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Who's Who

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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

or

susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk



Dear Friends,

Harvest is in the air! This year at church we're having both our congregations celebrate Harvest. *Messy Harvest Church* in the Church Hall and in the *Church* we'll have a more traditional service with Clifton Academy School choir singing during the service. There won't be Holy Communion at either service. Later in the morning we will come together for a shared Harvest lunch.



Both congregations will be supporting **St Alban's Harvest appeal to 'Light up Tanzania'**. We take electricity for granted and its benefits but we will be donating to Tanzania's rural communities to help them bring solar electricity to the poor and the isolated in the Singida region. If you would like to donate to this appeal please go online to Bishop's Harvest Appeal at www.harvestappeal.org

Every Blessing Revd Caren

Clifton Mothers' Union Group



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

2:00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton

All Saints' Church From the Registers



Baptisms

21st July Jessica Iris Griffiths
 Amelia Eilish O'Neill

Funeral followed by Burial in the Graveyard

20th July Mervyn George Vincent (Vince)

Funeral followed by Cremation

2nd August John Mortimer

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

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



All Age Worship

Come and join us on

8th September

with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme: One of the Family

Interactive worship with
songs and short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 22nd September

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



LOOKING BACK

The success of the Care Scheme has been entirely due to the marvellous team of volunteers (past and present) who have contributed so much to our village. I am sure they would all say volunteering has never been a chore. Generally by maintaining a fairly large team the frequency of requests to any one member is fairly low and the freedom to say no when it isn't convenient has meant that no individual is under pressure. On the other hand knowing that you are helping another member of your community can be both satisfying and enjoyable.

However no successful organisation can afford to rest on its laurels and the Care Scheme Committee is always looking at ways to improve its services and to increase its body of volunteers. In particular we are on the lookout for additional drivers so if you feel you can help with occasional midweek driving please call us and one of our organisers will get in touch.

The Care Scheme AGM is to be held on Wednesday 16th October immediately following a Tea & Chat afternoon so if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Committee to consider this would be a good place to raise them.

DO YOU NEED HELP

We are here to serve everyone in whatever way we can (not just transport) so if you need advice or assistance please call us on:

07817 614654

Tea & Chat

Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



- ☆ Wednesday 4th September
- ☆ Wednesday 18th September
- ☆ Wednesday 2nd October
- ☆ Wednesday 16th October, followed by AGM



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

NEED PROJECT

All Saints Church is participating in the local NEED PROJECT, which helps people in difficult circumstances. We are collecting non-perishable food eg tinned vegetables. If you would like to help, a green box for donations is at the back of the church for your gifts. Thank you.



CHURCH PRAYERS—THE PRAYER BOARD

During the week, or before the service, prayers can be offered by their being written on a slip of paper which can be placed on the prayer board at the back of the church, above the back heater.

This provides a means by which anyone in the community can make use of the church at prayer - whether they want to come on a Sunday, or come quietly into the church during the week.

If anyone wants to have a specific person named in the prayers on Sunday because they are sick, then please let the Rector know by Thursday each week so that names can be given to the person saying the prayers that Sunday. (rector@clifton-beds.co.uk)



Friends of Clifton Church Events for 2019



September 14th

Visit to Old Warden Vineyard (a few places left)

Tour of the vineyard 2-3 pm: £15 per person.

a talk and tasting session 3-4 pm and then tea and snacks.

Christmas Curry at Clifton Cuisine Tuesday 26th November

Beginning 7.30 and 8.30pm.

£14 for members and £15 for non-members

As usual, contact Keith Pledger to book your place on

01462 629020 or keith.w.pledger@gmail.com.



Fund Raising Success

Our recent *Coffee Morning* and *Garden Party* events raised over **£500!** Thank you to everyone who supported and enjoyed these events.

Who are The Friends?

The Friends of Clifton Parish Church raise funds towards the upkeep of our historic church, helping to ensure that the church continues to be there whenever any villager needs it.

We are now looking for 1 or 2 Clifton residents to join our Committee which meets about 6 times each year to plan and organise 5 or 6 various events.

You don't have to attend church and we would welcome some younger members to our Committee so please consider joining us. Contact Keith Pledger on 01462 629020 or keith.w.pledger@gmail.com. Thank you.



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



**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**



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

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.



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

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

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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