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# *in Clifton*

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## Greetings and salutations, dear Reader!

Have you ever tried to help someone with a grand gesture? Have you ever pulled out all the stops (a pipe organ reference) to do something for someone else? This time of year, we often hear of great occasions, grand experiences, very generous hospitality and exceedingly jovial merriment. Why not, right? It's the end of the calendar year, Hanukkah for Jews, and Christmas for Christians. What better time to live large, to go over the top?

Meanwhile, thank you notes are being sent by soup kitchens and hostels to those who gave a can of soup at Harvest Festivals a short while back. Meanwhile, the temperature is dropping, along with the occasional snow flake. Meanwhile, the homeless shelters in Luton, Stevenage, St. Albans and Hemel Hempstead are giving out blankets, fresh food, clean under & over garments, daily, hourly even.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "It is the thought that counts?" Well, almost. Were we to think of the way we celebrate the New Year, Hanukkah or Christmas and critically reflect on the messages we are inadvertently communicating by over-consuming, over-indulging, or even (God forbid!) over-spending, perhaps we would see to the little gestures like a clean pair of underpants that could mean clean hygiene and a restful night to someone completely alien to a well-off lifestyle.

Along with the various celebrations, at this time of year, please DO NOT forget the homeless and / or under-privileged all around us, who just need a little gesture to feel human, to feel loved and included in society. Enjoy your holidays; may you never forget that we are one humanity. Pax!

Yours in Faith,

# *From the Registers*



## *Baptisms:*

31OCT10 - Rebecca Zoe Bond

31OCT10 - Ben Evan Thomas Morris-French

## *Burial of Ashes:*

12OCT10 – Anne Maureen Graham

## *All Saints Church Services*

*(for dates see sidespersons rota at back of magazine)*

### *Sundays:*

8.00 *Communion 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays*

11.00 *Parish Communion (Last Sunday Family Communion)*

6.30 *Evensong*

*Wednesdays: 10 am—Communion*

*Under 5's - 2-3 pm on Thursdays (dates Forward Planner)*

## *Under 5's*



Thursdays 13th & 27th January 2011

2-3pm in the Church <sup>5</sup> \* All Welcome

# Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

## Sunday Services

10.30 am and 6.00 pm. A warm welcome is assured to all.  
Communion following the service 3rd Sunday in the month

## Mondays

Mums and Tots – 10.00 am  
Monday Club {Lower School Age} – 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
The Zone on Monday {Middle School Age} – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

## Wednesdays

Weekly bible study and prayer meetings – ring for details.

## Thursday's

10.30 am – coffee pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

## Fridays

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

**Pastor:** Nick Angell 01234 381094, [nick.angell6@googlemail.com](mailto:nick.angell6@googlemail.com)

**Secretary:** Nick Rogers, 07910353520, [njr.pbc@gmail.com](mailto:njr.pbc@gmail.com)



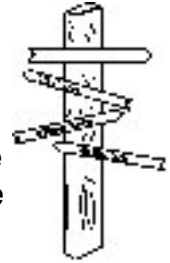
## Girlguiding UK

## 1st Clifton Brownies

To celebrate the Centenary of the Girlguiding movement 1st Clifton Brownies planted an Oak Tree and plaque by the Remembrance wall in the churchyard. We would like to thank Mark-Aaron and all the Brownies and their families for their help and presence at this event. We would also like to thank Premier Trees, Southill for supplying such a lovely specimen to us. The Brownies will be visiting the tree as often as they can to ensure it's healthy growth.



# From the Parish Council



Judy Lanham the long serving Clerk to the Parish Council will be retiring at the end of August 2011. The Council has decided that it wishes her successor to be in place for the start of the new financial year on 1st April 2011. This will allow a period of handover during which Judy will be available to give guidance and also have time to sort and archive accumulated papers.

The vacancy will be advertised early in the new year but the council would welcome now expressions of interest from anyone who feels that they are likely to be applying.

A note to me at 75 Shefford Road Clifton will be sufficient at this stage.

Barry Livesey  
Chairman, Clifton Parish Council

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## CLIFTON MOTHERS' UNION



On 16<sup>th</sup> October we held our annual coffee morning in the Church Hall; we raised just over £200. We donated the proceeds to two Mothers' Union charities:

- AWAY FROM IT ALL: Holidays to give quality life together for stressed families in the UK.
- WFCS; Affiliated to Mothers' Union against violence in India to women.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to give their support and help, enabling us to have such a successful coffee morning.

We meet every third Tuesday in the Church Hall at 2.p.m.  
December meeting will be our Christmas Party.

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



At the October meeting held in the Community Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> October the vacancy on the Council was filled. The new Councillor is Mrs Linda Hurst, 6 Fairfax Close. She will also serve on the Community Centre and Playing Fields committee and was welcomed to her first meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October when the latter committee met.

At the Highways Committee the following evening one of the matters discussed was following a suggestion from the Residents Association that the Parish Council should consider the possibility of having a Christmas tree. Enquiries had been made about the cost of obtaining power for lights from a nearby lamp standard and a figure of £1700.00 was quoted. This was felt to be exorbitant and alternatives were discussed. It was finally decided to investigate whether some form of solar power could be used...

As passers by have doubtless noticed the flower tubs have been re-planted and the thanks of the Council go to Barry and Pauline Livesey, Bill and Barbara Lawrence and their helpers and Joyce and Trevor Tiney for doing so. The Parish Council is also most grateful to those people who regularly care for the planters during the course of the year – a job which is only noticed if not done. Thanks too for those who helped in the Litter Pick. Fewer sacks were collected; hopefully this is a sign that Clifton is becoming more litter- conscious!

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Application has been made for road closure around the War Memorial from 10.45 – 11.15 am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Margaret Stevenson, the usual bugler has agreed to be present.



# Clifton Residents Association

Hi everyone,

Welcome to December. Are you ready for Christmas? We all dread it, but we all love it!

Our A.G.M. on 9<sup>th</sup> November was enjoyable. Our committee has been re-elected the same as last year. Vivienne Kinch-Jameson updated on the new Shefford health centre and everything is looking good. We were shown the plans and informed that the opening date is scheduled for 1st April 2011. There will be 12 doctors, 5 nurses and 2 nurse practitioners. Included in the plans are nursing and minor operation rooms, physiotherapy rooms and a dentistry block.

There will be emergency care practitioners on 24 hour notice, and you will be pleased to know there will be 5 receptionists! All this plus booking on line and 4 weeks in advanced. Car parking will be in abundance!

Our raffle raised £71.80 and proceeds will be going to our playground project. Thank you to all who took part.

The cycle track to Henlow is going through, but as I write we don't know about the street lamps. It looks like that it's all down to cost. Do you remember that I mentioned the flashing speed signs last month? Well, I have seen the amount of 'hits' for each sign. They were put in place from 14<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October, and the total of activations for the 23 days was 238,463!! In our village! I think that you can draw your own conclusions!

All our committee members would like to wish you a merry and safe Christmas,

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stay lucky, Den Fensome

# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

## ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

At our AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November (held jointly with our friends in the Residents Association) we were able to report another successful year of operation. During the year we have responded to about 250 requests at an cost to the scheme of less than £2/call; this covers insurance, telephone, publicity and administration. Although we feel justified in claiming that this offers excellent 'value for money' we are extremely grateful to the benefactors who donate to our group.

In addition to our main activities we have two volunteers who have trained and specialise in armchair exercises for the elderly. They hold weekly sessions in various locations with approximately 100 participants each week. Their activities are largely self-financing with payments received from commercial care homes etc. to meet the special insurance and equipment needed.

Our thanks to all our supporters (volunteers, clients, funding organisations and well-wishers), may you all have an enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

## IF YOU NEED HELP

If you or someone you know needs a bit of assistance; e.g. transport, help at home, or maybe just getting some information - please phone . . .

**07817 614654**

. . . and we'll do whatever we can to help



# WOODLANDS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A big thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need event. The children came dressed in spotty clothes and we had great fun painting spotty faces!! Thank you also to the families who provided shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Our Christmas concert will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Church hall. Due to our large numbers we are holding 2 performances. Please look out for the slips informing you if your child is performing in the morning or the afternoon slot.

The Christmas party will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Community Centre from 1pm to 2.40pm. The children are getting very excited as we are hoping we may get a visit from Father Christmas. We have hired a soft play centre which is very popular with our children, so appropriate clothing and socks should be worn.

Finally we will be holding a Santa's Grotto at Woodlands on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for posters and flyers via All Saints confirming the time. Tickets need to be Pre-booked and are priced at £3.00 each. Please contact Julie or Nichole for further information on 01462 811486.

A reminder for anyone Christmas shopping on the internet: please go via our easy fundraising link which is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you can raise valuable funds for Woodlands at the same time! It only takes a couple of minutes to register by clicking on Register as a user. Please specify The Woodlands Pre-School Clifton so we receive the donations. As many retailers now give extra discounts when you buy on-line, you may even save money!

**On behalf of the team at Woodlands, We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.**

# **AN EVENING OF 3D VISUAL PRESENTATIONS.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Clifton Church Hall, 7.30 pm**

A selection of digital video and still shows produced by members of the Stereoscopic Society and the International Stereoscopic Union from the UK, Europe, the USA and Japan. The presentations may include 3D Animation, Natural History, Ghost Stories, Firework Displays and Formation Parachute Displays. One show will feature Clifton events and people.

In addition there will be table-top displays of the equipment used to take and display both film and digital 3D images and videos with a selection of the Journals produced by the Society to keep members up to date with current equipment and techniques.

Members of the Stereoscopic Society will be on hand to answer your questions and to direct you to sources of further information and supplies.

Tickets price £5 for adults and £3 for students, including refreshments, are available from Brian Padgett (01462 813037) and Kevin Gray (01462 812820)

Proceeds in aid of Lucy Gray's World Challenge to China and the World Scout Jamboree.

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## **2nd Clifton Brownies**

We at present have places at 2nd Clifton Brownie Unit for girls aged 7 to 10 years old. Meetings are held on Tuesdays 5.45 - 7 pm in term times at the Church Hall, Stanford Lane. If you would like further details please contact Sandra on 01462 813724.



# Saturday Club

★ 29th January ★

## FUN CREATIVE

### ★ Activities! ★

£1.00 Per Session

★ Come join us for

## Crafts & Fun!



Who: All 5-12s welcome

★ When:

Saturday, 29th January

Where:

All Saints Church - Clifton

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm





# CLIFTON CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

8PM ON 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER

Join us for another evening of music from two of the region's top bands featuring talented professional and amateur musicians from across Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Book early, last year sold out completely .

*The St Neots Concert Band:-*

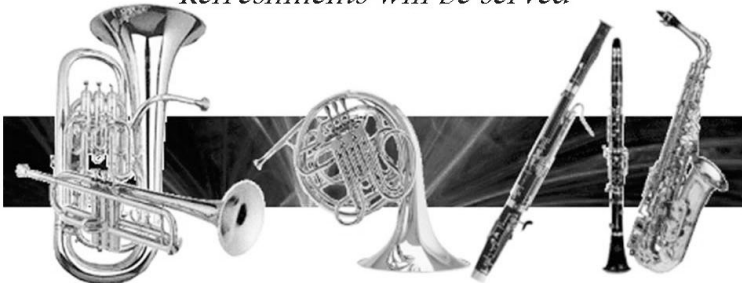
playing light classics to popular tunes, with a smattering of seasonal favourites.

*The St Neots Big Band:-*

offer a varied and lively selection of jazz, funk and latin.



*Refreshments will be served*



Admission £7, tickets from:-

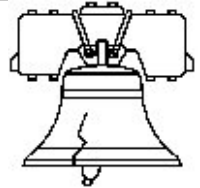
Kevin Gray:- 01462 812820 or Don Gray:- 01462 629690

*All proceeds in aid of Church Hall funds*

# Clifton Christmas Concert LATE NEWS!

If you haven't already spotted the change on our poster, please note that we have extended the Band Concert to include Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to the success of last year's concert we have already sold out on Sunday, but tickets are still available for **Monday 6th**.

## Update on the work on the bells



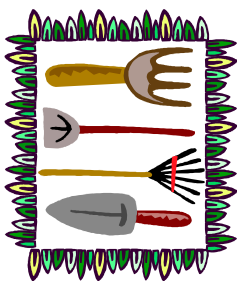
On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, two of our bells rang for a short time while we checked the installation. During the day, we had carried out a majority of the work required on the front 5 bells. The back 3 bells are still sitting in their pits (technical term!) while we wait for the headstocks to be completed. The current schedule is for this work to be completed during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November, so that they can be installed and work completed on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If all goes to plan, we should be ringing them for Sunday Services on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

While our bells have been silent, we have travelled to other towers to practice. We have held 2 practices at Campton, one at Willington, one at Southill, we joined Arlesey for their local practice on one Friday and also visited the home of the Browns' in Shefford to ring on a variety of simulators. We are very grateful to these towers for allowing us the use of their bells. Some of our ringers have also visited local churches to ring for Sunday services (mainly Campton and Stotfold).

We have also received a significant amount of help from local ringers while carrying out the work. In addition to the Clifton ringers, our thanks go to Chris Williams, Sue Silver, Vernon Green, Anthony and Charlotte Smith and Steve Stanford.

Philippa Whittington

# Clifton Gardens' Competition 2011



You don't even have to enter to take part! Large or small, simple or ornate, lawns or hard landscaping, bedding plants or pots all gardens/frontages will be judged as seen from the nearest point of public access. Judging will be based on general impressions based on:

- Pots/baskets/planters/tubs/window boxes
- Use of colour and planting
- Design and focal points
- Use of hard landscaping

24 finalists will be chosen, 3 from each of 8 'zones' across the whole village. Keith Hichisson from Langford Garden Centre has agreed to judge our 24 finalists and presentation of prizes and certificates will be at the **Church Fete on Saturday 2nd July 2011.**

We will be looking for people to judge the preliminary round—if you are interested please give me a ring.

Good luck – let's all give our gardens our best shot, make our village look even lovelier and look forward to the gardening season through the cold winter months.

Kathy Blackmore  
646371





## CLIFTON W.I

President Katherine welcomed 41 members and 2 visitors to our 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tonight. Sec. Iris read her report and Katherine reminded us of available W.I coming events, and read out other correspondence. Pat Kemp and Val Brace were thanked for organizing a successful coffee morning, raising £314 for Macmillan Nurses. Business ended with Treasurers Report. Members Sonia Pugh and Ada Barnes then cut our special cake which we then enjoyed with a glass of wine, also tea and biscuits.

After our enjoyable break we settled down to welcome John Archer, who gave us a fun night on Horse Racing with detailed info, and if following details displayed on a Race Card you could possibly find a winner!. The jockeys obviously play an important part. Their weight varies-under 11 stone, more likely to be a winner!. To end, we watched on screen, two races over jumps at Cheltenham Race Course and we each chose a horse from a detailed list-to win-using the information John had given us all this evening. Great fun evening and Jennifer thanked John on behalf of us all.

Tea ladies: Sue Whiffen, Sonia Pugh, Janice Cobb.

Comp Winners: Helen Chessum, Audrey Steeds, Chris Byers.

The next meeting is:

### **our Annual Christmas Party, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

(NOT THE 8<sup>TH</sup> as printed on our 2010 Programme)

Please bring knife, fork and spoon.

Church Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm

# Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club **BEWARE OF FLASHES**



Time goes quickly and it will soon be December when Biggleswade Sandy Lions will be seeking your help to enable us to provide Christmas parcels for those on hard times and the lonely as well as help fund our wide and varied community service work next year. Many are having to tighten their belts because of the economic climate, but there are a lot who are finding the going very tough, so we would ask you please to be as generous as you possibly can.

Our planned tin shakes in December are at G&M Growers 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, Sainsburys 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, ASDA 18<sup>th</sup>&19<sup>th</sup>.

Our sleigh runs will be Biggleswade 6<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup>, Langford 7<sup>th</sup>&14<sup>th</sup>, Potton 9<sup>th</sup>, Clifton 20<sup>th</sup> and Henlow 21<sup>st</sup>. Here you will see the flashes – some of us will be wearing flashing Lions badges – there's no escape!

One of the highlights is our annual charity dance with its high quality tombola on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Many came last year for the first time and enjoyed it so much, vowed to come back, so tickets are in demand – don't miss out. It is held at the Weatherley Centre, 8pm to midnight, with dancing to the popular band, "Rhythm & Rhapsody". Tickets are £13 per head, including a plated supper and there is a bar. For tickets and information call David and Judith Hagger on 01462 814693 or David and Anne Gentle on 01767 680143.

Why not volunteer to become a Friend of Biggleswade Sandy Lions and help us in our fundraising events? All we ask from you is some of your spare time – you will be very welcome. Call Roger Wolburn on 01462 814967.



**LIONS HELPING THE COMMUNITY**

**Clifton Sleigh Run  
20th December**

# CLIFTON PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Clifton Parent & Toddler Group runs on a Wednesday morning from 9.15 till 11.00 at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent. There's a warm welcome for everyone who comes along and joins in the fun - you'll meet new friends, have a drink and a chat, you can let your children socialise with other toddlers and play with our large selection of toys and activities.

- toddlers from birth to 4 years old
- 9.15am to 11.00am every Wednesday during term time
- free refreshments for parents and children
- ride on toys, trampoline, climbing frame & slide and out door play weather permitting
- role play toys, soft play, play dough
- craft table, books and puzzles
- £1 per adult 50p per child

Lots of good things to look forward to in Dec great stalls and fun crafts for everyone

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## **Clifton Toddlers Christmas Fayre Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



Perfect time to pick up great Christmas gifts

Stalls include : handmade Jewelry and cards, unusual gifts for adults and children , produce, toys ,clothes, 70% of book stall, children's tombola, jam jar tombola , name the teddy , Shefford WI, homemade cakes to take home and to enjoy with a choice of refreshments !



Plus a fantastic Raffle so come along and join the festive fun!!



# Samuel Whitbread Parent and Toddler Group

Thursdays in term time from 1.15pm-2.45 pm  
children 1-5 years  
in the nursery unit

Qualified and experienced Staff on hand if you need advice or help with anything !

Come along to our Parent and toddler group at Samuel Whitbread Nursery in Shefford , where you can meet other parents and carers with children of similar ages, chat, have fun with your children and meet our friendly staff who will be here , in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

there will be a chance to read books , have a go at craft activities , join in with singing and play with lots of toys ! also once a month we will be having a music session with instruments and lots more !

As space at the nursery is limited and we won't know how many people will be coming each time, booking will be required to avoid disappointment please ring and put your name down on the day by 10.00 am  
on 01462 815637

Weekly fee of 30p to cover the cost of snack , drink , and any activities that will be provided !

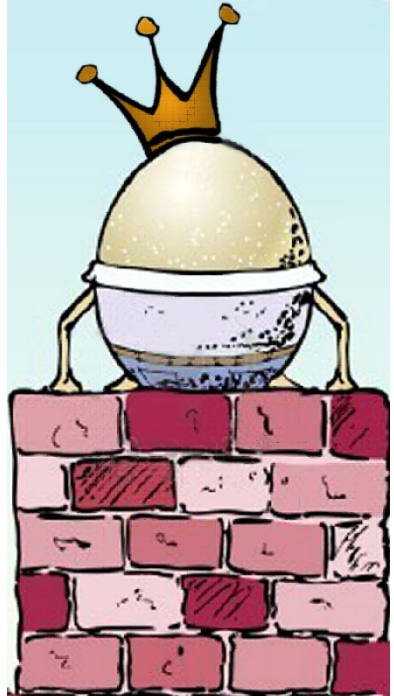


Clifton Dramatic Society

# King Humpty Dumpty

20th, 21st, 22nd  
January 2011  
8pm

Matinee  
22nd January 2011  
2.30pm



(doors open 15 mins before performances)

All Saints Church Hall, Stanford  
Lane, Clifton

An amateur production by kind permission of Samuel French Ltd

**Tickets: £7.50 (adults) £5.00 (concessions)**  
**Call 01462 649228 to book**

# Mobile Police Station Surgery

This will take place on:

Thursday 9 December  
1430 – 1530 hours



On the forecourt of the One Stop Shop, Clifton. The idea is to enable the public to have an informal chat about any concerns they may have regarding crime or anti social behaviour.

Leigh Iddon  
PCSO 3660  
Shefford, Stotfold and Arlesey SNT  
01234 842567

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## **‘Fingers Crossed’ Cross Stitch Club**

**Date:** every 3rd Thursday of the month

**Venue:** At the Town Council Meeting Rooms, North Bridge Street, Shefford

**Time:** 7.30 – 9.30pm

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

For more information phone <sup>22</sup>Ruth on 01462-629594

# Preparing for Transition?

Imagine discovering an energy source so versatile that it could power 90% of modern transportation, help in the production of 95% of industrial goods, provide a three fold increase in agricultural crop yields and supply our government (alongside gas) with 30% of its corporation tax receipts.

You just struck oil! But here's the rub. 100 years ago you only had to puncture Texan ground to make oil burst forth. Today we're burning natural gas to extract it from tar sands. The return on energy invested was once 100:1 - for tar sands it is closer to 2:1. As more and more energy is required to extract oil, less will be available to feed economic growth. The low price oil we've enjoyed for decades appears to be history.

The Transition Town Network has highlighted some of the challenges this poses. It is working to build local resilience and it is not alone. Interest in allotment plots, car sharing and renewable energy is growing. Sustrans is encouraging us to walk, cycle and use public transport. People are getting their homes better insulated - a sensible first step faced with the prospect of rising heating costs.

For further information visit [www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk/saving](http://www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk/saving)

## References:

90% of the world's transport relies on oil

<http://tiny.cc/g8b21>

Oil is used directly or indirectly in the production of 95% of industrial goods <http://tiny.cc/tctpi>

Oil and gas provide 30% of all UK corporation tax receipts

<http://tiny.cc/l89yl>

In the US in 1930 the EROI for ~~20~~ was at least 100:1

<http://tiny.cc/vlwl1>

Tar sands - investing 1 barrel (in gas equivalent) to extract 2 barrels of oil <http://tiny.cc/x50g7>

For every 100 established allotment plots, 59 people are on a waiting list <http://tiny.cc/m3lq0>

Members of car sharing clubs around the UK number 127,000 <http://tiny.cc/mo708>

Sustrans makes smarter travel choices possible <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/about-sustrans>

Since 2005, Transition Town groups have sprung up across the UK and now the world. To find your nearest group, visit [www.transitionnetwork.org](http://www.transitionnetwork.org)

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USEA ([usea.org.uk](http://usea.org.uk)) works in partnership with local authorities throughout Bucks, Berks, Beds, Herts, Oxon, Hants and the Isle of Wight. We operate an Energy Saving Trust advice centre for the South East and offer an insulation installer comparison service called Cocoon ([cocoonyourhome.co.uk](http://cocoonyourhome.co.uk)).

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# Forward Planner

December	
1	WI Christmas Party, Church Hall, 7.00 for 7.30
4	Toddlers Christmas Fair 1-4
5	Church Open 2.00-5.00 Christmas Carol Service, Church, 8.00
6	Christmas Carol Service, Church, 8.00
9	Mobile Police Surgery, 2.30-3.30, One Stop
12	Service of 9 lessons and carols, Church, 6.30
20	Lions' Sleigh Run
24	Crib Service, 4.00 Christmas Eve Communion, 11.30 pm
25	Christmas morning family communion, 11 am
January	
2	Church Open 2.00-5.00
20-22	Clifton Drama Pantomime, Church Hall
29	Saturday Club, Church, 2.00 – 4.00

## Sidespersons and Readers December 2010

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Reader
5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock	Mr J Peacock Romans 15.4 - 13
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs M Cakebread John 1.19 - 28
12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Mr J Peacock	
	11.00	Mr D Brace Mrs S Clarke	Mrs S Welsford James 5.7-10
	6.30	Mr K Gray	Mr P Blackmore Acts 13.13-41
19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Mr & Mrs C Brown	Mrs S Ward Romans 1.1-7
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	Mr B Padgett T B C
24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00	Mrs S Lowing & Family	
	23.30	Mrs F Kendall Miss L Tobitt	Mrs L Wilson Acts 13.16-26
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Mr & Mrs A Smith & Family	Miss L Gray Titus 2.11-14
26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Mr M Richardson	
	11.00	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mrs F Kendall Acts 7.51-end
	6.30	Mrs C Killick	Mr D Killick Matthew 23.34-end

A copy of this rota is on the Vestry notice board. **26** you are unable to read or be a sidesperson on the date given, please try to swap with someone else and inform a Churchwarden or amend the Vestry copy. This rota is also available at: [www.clifton-beds.co.uk](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk).

## Sidespersons and Readers January 2011

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Reader</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00	Mrs J Dann Mr T Sullivan	Mr C Brown Ephesians 3.1-12
	6.30	Mrs H Moncrieff	Mrs J Pavey John 2.1-11
9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Mrs K Whitcher	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mr D Brace Acts 10.34-43
	6.30	Mr K Gray	Mrs P Whittington Hebrews 1. 1-12
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Mrs & Mrs D Killick	Mr A Good 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs A Sullivan Galatians 1.11-end
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00	Mrs P Heath	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs R Welsford	Mr B Livesey 1 Corinthians 1.10-18
	6.30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs F Kendall 1 Peter 1.3-12
30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Mr J Peacock	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs A Cooper & Family	Miss M Turner Hebrews 2.14-end
	6.30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr P Blackmore John 2. 18-22
6 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00	Mrs S Collins Mrs J Cooper	Mrs P Outen 1 Corinthians 2.1-12
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	Mrs M Cakebread Ephesians 4.17-end



## ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***

### **St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Rose Boulton	811547
	Sr Margaret	814079

#### **Sunday Services**

St Francis                                      9.00 am    5.15 pm

#### **Saturday Service**

St Andrew's RAF Henlow                  6.00 pm

### **Shefford Methodist Church**

<b>Minister</b>	Dave Haseldine	813284
<b>Steward</b>	Elspeth	817199
<b>Bookings</b>	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**

Major Joy Davidson                      01462-731072

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