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Forward Planner

February	
4	Toddler Church, Church, 9.00
5	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI, 7.30pm, Church Hall, <i>The Bayeux Tapestry</i>
7	IGNITE, Youth Group, 6.00, Church Hall
	RSPB Group, Settlement, Letchworth, <i>Nightjar Migration</i>
9	All Age Worship, starts with coffee at 10.15
15	EBMRS Exhibition, Weatherley Centre, 10-4.30
17	Half term begins
18	Toddler Church, Church, 9.00
	Mothers Union Group, 2.00, Hitchin Lane
19	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
22	Pre-Lent Supper, 7.30, Church Hall, <i>Mary's Meals</i>
23	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
28	IGNITE, Youth Group, 6.00, Church Hall
	Silent Disco, Henlow Pavilion, 8.00
March	
4	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
7	Nearly New Sale, Church, 12.00-4.00
28	Lions Jumble Sale, Community Centre, 1.30 pm
April	
3	End of term
20	Summer term begins
24-26	Christening Robes and Outfits Exhibition



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.

This year, 2020

We will be celebrating the

700th anniversary of our church

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

18th February, 2.00pm

18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton

Speaker: **Rosemary Cowie**, Deanery Chairman



Dear Friends,

It's Valentine's Day on 14th February, the day where we hope, that if we are in love with someone who we want to be with forever, they will propose marriage to us. This year don't forget it's a leap year and the ladies might ask the question instead!



Love is in the air! That reminds me of the song, titled 'Love is in the air' by John Paul Young.

A line from the song, '*It's something that I must believe in*' reminds me of the hope of God's love for each one of us, *it's something that I must believe in*'.

God loves us whoever we are and in the book of Romans Chapter 8 verses 35-39, St. Paul writes 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Love is not just for St Valentine's Day. Do you know that the greatest love story of all begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February? From 26th February to 12th April (Easter) we learn of God's love for everyone and this theme takes us up to Easter, where Jesus died on the cross for us, overcoming death that we might have eternal life and forgiving us our sins. In this act of love, for those who believe, God offers us salvation.

1 Corinthians 16:14 'Do everything in love.'

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

All Saints' Church From the Registers



Funeral with burial

16th January Keith Ware Humphrey Burton

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

4th & 18th February

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

9th February

with refreshments from **10.15am**

onwards

Our theme: **'Taught with the Spirit'**

Interactive worship with
songs and short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 23rd February

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



CARERS PASSPORT

The Carers Passport is an initiative to encourage individuals to identify that they are a Carer or being cared for as part of their normal daily activities. If you are a carer or a person being cared for and a patient of Dr Cakebread and Partners please let the practice know. A form is available at the Health Centre reception. The completed form will become part of the individual's medical record and will help the practice provide an appropriate response if the Carer or cared for is unwell, maybe hospitalised or affected by a long term illness. The information provided could be vital.

Belatedly we would like to wish you all the best for 2020 and look forward to another successful year for the Care Scheme.

NEED OUR HELP?

Remember we are here if you need our help, just call

07817 614654

..... and one of our co-ordinators will do heir best to help.

Tea & Chat

Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

- ☆ **Wednesday 5th February**
- ☆ **Wednesday 19th February**
- ☆ **Wednesday 4th March**



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

Graveyard Regulations & Thank you



A personal 'Thankyou' to everyone for keeping to the Graveyard Regulations during the festive season.

The graves looked cared for and items like: plastic flowers; shrubs that are embedded the graves; wooden or stone curbs and slate chippings have been cleared from most graves.

We will be having a churchyard clear up in the spring. If the grave you tend still has:

- † A wooden curb around the grave
- † A shrub such as a rose or lavender bush in the middle of the grave
- † Slate chippings

Please could these be removed soon!

These items, which are not allowed under Churchyard Regulations*, may cause damage to the tools used to cut the grass in the spring, they could hurt the person operating the machine or a neighbouring grave could be damaged by flying debris.

Thank you for helping us keep the grave yard a place where your loved can rest in peace in a place of beauty for all who visit it.

Revd Caren

*An extract from the Churchyard Regulations is printed overleaf and is displayed in the churchyard to the rear of the church.

If you have any queries please contact the Rector or a churchwarden.

All Saints Churchyard Regulations

Our village churchyard is a resource and respite for everyone; but it falls to the church council and the Rector to faithfully maintain it, according to the Diocese of St. Albans' published regulations.

Regular grass cutting in the summer is paid for by the PCC (from funds provided by the congregation) and by an annual grant from the Parish Council. Other work is carried out by volunteers with many bereaved families maintaining the grave space where their loved one is buried. It is an interesting fact that 'ownership of all grave spaces remains vested in the parish priest' and do not become the property of the bereaved family.

We are aware that many people will be unfamiliar with the regulations governing good practice in the churchyard and would encourage those who visit the churchyard to look at the Diocesan website or ask the Rector or Wardens for an abridged copy. The Diocesan website is: <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/>

Regulations include:

- No tombstone or other monument may be introduced, renewed, removed or altered without first obtaining permission
- Grave spaces must be level and grassed by about a year after the interment
- Flower vases may be incorporated into the headstone but separate flower vases elsewhere in the grave space are not permitted.
- Fresh flowers can be laid on the grave or placed within headstone vases and bulbs may be planted in the grave space
- Other articles are not permitted; these include but are not limited to: artificial flowers, perennials, shrubs or photographs
- Articles not permitted within the regulations or dead flowers will be removed during regular maintenance of the churchyard

We hope to continue to make our churchyard in Clifton a peaceful and welcoming place where the bereaved can visit while maintaining the rich biodiversity of the area.

Rector, Wardens and PCC

CLIFTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year!

Christmas may seem a long time ago now, but the Clifton Residents' Association would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Light Up Clifton event a success. To those who gave raffle prizes, those who gave their time and expertise, and especially to everyone who came to see the lighting of the Christmas tree, listen to the music and enjoy the children singing, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU! The event raised £1108 which will be used to support village organisations and making next year's Light Up Clifton even better.

The Clifton Residents' Association exists for the benefit of all residents in the village and we are always on the lookout for new members. If you think you might be interested in joining us and getting more involved in the village, please get in touch. Contact details can be found in the 'Who's Who in Clifton' page of the Clifton Chronicles.

All best wishes for 2020

Diana Talbot, Chairperson CRA

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME..

.. would like to apologise for difficulty in contacting us during the middle of December.



This was due to problems with fluctuating signal levels from our telephone service provider, possibly due to maintenance/upgrade work at that time.

All Saints Clifton & Southill Churches

Youth Group

- ☆ Children 8-12 years
- ☆ 6:00pm -7:30pm
- ☆ Clifton Church Hall



7th & 28th February

Clifton Church Hall, Stanford Lane Clifton

Mail: ignite@clifton-beds.co.uk

for more information and to register

Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan



Thank you to everyone who completed a Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan survey. Your response was amazing! At the close we had received a total of 840 surveys which represents approximately 33.3% of residents aged 16 years and above. For comparison, a 10% response is usually considered good.

Now the hard work begins.

The results are being analysed and the information used as the basis of our Plan. The high level of response will allow us to produce strong, evidence-based, aspirations for Clifton. It has also provided us with sound information with which to approach CBC and negotiate improvements for Clifton over and above the initial objectives of the Plan itself.

We have recently successfully applied for a grant to pay for expert assistance with the more technical aspects of the Plan to ensure it passes muster at the examination stages. This work will be starting in the latter part of January.

We have started re-writing Clifton's Green Infrastructure Plan, (did you even know we had one?), again taking your views fully into consideration. The Green Infrastructure Plan will become part of the Plan itself.

As each section of the Plan is completed, we will be making it available for everyone to take a look and comment. When the whole Plan is finished we will be asking for your final views before it is submitted firstly to CBC and then for examination by an Inspector. If the Inspector approves our Plan a Village Referendum will be held to give everyone in Clifton the opportunity to decide if it should be adopted.

One final thing. The pupils at All Saints Academy were given the chance to express their artistic talents by producing a piece of artwork on the theme of "My favourite place in Clifton". We had some great entries which are now available for everyone to enjoy on our website. (Address below).

For more information and updates please take a look at our website - www.cliftonvillageplan.com and also our Facebook page "Clifton Village Neighbourhood Plan" or you can call 07711 687456.

Thank you once again from your Neighbourhood Plan Team!

Clifton WI



49 Members and 1 visitor attended our first meeting of 2020. Linda said everyone had enjoyed the Christmas party and told us of various events, both locally and nationally, that were taking place in the next few months. We voted on the resolutions for 2020 and the result will be forwarded to those concerned.

Katherine has organised a lunch at Clifton Indian Cuisine which takes place on Thursday 16 January.

Pat Wisby then hosted a quiz which caused a lot of amusement and brain searching ! Everyone really enjoyed the quiz and a big thank you goes to Pat for all her hard work.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5 February at 7.30pm when Jane Pavey will be talking to us about the Bayeux Tapestry. Visitors are very welcome, the fee is £4 and includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

Suzanne, 850181

Speed Watch

There continue to be a number of comments with regard to the speed of vehicles in and through Clifton village. Some years ago there was a group who provided a service of drawing attention to speeding vehicles in Clifton especially around school start and end times, I am keen that the residents should reintroduce this activity in order to help bring the importance of observing speed limits locally.

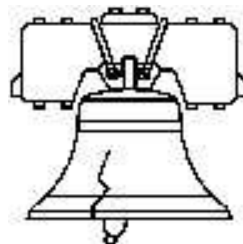


This important safety aspect can only work if there are a number of volunteers who are prepared to help. Please contact me if you are interested. A training session would be planned at the Shefford Fire Station.

Bob Smith 01462812336 (bob.smith@lineone.net)

On Sunday 29th December

Bell-ringers from the local area rang the bells for Christmas and in celebration of all those Clifton residents who have celebrated significant birthdays during 2019.



All Saints Church Clifton
Pre-Lent Supper
Saturday 22nd February



Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton
7.00 for 7.30 Supper
£10.00

Talk by Pat Wisby on 'Mary's Meals'



**Sign up sheet/tickets
available from:**

Sue Welsford, 811303 or

Philippa Whittington,
851816



Silent Disco

Friday 28th February, 8.00 pm-11:30 pm
Henlow Pavilion £5 per ticket

Licensed Bar, headphones included in ticket price – just bring
your dancing shoes!!

Tickets available from Sally Lawrence
Mobile: 07876 238 108 Email:
salbagsgreen@hotmail.com



Raising money for the Down's Syndrome Association

Waste Not Want Not

Nearly New Sale

in aid of the

NSPCC

Saturday March 7th 2020

All Saints Church, Clifton

12 noon till 4.00 pm

Adult and children's clothing, books and toys

Entrance £1 per adult

Light refreshments and raffle

More details February or Phone Marjorie, 815599

Every Childhood is Worth Fighting For

Christening Robes & Outfits

The exhibition postponed from earlier in the year will now take place in April 2020 and will tie in with the 700th anniversary celebrations of All Saints' Church.

The display will include robes dating back to the last century and will offer a glimpse into Clifton family life through the years.



If you have a family heirloom in the attic or a more modern outfit and would be happy for it to be displayed, we would love to hear from you....

Please contact Julie-Anne, 01462 851400

24-26 April 2020

Samuel Whitbread Academy



Happy New Year!

I had the pleasure of watching this year's pantomime, Aladdin, which was an absolutely fantastic spectacle and a great evening's entertainment. It was a real team effort with students as young as 4 from our feeder schools performing alongside our GCSE and A Level students. We also had our Christmas concert with performances from the school choirs, orchestras, rock bands, percussion groups and finishing with the school band. These two events take hours and hours of practice and rehearsals and I'd like to thank all the students, parents and staff including for all their hard work and dedication. I was also delighted to be invited to give a reading at St Michael's Christmas Carol service in Shefford. It was a lovely festive occasion.

Two days before the actual election, the Sixth Form team invited all of the candidates for mid Beds to a debate. We had representatives from Labour, the Green party, the Monster Raving Loony Party and an independent candidate. The debate lasted over an hour with some excellent questions from students and staff. Unfortunately Nadine Dorries was double booked and couldn't attend, however, the Conservatives still managed to win the exit poll, matching the outcome of the country.

Every year BEST runs a Christmas card competition and this year the winner was Alasdair in Year 9 with an amazing picture which must have taken hours to create. The winning designs from each year group were used to create all the Christmas cards sent by SWA and BEST this year. We had yet more good news last week with the arrival of Hollie and Summer, otherwise known as 'Cotton Wool Mice' with their new EP, which they self-funded and had designed and recorded themselves. It's amazing to see what these two young folk singers have managed to create and they were no doubt inspired by ex-student Maddie Morris, which won BBC Young Folk Musician of the Year Award earlier this term.

In sport the netball girls are going from strength to strength with another couple of excellent wins against colleges from Norwich and Southend, the U14 and U18B football boys are still going strong in the national cup, and our basketballers are leading the way in the district competitions.

Nick Martin, Principal



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

Reindeer Earn a Rest

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

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

We held our annual Christmas dance in November which was very successful, the date for this year's dance is Saturday 28 November at the Weatherly Centre.

We are currently collecting jumble in preparation for our annual jumble sale which is being held Saturday 28 March at 1.30pm, Clifton Community Centre. If you have any jumble that you would like us to have please contact us on the number below.

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

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



Lions Annual Jumble Sale
Saturday 28 March - 1.30 pm
Clifton Community Centre.

If you have any jumble that you would like us to have please contact us on the number below:

01767 262433

Clifton Residents' Association

Save the Date

Clifton Scarecrow Festival

13th & 14th
June 2020



Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 9th January 2020

CB/19/04133/LB – 18 Dec 2019 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX. To replace existing conservatory glass roof with a tiled, insulated roof.

Consultation Period

CB/19/04099/VOC – 11 Dec 2019 – 81 Shefford Road SG17 5RQ. Variation of Condition 4 to planning permission CB/18/03456/FULL.

Consultation Period

CB/19/04154/FULL – 11 Dec 2019 – 11 Burrows Close SG17 5EG. Changes to the fenestration and two storey side extension replacing the existing garage. Alternations to the front porch and the weection of a two car oak framed garage with a study/gym over at the rear of the garden. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/04061/FULL – 6 Dec 2019 – Land to the rear of 65 Shefford Road SG17 5RQ. Erection of 3 bed dwelling. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/04047/FULL – 3 Dec 2019 – 39 Manor Close SG17 5EJ. 1st floor extension over existing ground floor. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/03941/RM – 25 Nov 2019 – land adjacent to 35 Hitchin Lane SG17 5RS. Permission for 22 dwelling ass matters reserved for access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/03869/FULL – 18 Nov 2019 – 24 Bilberry Road SG17 5HB. Change of use from C3 residential use to B1 office use. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/03850/ADV – 14 Nov 2019 – Clifton Tesco Express AG17 5RG. Advertisement 3 fascia signs 1x ATM surround. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/03629/FULL – 4 Nov 2019 – The Dairy, New Road SG17 5JO. 2 storey extension with single storey link to existing house. **Granted**

CB/19/03634/NMA – 30 Oct 2019 - Land adjacent to 34 Hitchin Lane SG17. 95 dwellings: Plots 50 and 51 to become a pair of semi-detached dwellings. **Granted**

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CB/19/3559/RM – 29 Oct 2019 - Clifton Farm SG17 5EX. (14 dwellings) – Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.

Consultation Period

CB/19/02916/FULL – 22 Oct 2019 – Land north of The Grange SG17 5EW. Demolition of existing barn and erection of single detached dwellinghouse with detached car port, and driveway. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/19/03130/FULL – 18 Sep 2019 – 24 Manor Close SG17 5EJ. Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory with proposed single storey side/front extension. **Granted**

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. **Awaiting Decision**

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. **Granted**

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

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 Decided - Refused.**

BS09/01/2020

HATS Drama Group present:

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

an hilarious family pantomime by Ben Crocker

**The Oak Hall
Meppershall Village Hall
Walnut Tree Way, SG17 5AB**

7.30 pm evening performances:

Friday 31 January, Saturday 1 February,
Friday 7 February, Saturday 8 February

2.30 pm Matinees:

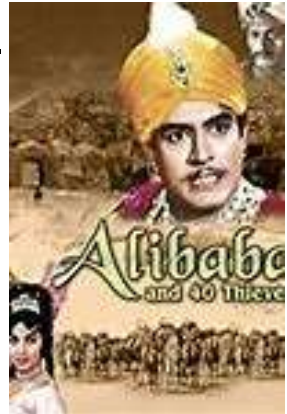
Saturday 1 February, Sunday 2 February
Saturday 8 February

Doors open 30 mins before - Licensed Bar

Tickets: adults £10, children £7, family (2 children, 2 adults) £30

- ◆ Ticket Source on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/hats-drama (no booking fee)
- ◆ By phone 0333 666 3366 (booking fee £1.75)

NB Meppershall is 1.5 miles from Shefford. The venue is off Walnut Tree Way in the centre of the village. It is a brand new complex with theatre space, accessible toilets and bar, all on one level with direct access from the on-site car park. Parking is free with dedicated spaces for disabled adjacent to the entrance.



Interested in wildlife and nature?

Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Friday 7th February

A talk by Greg Conway:

'Nightjar Migration and Movements'



Nightjars bred at The Lodge, Sandy a couple of years ago for the first time in over 40 years and this is a good chance to find out more about these enigmatic birds.

Meetings are held at The Settlement, Letchworth, SG6 4UB, 7.30 pm.
Visitors very welcome £3.



Sunday 16th February

All day coach trip to RSPB Titchwell Marsh

On the north Norfolk coast, this is a lovely reserve.
Local pick ups, coach fare £16, phone Malcolm Ingram
01462 451320 for more info and booking.

WESTON BRIDGE CLUB

Weston Bridge Club (Baldock) welcomes new members who would like to play the game in an informal and relaxed way. Those who feel they are at best only moderate players are especially welcome to come and join us. We meet in:



Reading Room, Weston Village Hall

(postcode SG4 7AA)

Mondays, 2.45 pm—5.30 pm

£2.50 per session

(to cover the hire of the room.)

There is free parking beside the Hall in Jacksons Lane.

For more information or if you are interested contact:
Judy or Paul Lanham on 813520.

Saturday 15th February 2020
East Beds Model
Railway Society
Annual Exhibition



Stratton School, Biggleswade, SG18 8JB
10.00am – 4.30pm

16 layouts plus full trade and society support
Wheelchair access to all areas except raised stage in main hall
Free parking
Light refreshments available all day
Adults £5.50, Seniors £4.50, Children £3, Family (2+2) £14



For more information contact the
show organiser at: organiser@ebmrs.org.uk
or see our website at: www.ebmrs.org.uk
or Facebook: The EBMRS

Are you starting a new business?

Are you already running a local business?

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Contact us for more information:

chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

Or phone Peter or Kathy on 01462 646371



ST NEOTS – TIME CHANGES

Please note the following <u>time changes</u> for pick-ups for St Neots (2 nd Thursday of the month) as of Thursday 13 th February 2020		
W9 ST NEOTS	OUT	RETURN
OR = On RR = Return Stop on Request		
Clifton, Shefford Rd, opp Post Office	09.26	RR
Clifton – Newis Crescent	09.28	RR
Clifton – Stockbridge Rd	09.29	RR
Roxton Garden Centre – On Request	10.00 OR	12.20 OR
St Neots, Market Square.	10.10	12.10

Please note the following time changes for pick-ups for St Neots as from February 2020 - 2 ND Thursday of Each Month		
W10 ST NEOTS	OUT	RETURN
OR = On RR = Return Stop on Request		
Clifton Park	09.36	RR
Roxton Garden Centre – On Request	10.05 OR	12.30 OR
St Neots, Market Square	10.15	12.20

For more information contact:

Clive Lester, Wanderbus Ltd, clive@lesters.net.

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, 6.00 pm
Sunday School 11.15

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Time	Welcomers	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice Assistants
2 nd Candlemas	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Burton	Mrs R Gray Hebrews 2:14-end	Mr B Livesey	Mrs K Blackmore Mr P Topley
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett John 2:18-22	Officiate	
9 th 3 rd Sunday before Lent	10:15	Mr D Brace Mrs J Wyer	Ministry Team		
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Ephesians 4:17-end	Officiate	
16 th 2 nd Sunday before Lent	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mrs J Cooper	Mrs S Welsford Romans 8:18-25	Mr R Welsford	Mrs K Gray Mr A Good
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs J Pavey Revelation 4	Mrs P Whittington	
23 rd Sunday next before Lent	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs J Pavey 2 Peter 1:16-end	Officiate	Mr B Livesey
			Mrs M Cakebread 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Officiate	Mr & Mrs K Gray

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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