. Erection of three detached dwellings, with associated parking and amenities. **Application withdrawn**

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

CB/19/00235/FULL – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 roof lights 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. **Application withdrawn** and also CB/19/00236/LB for same property.

CB/18/04720/FULL – 10 January 2019 – Land off Pedley Lane SG17 5EN. Erection of 45 dwellings. **Refused**

CB/18/04067/FULL – 2 November 2018 – Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5JN. Proposed 20 new dwellings. **Awaiting decision**

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CB/18/02820/OUT – 19 July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Erection of up to 130 dwellings. **Appeal**

CB/18/01518/OUT – 8 May 2018 – Land off New Road SG17 5JH. Proposed 25 dwellings. **Awaiting decision**

CB/18/1628/OUT – 17 April 2018 – Land off Hitchin Lane SG17. Proposed 22 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/1099/OUT – 16 March 2018 – Land rear of 81-111 Broad Street SG17. Proposed 80 dwellings. **Appeal**

CB/18/00192/OUT – 19 January 2018 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX. Proposed 7 houses and 7 semi-detached/terraced assisted houses. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/17/05967/OUT – 27 December 2017 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Proposed 130 dwellings. **Appeal**

Clifton Residents' Association



Hi Everyone,

Firstly, I would personally like to thank all the residents who turned out for the Gladman hearing on 21st May and the village open meeting on the 8th May. It is so important to have support from the community when we are faced with the prospect of over development in our village.

As I write this (9th June) there seems to be a spate of unnecessary crime around this area. Those involved appear to have it easy when it comes to burglary etc. It's time for each resident to safeguard against this by securing everything around their property. For example, don't leave garden tools out over night. This is like an invitation for them to rob you!

Enough doom and gloom. Did you enter the scarecrow competition? Did you win? More on this next month. As you must appreciate, I am writing this before the event, and it is very hard to even predict the response ! Has anyone got a crystal ball?



Enjoy your summer, stay lucky Den Fensome



Why not join our new W5 route through to:

**A1 RETAIL PARK – BIGGLESWADE**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Friday afternoon of each Month**  
 (Also stopping at Asda Superstore, Biggleswade)

**Service open to all passengers. Cash fares & travel passes accepted. Timetable Info : Tel :0300-123-3023**

email: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)

[www.wanderbus.org.uk](http://www.wanderbus.org.uk)

Meppershall, New Village Hall	13.38	RR
Meppershall, High St. adj Crackle Hill Rd	13.39	RR
Meppershall, Shefford Rd, All Stops	13.40	RR
Shefford, Ivel Rd, o/s Fire Station	13.42	RR
Shefford, Clifton Rd, opp The Steamer PH	13.44	RR
Shefford, Southfields House	13.45	RR
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<b>Biggleswade, Asda Superstore</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>16.05</b>
<b>Biggleswade, London Rd, All Stops</b>	<b>14.13</b>	<b>16.02</b>
<b>Biggleswade, A1 London Road Retail Park</b>	<b>14.16</b>	<b>16.00</b>



## Clifton Walking Group

We are a friendly group of all ages and abilities who like to stride out for an hour Monday to Friday. We walk (and chat) for an hour around the Clifton area, meeting at either 4.15 or 6.30 pm. If you'd like more details please contact:

Sue Cross on 07768105570 or  
susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk

## Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



It's now the beginning of June, in the last month we've run stalls at two village fetes; a bookstall in Biggleswade Market; held a Quiz night; taken a group of Carers and a party from HFT to a Shannon Express dress-rehearsal with afternoon tea to follow at the Anchor in Great Barton. We had a 'greasy afternoon' making bird feeders at Beaver day in Henlow. Sleigh renovation is coming along really well, and Rudolph is about to acquire a wonderful new coat and spectacular antlers. Oh, and we've started selling our 2019 Logo Quiz with a £100 prize for the winning entry, the quiz sheets are flying out.

We are currently preparing for one of our busiest weekends when we take our Chicken in the Basket game to Sandy Carnival and take a coachload of youngsters and carers to Wicksteed for a fun day away from it all. The next two months will find us at various Village Fetes and Carnivals raising funds to support our Community Services projects. You should see us; we stand out pretty well in our cheerful red sweaters. Do please come along and have a chat and learn about us.

We always welcome guests to come along to our meetings. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Station Road Biggleswade Sea Cadets Unit at 8:00pm. You may be sure of a really warm welcome from us all; see if you'd like to join us.

You can keep track of what we are doing and find details of how to contact/join us on our website [bslions.org.uk](http://bslions.org.uk) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/biggleswadessandyions/](https://www.facebook.com/biggleswadessandyions/)



# Rotary

## Club of Biggleswade Ivel



Rotary members have been busy over the last few months supporting local children who have talent and ambition, and who just need to be given a chance to shine. Every year there are competitions, all over the country, for schools who want to take part in some or all of the categories - Young chef, musician, photographer and writer. There is a public speaking competition called Youth Speaks and this year Robert Bloomfield school from Shefford did very well in getting through to the final. Teams of youngsters gathered at Stratton school, Biggleswade to perform tasks which called on their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and maths, by taking part in the Technology Challenge. For young people who are about to leave school there have been Mock interviews and practise assessment situations. Everyone who took part not only enjoyed it but gained experience, had advice from expert judges and had something good to put on their CV.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are opportunities for young adults aged 18-26, sponsored by a Rotary club, to develop their leadership skills at either Graffam Water for one week or Woodrow High House in Amersham for a long weekend.

Rotakids are clubs for 7-12 year olds based in schools, Interact is a club for 12-18 year olds and Roteract is for the 18-30s. All the clubs promote being a responsible citizen and learning how to help the local community while making friends and having fun.



Rotary is a world wide organisation so can offer the chance to gain work experience or study abroad, or to spend some time in another country for up to a year, with the Youth Exchange Scheme.

If you are interested in any of this and would like to be involved in some way then please get in touch with us at Biggleswade Ivel Rotary club or telephone Pamela on 07817 014865.

# 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](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 be held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

### Mondays (term time)

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

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](http://www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk)

Contact: [cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com)

# ***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

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

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Captain Nicola Brooksbank 01462-731072

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

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