

# October 2019

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## The Clifton Chronicles

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# Forward Planner

October	
1	Toddler Church, Church, 9.00
2	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI, Garden Safety
4	RSPB Local Group, Titchwell the Future, Settlement, Letchworth
4 & 5	HATS Drama, 'Seasons Greetings', 7.30, Meppershall Hall
5	Churchyard Working Party, 9.30-12.30
8	Woodlands, Happy School Bags collection
11	Open Meeting – Social Services, Residents Assn
12	Cricket Club Annual Dinner & Dance Awards Evening
13	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee
15	Toddler Church, Church, 9.00
	Mothers' Union, 2.00
	GLGS, Mowsbury, 13.00
16	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
18	Woodlands, Extended Care Halloween party
20	Prostate Cancer Fund Raising event, Cricket Club
25	WI Coffee Morning, 10.00
27	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
30	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	Woodlands, Annual General Meeting (AGM) 8pm
30 & 31	Woodlands, Open mornings 10-11am
November	
1	Woodlands, Extended Care Sparklers party
6 & 7	Woodlands, Parents evenings
6	WI "Introduction to Gemstones".
13	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
14&15	Woodlands, Children in Need
26	Friends Christmas Curry at Clifton Cuisine
30	Christmas Fayre, 1.30 - 4.00, Clifton All Saints Academy



## 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, 1st & 3rd, 9.00 am

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

The church is open during daylight hours.



## Poppy Appeal 2019

We will be doing a door to door collection again this year and we will also be outside One Stop Shop on the first day of the Poppy Appeal.



This year is the 75th anniversary of DDay and we especially remember those brave people involved in this incredible operation.

Last year Clifton raised an amazing £2706.52 and hopefully we can do it again this year.

Denise Panton

Dear Friends,

## **Mental Health Awareness Day 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Sometimes it is difficult to put yourself in another person's shoes and see things from their position. It's too easy to tell them what to do, instead of asking how they are doing? Too often we rush from one thing to another and don't always listen to the reply to our questions and rush in with another question. This isn't helpful if someone has Mental Health issues and we fail to give them the space they need.

10<sup>th</sup> October is an opportunity for us to raise awareness of mental health issues and support the work of the charities who give these people the help they need.

There are several charities for example <https://www.mind-blmk.org.uk/event-directory/> or start with your GP. The church can support you by praying for you or those you love who need help.

In the name of God and trusting in His might alone, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit and deliver you from every evil and give you his peace. Amen. (Church of England prayer for healing).

Every Blessing Revd Caren

## **All Saints' Church From the Registers**



### **Baptisms**

8<sup>th</sup> September Findley Bryan James Guffogg

### **Funeral and Burial**

12<sup>th</sup> August Kenneth Robert Joseph Howell

### **Funeral and Cremation**

14<sup>th</sup> August Michael John Richardson

### **Burial of Ashes**

6<sup>th</sup> September Gordon Crowhurst

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

## 1st & 15th October

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

## 13th October

with refreshments from

**10.15am onwards**

Our theme: With no Agenda

Interactive worship with  
songs and short talks

All Saints Clifton

## Sunday 27th October

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



## VOLUNTEERING - IS IT WORTH IT?

During the life of the Clifton Care Scheme, we have witnessed many widely varying estimates of the monetary value of the contribution that volunteers of all kinds make to our society. To almost all volunteers that is not the reason they give their time and effort, it is more to do with being involved and seeing the practical benefits of their activity.

For us, it isn't the economic contribution that's important, there is a real personal reward in helping others and working together to build a more caring and friendly society. In Clifton we are fortunate to have so many groups and individuals trying to make things better for all of us, but these groups constantly need to be refreshed by new members joining from following generations. The Care Scheme is no different; in order to meet the increasing demand for our services we need more volunteers who are able and willing to help with occasional driving to hospitals and surgeries, etc. So if you would like to know more please call us.

## IF YOU NEED OUR HELP

We are here to serve everyone so if you or someone you know needs a helping hand, just call us on . . . .

**07817 614654**

. . . . and we'll do our best to help.

## Tea & Chat

Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



- ☆ Wednesday 2 October
- ☆ Wednesday 16 October, followed by AGM
- ☆ Wednesday 30 October
- ☆ Wednesday 13 November



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



# Clifton All Saints' Academy



In July 2019 we said 'Goodbye' to Woodpeckers' class and two long-standing members of our school community: Mrs Rose Bidnell and Mrs Jayne Steinfeld. We hope all of the children who left us in July have now settled into their schools in Henlow and Shefford and we wish them every success in the future. Rose Bidnell and Jayne Steinfeld are still in the village and I'm sure we will be seeing them around. Mrs Steinfeld will continue to work with us for one day a week.

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and have managed to spend valuable family time with your children. We welcome all our pupils back to their new classes and hope they enjoy their learning journey through the school. We are thrilled to welcome our new children into our Foundation Stage class this term and are sure they will have a fabulous time in Robins and settle into school life quickly.

We would like to welcome Mrs Downer our new class teacher and Mrs Hook our new teaching assistant in Robins class to the school team.

## Prospective Parents

On Thursday 7th November we have two prospective parents' sessions one at 9.15am and one at 2pm they will last for approximately an hour. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the school and ask any questions. Tea and coffee will also be served, please contact the school office on 01462 628444 or email [school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk) to register your interest, thank you. We look forward to meeting you.

## Parking

Please do not drive into school unless you are registered disabled and have informed the school office. The staff car park is for staff and official visitors only and is not to be used by parents from the school or Woodlands for dropping off or collecting children. The car park is in constant use with deliveries etc. throughout the day.

Please do not **park or drop off on the zigzag lines** and **avoid parking opposite the school gates at all times** as this makes it very difficult for daily traffic entering and exiting the car park as well as obstructing a safe place for our pupils and parents to cross. Please be considerate of driveways and double parking, emergency vehicles need to be able to get through Church Street and into the school at all times.

## Term Dates for Clifton All Saints Academy 2019/2020

### **Autumn Term 2019**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
(half term – week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October)

### **Spring Term 2020**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020  
(half term – week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
(half term – week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May)

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. on:  
[www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk)

### **Non-Contact/Inset Days for 2019/2020**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Monday 6th January 2020

### **School emails**

General: [school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk)  
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Business Manager: [sbm@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:sbm@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk)

## **Thank You!**

A massive 'Thank You' to Philippa and the bell-ringers involved in playing for the retirement of Rose Bidnell and Jayne Steinfeld after nearly 30 years each working with the children of Clifton All Saints'.



'Thank You' too to the children and their families, the staff, valued community helpers and governors at the school for their lovely gifts and kind words of appreciation. Rev Caren led a lovely leaving service for Woodpeckers' Class leavers as well as for the staff who were retiring, based very appropriately on chocolate! Margaret Newman, from Henlow Academy attended the service with some pupils who shared their memories of working with Rose Bidnell and Jayne Steinfeld. Tears all round!

Thank you ALL! We are both settling in well to retirement and semi-retirement. We are enjoying more time with our families and friends and finally putting our own houses and gardens in order! We will still be seeing many of you from time to time as we both continue to live in the heart of this lovely village.





# woodlands

pre-school

We would firstly like to welcome back all the children and their families as we begin our new term. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and your children are excited to come back and play. We have many new families joining us this term & all of the children are settling well & making new friends. There is still some availability for places for this term so please contact us about starting your child at Woodlands.

Our open mornings will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please spread the word to any friends and family that may be looking for a preschool soon, this is a good opportunity for them to come have a look around with their child and ask any questions they may have, please note bookings are required.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. All parents are invited to attend.

We will be fundraising for **Children in Need** on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This year we are inviting the children to come dressed as a superhero and are asking for a £1 donation.

**Donations** – If you have any items you wish to donate to Woodlands please drop us an email at [thewoodlands1@btconnect.com](mailto:thewoodlands1@btconnect.com). We are always after craft materials, plants for our garden area and wildlife supplies.

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.

**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. We are open from 8am to school time and from school finish to 5.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Extended care will be hosting 3 parties this term; Halloween party, Sparklers party and a Christmas party. These are available to both preschool and school children and must be booked on in advance to attend. Please contact the office for more information.



## Dates for the diary



- 8th October – Happy School Bags collection
- 18th October – Extended Care Halloween party
- 30th October – Annual General Meeting (AGM) 8pm
- 30th and 31st October – Open mornings 10-11am
- 1st November – Extended Care Sparklers party
- 6th and 7th November – Parents evenings
- 14th & 15th November – Children in Need
- 13th December - Christmas concerts 9.30am or 12.30pm
- 13th December – Extended Care Christmas party
- 20th December – Children’s Christmas party

## Global Climate Change

There are a number of Clifton residents who would like to meet and discuss the the impact of this climate warming effect on our lives in Clifton. I am happy to host a meeting to raise awareness of this phenomenon and what local communities can do to mitigate its effect.



The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit (0.9 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere. Most of the warming occurred in the past 35 years, with the five warmest years on record taking place since 2010. Not only was 2016 the warmest year on record, but eight of the 12 months that make up the year — from January through September, with the exception of June — were the warmest on record for those respective months.

Please let me know if you are interested in meeting:

Bob Smith email [bob.smith@lineone.net](mailto:bob.smith@lineone.net) 01462 812336

## Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan



In coming months you will be hearing a lot about the Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is a legally binding document designed to set out the vision for a neighbourhood, in our case - Clifton Village. Our Neighbourhood Plan will cover the years 2020 until 2035 and will help guide future development of Clifton.

It will be compiled by the village for the village and we will be asking everyone in Clifton for their views on how they believe our community should develop. We have started by speaking to village organisations and will continue over the coming months by asking you to complete a survey covering village life, its infrastructure and the countryside which surrounds us.

The survey will be sent to everyone over the age of 18. Once the survey is complete the information you have given us will be used to draw up a draft Plan which will be further consulted upon during drop-in sessions.

When our Plan is complete, it will be submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council who then appoint an Inspector to carefully consider it. If the Inspector concludes our Plan meets the criteria laid down in law, a referendum will be held for the village to have the final say. Should the majority approve, the Plan will be adopted.

Once adopted, a Neighbourhood Plan gains legal weight and must be used by Town Planners when making decisions about our community. It can be used to guide the location, type and size of any new housing development, helping to ensure we get the types of homes we need instead of identikit houses so prevalent in new builds.

It can also be used to protect the green spaces around our village and provide planners with evidence based information when they are making decisions about infrastructure, health, schools and transport that affect Clifton.

Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan will give us a voice, where we currently have none.

Please support us. Thank you.

Mike Talbot, Parish Council



## Churchyard Working Party

5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

9:30 to 12:30

Can you spare a little time to help us prepare the churchyards for the winter?

**Refreshments will be provided!**

If you are able to join us please meet at the church, bringing with you any tools (wheel barrows, rakes, hoes etc.).



All Saints School and All Saints Church

## Christmas Fayre

30th November 2019

1.30 pm—4.00 pm



Get in the Christmas Spirit

Put the date in your diary,  
you wouldn't want to miss it!

# Farm Run

Clifton Bury Farm

29 September 2019

Entry forms on-line & from Baxters

**5k & 3k routes**

Off-road (tracks/grass)

**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)

Email: [farmrun2019@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:farmrun2019@clifton-beds.co.uk)



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





## The Darkest Night Service



In the bleak midwinter, the darkest night looms on the shortest day. Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas season. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over your future, or any other human situation that will make parties and joviality painful for you this Christmas come and join us on:

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm

Here at All Saints church we are aware that some of us need a sacred space when living through these dark times. The Darkest Night Service is reflective and accepts where we really are, and holds out healing and hope.

This year we are holding The Darkest Night Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm which is near the Winter Solstice. The feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle is around this date linking connections between Thomas's struggle to believe the tale of Jesus' resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.

If you need support and comfort at this time do come and join us followed by refreshments and someone to talk to.



### Clifton Residents Association

At our last committee meeting we talked about the public meeting this month on 11th October. We have Mr. Tim Hoyle from Central Bedfordshire Council who will give us a PowerPoint presentation on Adult Social Care. We are very interested in the Council's situation about care in general. We hope to have a question and answer session after his presentation.

We are opening the doors at the Church Hall at 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. Everyone is welcome, please come along.

We are still receiving complaints about dogs in the park. We do know that a by law exists stating no dogs allowed, but there is no one available to police it.

Den Fensome



## Clifton Neighbourhood Watch



Thankfully the recent problems associated with common assaults, threats and personal attacks that has been plaguing our village over the last few months was restricted to a single event in August. This a Common Assault happened in Broad Street on 13th August, fortunately the victim escaped without injury.

Two burglary incidents were reported to have happened in our village during August with Stockbridge Road & Bilberry Road residents suffering from these attacks on their properties and an incident of "Criminal Damage" was reported to have taken place in Manor Close 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Following the drug related problems in Bilberry Road that I reported on in last month's Chronicle which resulted in a 3 month closure order being enforced. I am advised that the controlled drug - Class B - Cannabis, was found to be in production in the same locality during the month of August. However, officers from our North Rural Community Police Team, operating in the Clifton area, have been working extremely hard to tackle these issues of drug taking and dealing.

The team have conducted a warrant at one address and worked with local partner agencies to close these premises for 3 months, this to prevent further issues of ASB which is news the local residents and our village community in general have welcomed and very much appreciated. I have also been advised there have been further arrests in the area leading to the recovery of cannabis plants and other material linked to drug supply. In addition there has also been the arrest of persons linked to a stolen motor vehicle which has now been recovered.

Officers have set up joint action groups with key partners to continue this ongoing good work, and further details will be provided for future editions of our Clifton Chronicle. Additional update information is also available on the twitter page @northbedspolice. Should anyone have any additional information or intelligence around drug dealing in Clifton please report on 101 or using the online reporting tool at [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

# Friends of Clifton Church

## Last Event for 2019



### Christmas Curry at Clifton Cuisine

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Beginning 7.30 and 8.30pm.  
(whatever time suits you best)

£14 for members and £15 for non-members

Places are going fast so book yours now with

Keith Pledger 01462 629020.



After a successful visit to the Old Warden Vineyard last month, we are now planning next year's events which are likely to include 10 pin bowling, a walking tour of Cambridge, an opportunity to paint your own design on a ceramic mug which is then fired, a talk at Shuttleworth about the Lysander and, of course, our Christmas Curry Night. Further details will be available early 2020.

Thank you to everyone who supports our events, which help to raise funds for the fabric of All Saints Church.

### 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](mailto:keith.w.pledger@gmail.com). Thank you.

# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## Central Beds Decisions to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

CB/19/02096/FULL – 21 August 2019 – The Grange SG17 5EW.  
Construction of garden store/barn. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/0266/FULL – 15 August 2019 – 4 Knolls Way SG17 5QU. Two storey side-extension with garage conversion. . **Consultation Period**

CB/19/02314/FULL – 17 July 2019 – The Woodlands Pre-School SG17 5ES.  
Renewal of 5 year Planning Permission for the retention of a temporary building. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/02279/FULL – 15 July 2019 – 29 New Road SG17 5JH. Two storey rear extension and first floor side extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/02232/FULL and LB – 10 July 2019 – Clifton House SG17 5ET.  
Conversion of dwelling to 2x1-bed, 3x2-bed and 4x3-bed self-contained flats with associated parking. 3x5-bed detached dwellings with external alterations porch to front, access alterations and associated works. **Consultation Period**

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/19/00542/FULL – 21 February 2019 – Land between 5 and 6 Chapel Close SG17 5YG **Planning Appeal**

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  
**Judicial Review**

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

CB/18/01628/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 15<sup>th</sup> October in Clifton Community Centre.**

## Clifton WI

Linda welcomed 46 members and 4 visitors to our September meeting. After the usual business matters our speaker for the evening was Nicola Mills her topic "Respite at Home".



The organisation originally formed in 1999 was called "Hospice at Home Volunteers", then in 2015 changed it's name to "Respite at Home Volunteers". They provide free support and confidential service to anyone needing help through illness and beyond if needed. It was a most informative and interesting evening.

### Forthcoming Speakers:

- \* October 2nd Keith Hichisson "Garden Safety"
- \* November 6th Andrew Waite "Introduction to Gemstones".

Iris Smyrk 812 164.



## WI Coffee Morning October 25th 10-12 Church Hall

Entry £2.00

Usual stalls and raffle.

also St John's Christmas cards

In aid of St John's Hospice



## Clifton Mothers' Union Group

15<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00pm, 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton  
"Folklore in Bedfordshire" by Revd. Paul Lanham



# You are invited...

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Clifton Cricket Club, SG17 5EX

Doors open 11.30- 4pm

Buffet

Raffle

Unlimited Tea & Coffee

Bar open 12-3pm

And *live* music from

Rockin'Horse



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## Interested in wildlife and nature? Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Friday October 4th, 7.30pm on  
'Titchwell, the Future' by Lizzie Bruce.

Titchwell, on the north Norfolk coast, is one of the RSPB's flagship reserves and attracts over 200 bird species each year. Come and hear how it has developed and what is planned for the future. At The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB, Visitors very welcome £3.



**Sunday October 20th**

**All day coach trip** to the beautiful Holkham coast, north Norfolk, where we will be looking for arriving winter visitors and passage migrants. The coach returns from Wells. Local pick ups, coach fare £16, phone Malcolm Ingram for info and booking (01462 451320).

## GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our August competition was played at **St Neots GC**, competing for the **Classic Trophy**. The weather was pleasantly warm with a gentle breeze, just about perfect golfing weather. The course was challenging but fair and maintained in very good order. Our winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> with 37 pts – **Lin Paine**  
2<sup>nd</sup> with 32 pts – **Ian Saunders**  
3<sup>rd</sup> with 31 pts – **Alan Mason**  
Longest Drive – **Alan Mason**  
Nearest the Pin – **John Cocksedge**



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.

## Biggleswade Sandy Lions



We've just finished a busy summer of summer fete's with the last two being at the beginning of September, the flying chickens are now having a well earned rest.

Now we must prepare for the second half of the year. We now will be building up for our Christmas Calendar, which starts with our Christmas Dance at the Weatherly Centre on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets coming on sale end of August, £22.50 each, including outstanding live dance band and a plated supper. Call 01462 814693 for your tickets.

The following day we will be taking a coachload of youngsters / carers to Elstree for a grand party at the District Youth Celebration.

After that things will get a little hectic, it's December again, and out come the reindeer and sleigh from their summer quarters, and on go our red bobble hats and we'll no doubt see you somewhere around! Either round the villages or outside supermarkets.



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/](http://www.facebook.com/)

## Clifton Residents Association

### Public Meeting 11th October

### Church Hall at 7 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m.

We have Mr. Tim Hoyle from Central Bedfordshire Council who will give us a PowerPoint presentation on Adult Social Care. We are very interested in the Council's situation about care in general. We hope to have a question and answer session after his presentation.



**Central  
Bedfordshire  
Council**

Everyone is  
welcome  
please come  
along

# HATS Drama Group

Henlow Theatre is now closed and Henlow Amateur Dramatic Club are leaving Henlow Camp where they have performed plays and pantomimes for the last 30 years. They are moving to the brand new **Meppershall Village Hall** and have reformed as HATS Drama Group.

**Friday, Saturday, 27th, 28th September**

**Friday, Saturday, 4th and 5th October**

**at 7.30 pm**

HATS present the very first theatre production at the new **Meppershall Village Hall**, the much acclaimed popular comedy:

## **Seasons Greetings** by Alan Ayckbourn

Tickets are £10  
(£5 for children)

and can be purchased from:  
Box Office, tel. Clare on 01462 700785 / 07876 353677.





# 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

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2019

Date	Time	Welcomers	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice Assistants
6 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mr J Good 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Mrs R Gray	Mr A Good Mr K Gray
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs K Blackmore John 9	Officiate	
13 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10:15	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mrs P Wisby Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Ministry Team	
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread John 15:12-27	Officiate	
20 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10:30	Mr D Brace Mrs P Wisby	Mr A Clarke 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Mr R Parker	Mr R Welsford Mr P Topley
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Songs of Praise	Mrs P Whittington	
27 <sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mrs K Blackmore Romans 15:1-6	Officiate	Mr P Blackmore

If you are unavailable on the date given, please swap with someone else and inform the Churchwardens (Linda Dawes 01462 816074 or [Linda.dawes@nitworld.com](mailto:Linda.dawes@nitworld.com)) & Kevin Gray 01462 812820 or [kevin@grvfamily.plus.com](mailto:kevin@grvfamily.plus.com)). Also inform Peter Blackmore (01462 646371 or [pb08@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto: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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