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The Clifton Chronicles

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Forward Planner

August	
7	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI BBQ
9	Cricket Club Poker & Curry Night
11	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee
20	GLGS, St Neots, 14.00
21	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
25	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
31	Shefford Craft and Produce Show
September	
4	New Term Begins
	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI, Respite at Home
8	Warden Abbey Vineyard Open Day & Wine Sale 11:00-16:00
13	Cricket Club Annual Youth Awards Evening
14	Friends visit Old Warden Vineyard, 2.00
17	Toddler Church, Church, 9.00
	GLGS, Wybostyon Lakes, 14.00
	Mothers' Union, 2.00
18	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
21	Clifton Craft and Produce Show
	Teas in Church
29	Clifton Farm Run



All Saints' Church Services

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

Sundays:

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)

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

10.30 Clifton, 9.00 Southill

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

Tuesdays: Toddler Church, 1st & 3rd, 9.00 am



Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

The church is open during daylight hours.

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 about an hour around the Clifton area, meeting at either: 4.15 or 7.00 pm.

If you'd like more information
please contact:

Sue Cross on 07768105570

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Dear Friends,

August is a season of letting go, rest and looking forward to new beginnings. Whether it be the end of term and for some exam results or rest, holidays or child minding.



Wherever you are in this month of transition know that the church is open every day as a place for you to sit and rest and reflect upon where your road ahead lies.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Every Blessing Revd Caren

Clifton Mothers' Union Group



No meeting in August

**Next meeting is a social on
17th September**

2:00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton

All Saints' Church From the Registers



Funeral followed by Burial

19th June 2019	Maisie Patricia Jeffrey (Pat)
20th June 2019	Thelma Ellen Burton

Memorial Service

2nd July 2019	Sidney John Taylor
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Toddler Church 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (term time)

Next: 17th September

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

11th August

Starting with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme: **Unfailing Treasure**

Interactive worship with songs
and short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 25th August

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)



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



BE SECURE BE SAFE

"Did you know your front door was unlocked Dad?" My eldest daughter asked testily on a recent visit and finding me in the back garden. "If I'd had been a burglar I could have relieved you of some of your prized possessions and you wouldn't have known a thing about it!" It served as a stark reminder as how vulnerable I was for not being sensible and careful about my security and safety. This is especially true during the summer when we may be entertaining family and friends in the garden, doing some gardening or just enjoying the sunshine.

Whatever the reason it is important to make sure that all possible entrances, doors and ground floor windows, to your property are properly secured so that they don't provide easy pickings for the opportunist thief. Needless to say since being reminded of my vulnerability I now have a new regime for keeping my property safe when I'm in the house or garden.

NEED OUR HELP

Don't hesitate to call if you or someone you know needs a helping hand on:

07817 614654

Tea & Chat

- ☆ Wednesday 7th August
- ☆ Wednesday 21st August
- ☆ Wednesday 4th September
- ☆ Wednesday 18th September



Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

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

Friends of Clifton Church

Events for 2019



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.

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our June competition was played at Bourn GC, competing for the Foxberry Trophy. The weather was very wet and miserable. Bourn is a challenging course in the best of conditions, the rain made scoring very difficult, which is reflected in the low scoring. Our winners were:

- 1st with 34 pts – Les Small
- 2nd with 30 pts – John Crowe
- 3rd with 28 pts OCB – Ian Saunders
- 4th with 28 pts OCB – John Wall
- Longest Drive – Ian Saunders
- Nearest the Pin – Les Small



See Forward Planner for our next competition.

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

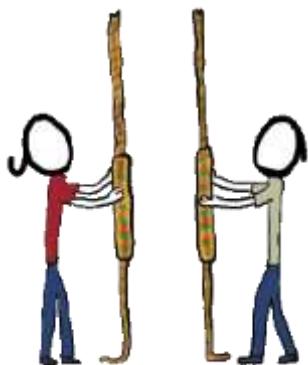
Bedfordshire Young Ringers in Liverpool



On Saturday 7th July, the Bedfordshire Young ringers with friends and parents met at Milton Keynes station at 6:15 for the 2019 National Young Ringers Competition. Our destination was Liverpool, the chosen location for this year's competition.

All the competition ringing was taking place at St Francis Xavier, which is the tower used by Liverpool University ringers. We were scheduled to ring at 12:20. Everyone gathered in good time for a team talk and after lots of "good luck" from the supporters, they ascended the tower for their test piece. The best place to hear the ringing was outside the church so most of us assembled in the car park to listen to them ring. They had a short practice session which went well and then the test piece which was very well rung. When they came down from the tower, to a round of applause, team photos followed and then lunch!

Later in the day we went to Liverpool Parish Church, aka Pier Head which is a ring of 12 bells, the tenor weighing 41cwt. At Pier Head, there was a mini-ring, some handbell workshops and an opportunity to ring on the 12 bells. When it was time for our session, we were joined by the Fen Tigers (team from Ely District) and Brumdingers (team from Birmingham). All our young ringers took part in either rounds, call changes, Plain Hunt Cinques or Grandsire Cinques and rang very well.



The next highlight of the day was the results. This year they were streamlined, and they managed to announce the results for the 24 teams and hand out their medals in 30 mins! We were delighted when Bedfordshire came 2nd in the call changes category and 4th overall. Izzy and Cara represented Clifton during the day and "did us proud!". We look forward to including some of our other young ringers in the squad in the future.

Philippa Whittington

Clifton All Saints Academy PTA

Clifton All Saints Academy PTA would like to thank everyone who attended our Summer Fayre on Friday 14th June 2019. We raised an amazing £1,200 which will be going towards equipment for the children.



We would also like to thank the following local companies who donated raffle prizes and supplied items to the fayre:

Baxter's Butchers	Illusions Beauty
Susan Hall	The Sweet Fairies
Beat Box Dance School	Glossy Maids
Dance Starz	Monkey Puzzle
Hayz Hair	Shereen's Cakes & Bakes
Comfy Foot	JR Fords
Clifton Cricket Club	Sam's Massage Den
Helen's Reflexology	Season's Fruit & Veg
Especially You Hair & Beauty	The Hair Factory
The Beauty Cabin	One Stop
Jack Collinson Football	Lindsay Pereira
Sandra & David Mott	360 play
Cineworld St Neots	Henlow Scouts



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 14th September. Entries must be delivered to the Church between 9:30am and 10:30am on Saturday 21st 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, or contact
Julie-Anne Clark (01462 851400) or
Jane French (01462 811967)



Teas in Church

21st September

2.00 pm—4.00 pm



Come and see the Craft and Produce entries and have tea and home-made cakes.

Entry (including tea and cake) Adults £2.50
Lower school children £1



Treasure in our Churchyard

No, it's not a geocache or even a Pokémon it's NATURE!



We are maintaining our churchyard to promote biodiversity and although our spring areas did not yield ladies smock flowers this year we are hopeful they will return next year. Our summer areas are currently being left uncut and we have a lovely display of ladies bedstraw (left), black knapweed, self-heal, saxifrage and yarrow among many others.

We also have over 20 flower spikes of a very unusual parasitic plant—ivy broomrape, this is the most spikes we have seen since Alan Outen first identified it some years ago. There are some other plants flowering in Stanford Lane, near the Church Hall and in a garden adjacent to the churchyard.



Thank you to all the grasscutting team for their efforts to keep our churchyard looking lovely and especially to the Cricket Club team who had to cut and take away the spring areas growth!

Thanks also to Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust and the Diocesan Adviser who help us work towards our biodiversity goals.

Clifton Farm Run

29 September 2019

Entry forms on-line & from Baxters

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

Email: farmrun2019@clifton-beds.co.uk

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



Social Committee – we need you!

The church social committee organises a number of activities within the village to raise money for the church and to foster the spirit of community. Annual running costs for the church are about **£55,000**. This comes from regular giving, collections and the fund raising events.

Some of these activities are held jointly with the PTA at Clifton All Saints Academy, in which case the money raised from these events is shared between the church and the Academy. Over the last few years this committee has arranged several concerts, Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre, Farm Run and the Craft and Produce Show. We also arrange church events such as the Pre-lent supper and Harvest lunch.

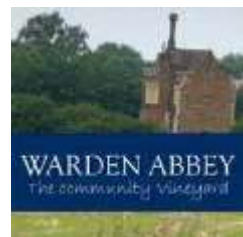
Organising these events involves a number of people to help plan, produce tickets and programs, sell the tickets, set up and clear away, buy any supplies needed and manage the finances. Meetings of the committee are usually held in the evening about once every 2 months (depending on the events being arranged).



Would you like to join the committee and help organise and run these events? We are looking for people with new ideas and time to support the current committee, many of whom are over 70! Interested? Then please contact:

Kathy Blackmore (kb08@clifton-beds.co.uk) or
Philippa Whittington (pw48@btinternet.com).

Warden Abbey Vineyard Open Day & Wine Sale Sunday September 8th 11:00-16:00



Entrance Adults £3, children free.
(additional charges for guided tours and talks)

Free self-guided tours and tastings, local food and craft stalls, Morris Dancing, Petting Farm and children's activities, BBQ and refreshments.

Bedford Road, Old Warden.

**For more information and directions see
www.wardenvineyard.org.uk**



Clifton WI



Linda began the evening by welcoming 45 members and 4 visitors to the meeting. We sang Jerusalem and the minutes of the June meeting were read, agreed and signed.

County news was outlined including upcoming events which were shared with members. We are planning a coffee morning in aid of St John's Hospice in October. Date to be arranged. Members were thanked for knitting the premature hats. No more are needed at the moment. Birthday cards were handed out by Jackie.

Our speakers tonight were Elaine Murphy and Adrian Downing from Midlands search and rescue. They talked with passion about the work they do and gave us an insight into the different challenges they face. They gave a very clever practical demonstration to illustrate the importance of accurate descriptions of missing people. Thank you Elaine and Adrian for such an inspiring talk.

The next meeting will be Wednesday August 7th and is our annual BBQ. (Don't forget plates and cutlery.)

Speakers/ Events

- September 4th – Respite at home – Nicola Mills
- October 2nd – Garden safety – Keith Hichisson
- November 6th – Introduction to Gemstones – Andrew Waite

Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Ruth (01462815482)



woodlands

pre-school

Goodbye and good luck – to all our July leavers who are moving on to their first schools in September. We had a very successful leavers concert and wish all our children and parents good luck for the future, we will miss all of you.

Preschool – We close soon for the summer holidays and re-open on the 4th of September for the new school year. We still have some places for children to start in September so please contact us via our email address for more information.

Children wishing to start from January 2020 can attend our open mornings on 30th and 31st of October, please contact us to book your place.

Extended care – Our before and after school care caters for children at Pre School (from 3 years of age upwards) and also those attending All Saints Academy. The autumn term 2019 is very busy so please contact us for availability.

Committee and Fundraising events - We are always looking for new committee members to join us, particularly on our fundraising team. If you are interested in joining and would like to know more, please join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at Woodlands on Thursday 30th October 2019

Please continue to help us fundraise by using the 'easy fundraising' website when making your online purchases. Simply click <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and register to The Woodlands Preschool – Clifton. We then receive a percentage from the websites such as Amazon, eBay and many more when you shop.

Communication Award – The Woodlands were successful in achieving their "Communication Friendly Award" from Central Bedfordshire in July 2019. This helps support the communication development of all children in our setting, and is something the whole team worked very hard on to achieve.

Dates to remember:

- 4th September – New school term starts
- 30th October – Annual General Meeting (AGM) 8pm
- 30th and 31st October – Open mornings 10-11am
- 6th and 7th November – Parents evenings

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

Samuel Whitbread Academy



As the A Level exams came to an end at the end of last week, we began next year's journey with the Sixth Form induction day and two Year 8 induction evenings. The Year 11s had the opportunity to experience A Level taster lessons and meet the Sixth Form team. Meanwhile, the Year 8 students and their parents got the opportunity to meet their tutors, buy their uniform and hear about all the really important things - such as how to pay for your lunch using your fingerprint!

On Monday, Sue Clark, CBC portfolio holder for education came to visit the academy. I gave her a brief update on all the changes at the academy before talking about our plans for the future. We then went on a quick tour of the school and dropped into a number of lessons, as well as our outstanding ASD provision. She was very impressed with the work on display and commented on the talents and confidence of the students that we met on our tour.

On Friday we had a very successful day of mock interviews for Year 10 where around 30 parents and members of the community came in for the day to interview each of the students in Year 10 and a few Year 12s for up to 15 minutes. The students had to talk about their skills, subjects and interests in and out of school. Several of the interviewers mentioned that the students were often nervous at first but soon relaxed and talked confidently about themselves. They also mentioned that our students were often very modest and didn't always sell themselves - which is something we will be working on next year.



Last week I had the pleasure of attending Henlow's Annual Reception and Sunset Ceremony. After meeting Wing Commander Rachel Mawdsley, we were entertained by a marching band and a flypast by a Hawk Training Jet, which caught everyone a bit by surprise as it was a lot quieter and a lot quicker than last year's spitfire!

Last week we had our Heads of Department (HoDs) Away Day, which is a chance for HoDs to work with the Senior Team on their review of this year and their development plans for 2019/20. We spent time looking at the new Ofsted Framework which has a much greater emphasis on the curriculum and the educational experience. This is a welcome change and gives us the chance to celebrate all the opportunities on offer at the academy, as well as the wide range of courses that are available both at GCSE and A Level.

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 8th July 2019

CB/19/02024/NMA – 19 June 2019 – The Grange SG17 5EW. Non-Material Amendment to planning permission CB/17/1630/FULL Two storey and single storey extension to the house repair of barn store wall and conversion of space for inclusion in annexe repair of collapsed roof to open barn/outbuilding. Change timber support posts between garage doors to brick piers. **Application Registered**

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. **Granted**

CB/19/01585/FULL – 15 May 2019 – 1 Meeks Croft, SG17 5GW. Loft conversion to an attic. **Consultation Period**

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

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

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

CB/18/02820/OUT – 19 July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Erection of up to 130 dwellings. CB/17/05967/OUT – 27 December 2017 **Planning Appeal (2) Dismissed**

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

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 hearing on 6th August in Clifton Community Centre.

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

Bs08/07/2019 Clifton Residents' Association

Biggleswade Sandy Lions



Here we are at the beginning of July, reviewing the year so far and looking towards organising the busy part of the year, December. Weather-wise, June was a disappointing month, too much rain and finally on the last weekend a heatwave. We took our old sleigh reindeer, Rudolph, out on the town around Biggleswade at the Carnival and received a certificate for being second best in class and a host of sore feet. During July we'll be setting up our stall at Langford Summer Fete, Letchworth Lions Fun Day and saying farewell to Sandye Place Academy.

Meanwhile we've been busy renovating our Christmas sleigh and by the time we've completed the essential work it will be time to start planning our Christmas Calendar of events; but what else would a person do in August?

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 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 or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/biggleswadessandyions/

Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Our village scarecrow event week in June had a brilliant response with a great variety of scarecrows on show. We would like to thank all who took part, and the winner was Lakes Farm Stables. The runner up was Barbara Kennedy from Pedley Lane. Well done. I was asked to give a special mention to Mrs Harrison of Brickle Place for originality. All efforts were applauded for actually taking part, who knows what will happen next year.

I have received complaints about dogs in the park on more than one occasion. What we need to find out, are dogs allowed in the park or not. There appears to be a grey area about this. Can someone come back to me on this?



Meanwhile, enjoy your holidays, stay lucky, Den Fensome

Clifton Neighbourhood Watch

In early June a number of vehicle owners suffered the effects of a "door checker" who roamed the streets of Clifton in the early hours checking vehicle doors and stealing from any that had been left unlocked. Two vehicle owners from Shefford Road & Broad Street also had their vehicles stolen and damaged. Please ensure your vehicles are locked and all items of value are removed or locked away out of sight. With CCTV having been circulated to the Police and highlighted on Facebook, the person involved should be able to be identified.

The village continues to suffer from assault and threatening incidents. This seems to be an ever growing trend throughout the UK and is spreading into our community. Situations of this nature have occurred in various areas of our village this month, with Legate Place, Broad Street, Bilberry Road and Pedley Lane all suffering from these problems. A similar situation occurred in Newis Crescent with threats made to damage property, and in Bilberry Road a person suffered 'a wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm' incident. Also there were two attempted but unsuccessful burglaries both in Church Street on 5th & 24th June and an actual burglary in Stockbridge Road.

Villagers of Clifton are able to combat unacceptable behaviour in many ways. Urgent threats to life may be reported on 999, other incidents on 101. Many other ways to pass on information are given at <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report>. The Police website is a very interesting place to visit and is highly recommended. The Clifton village Facebook page is another useful resource.

The local Neighbourhood Watch group received an interesting suggestion that the village NW team could maintain a register of properties with CCTV, that could be made available to the emergency services when necessary. On the surface this is a useful suggestion, if only to trigger other ideas. Have you any suggestions on how we can jointly address crime and antisocial behaviour in Clifton? If so, please contact CliftonBedsNW@gmail.com, or the phone numbers below.



Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482 790269

**Can you spare
just 1 morning
per month?**



We are looking for **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to help us operate our 16-Seater Community Bus Services providing essential services to Shefford/Stotfold and all surrounding villages.

What Do We Do?

We are totally volunteer-run and based in Meppershall, we provide fixed route bus services, mainly weekday mornings, that take approximately 4 hours to complete (09.00 – 13.00) with \pm 2 hours spent at the destination.

We go to Bedford, Biggleswade, Hitchin & Letchworth weekly and Milton Keynes, St Neots & Welwyn Garden City on a monthly basis and pick-up in all the surrounding villages where, to our destinations, the contracted bus operators run infrequently or not at all.

What Do You Get?

Great satisfaction in providing this essential service to residents who rely on us to get out and about.

MIDAS training will be given and familiarisation driving on routes – an experienced driver will always accompany you until you feel ready to go solo!

You will get to know your regular passengers and enjoy helping them.

What Do You Need?

A normal licence with a D1 classification (see the back of your driving licence)

Age between 25 & 70 – male/female – all are very welcome.



Initially we need reserve drivers, called upon to fill gaps due to holidays, sickness etc. and in the future we will be able to offer you a regular fixed day/route.

So if you would like to help please call us on 0300-123-3023

Or e mail your details to thewanderbus@gmail.com

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 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

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

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 FOR AUGUST 2019

Date	Time	Warden	Welcomers	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice Assistants
7 th Sunday after Trinity	10:30	Mr K Gray	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mr A Good Colossians 3:1-11	Mr B Livesey	Mr A Good Mrs R Gray
	6:30	Mr K Gray	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs J Pavey 1 Corinthians 14:1-19	Officiate	
8 th Sunday after Trinity	10:15	Mrs L Dawes	Mr D Brace Mrs S Collins	Mrs S Welsford Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Ministry Team	
	6:30	Mrs L Dawes	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread 2 Corinthians 1:1-22	Officiate	
9 th Sunday after Trinity	10:30	Mrs P Wisby	Mrs J Wyer Mrs L Patch	Mr B Livesey Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Mr A Clarke	Mr K Gray Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mr P Blackmore	Mrs C Killick	Mrs F Kendall 2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Officiate	
10 th Sunday after Trinity	10:30	Mr K Gray	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mr C Brown Hebrews 12:18-end	Officiate	Mrs J Pavey

If you are unavailable on the date given, please swap with someone else and inform the Churchwardens (Linda Dawes 01462 816074 or linda.dawes@ntlworld.com & Kevin Gray 01462 812820 or kevin@grayfamily.plus.com). Also inform Peter Blackmore (01462 646371 or pb08@clifton-beds.co.uk) 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 of the Rota in the Vestry.

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