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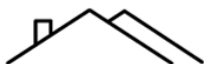
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All contributions and information from clubs, societies and general community interest items are welcome, the editor reserves the right to make decisions on content. Please e-mail contributions to: [chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk)

Wishing you health and good times in the new year, there are lots of activities to look forward to, join in!

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends,



In our village from 8th May 2025, we'll be marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day), when the nation will unite to remember the end of the Second World War in Europe. The church bells will ring at 6.30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> May just as they rang to signify the end of the war in 1945. Stand and listen outside the church and marvel at the poppy display which will adorn the outside south Church wall. Thank you so much to the community spirit and dedication of over 100 people from Clifton and other places who have made over 2000 poppies to remember this significant anniversary.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May at our War Memorial in Clifton, we'll gather together old and young at 3pm to pray for continued hope and peace in this community, places of work and around the world.

Do join us over these few days 8<sup>th</sup> May to 11<sup>th</sup> May and take this opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the peace that so many from our village who are still remembered, who sacrificed their lives during the Second World War. Let's not squander these lives who gave so much for our today.

For those who believe in the Christian faith, remember Jesus said he is the light of the world. And where there is light there is hope. Perhaps you could light a candle in the church or at home or light a candle online on the Church of England webpage to remember loved ones who fought in the war.



"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Every blessing Revd Canon Caren





## All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers

### Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

22nd March Peter Howe

2nd April Maureen Meadows

### Memorial Service in Church

23rd March Norman Knapp

### Wedding

5th April Sofia Georghiou and Neil Dawson



## All Saints' Church Clifton Services

### Sundays:

11.00 am Parish Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
All Age Worship, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Morning Prayer, 4<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Service 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill

### Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

For details of church services see: <https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/>



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If you think you would like to become a phone holder and join the CGNS please contact the number below, leave your details and one of the Committee members will be in touch to explain the role in more detail.

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## CGNS Tea & Chat on Wednesdays

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- 14th May
- 28th May
- 11th June



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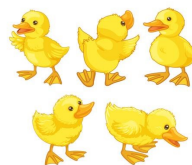


# Samuel Whitbread Academy

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I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic half-term here at Samuel Whitbread Academy. We have seen many incredible achievements across the school, alongside a wide range of enriching events and activities.

One of the most unique and memorable moments this term was the arrival of four new additions to our academy—not students, but ducklings! As part of a dedicated science project organised by Mr Tate, our science lab became a temporary home for these hatchlings, providing an enriching learning experience for both staff and students of all ages. We are delighted to share that they have now been rehomed with our very own Ms Barford, where they will continue to be well cared for.



Year 12 geographers had an unforgettable experience on their recent residential trip to Dorset, where they explored the Jurassic Coast. This hands-on fieldwork opportunity allowed them to develop their data collection techniques, including beach profiling and soil pH testing, while refining their investigative skills in a real-world setting.

On 25th March, we observed the International Day of Remembrance for Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Some of our students had the honour of attending a profoundly moving event hosted by Sharon De Leonardis and SpectaculArts, where they participated in poetry readings and a candle-lighting ceremony. It was a powerful and thought-provoking experience, reminding us of the importance of reflection and education in shaping a more empathetic and tolerant future.



In the arts, our Year 11 students took to the stage for their Drama Performance Evening—an invaluable opportunity to refine their skills ahead of their GCSE practical exams. Another highlight was the Spring Concert, which showcased the extraordinary musical talent at Samuel Whitbread in what was one of the most impressive performance evenings ever seen at SWA. We now look forward to the upcoming Year

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13 Drama Performance Evening and Dance Showcase, wishing all involved the very best of luck.

In just ten days, the students of Sam Whit achieved one of the most outstanding sets of results in SWA's history. The streak of success began with the U18 boys securing a dominant 7-1 victory over Cheadle Hulme High School, earning their place in the Football National Final for the third time. Then, on Monday, the U14 girls triumphed in the Sisters in Sport Netball National Bowl, while the U16 girls claimed victory in the Rosslyn Park 7s Bowl. The winning momentum continued on Thursday as the U16 girls advanced to the County Cup final in football, followed by the U18 girls reaching the Rosslyn Park 7s Cup final on Friday.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our students, staff, and families for their dedication and enthusiasm this term. We also bid a fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs Linehan as she embarks on her new role as Principal at Pix Brook Academy.

Nick Martin, Principal

## GLGS

Due to illness a small field of 11 players played at Pavenham Park Golf Cluc on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the Presidents Trophy on an overcast day. Again, the scoring was very close. As usual we returned to the Admiral for our evening meal and prize giving.

1<sup>st</sup> with 32 pts

Alan Evans

2<sup>nd</sup> with 31 pts

John Wall

3<sup>rd</sup> with 29 pts

Kevin Gray

Nearest the Pin – Not Won

Longest Drive – Alan Mason



### The programme for the rest of the season is:

20<sup>th</sup> May – Abbey Hill

17<sup>th</sup> June – Bedford & County

15<sup>th</sup> July – St Neots

19<sup>th</sup> August – Batchwood

16<sup>th</sup> September – Brampton Park

21<sup>st</sup> October – Stevenage (Aston)

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# Clifton Village Events 2025

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<b>May</b>	<b>7</b>	WI
	<b>8-11</b>	<b>Clifton VE Day 80 Event</b>
	<b>14</b>	Tea & Chat
	<b>17</b>	Plant Swap
		Afternoon Concert, Church, 3.00
	<b>20</b>	GLGS
	<b>25</b>	Big Bowls Weekend
	<b>28</b>	Tea & Chat
	<b>31</b>	Quiz, Church Hall
<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	WI
	<b>6,7&amp;8</b>	HATS Drama—Flying Feathers
	<b>11</b>	Tea & Chat
	<b>17</b>	GLGS
	<b>12&amp;13</b>	Clifton in Bloom
	<b>14</b>	Churchyard Clear-up
<b>July</b>	<b>15</b>	GLGS



# Plant Swap



*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

*2 pm - 4 pm*

*Clifton Community Centre Car Park*

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# AFTERNOON CONCERT

Saturday 17th May 2025

Beginning 3.00 pm

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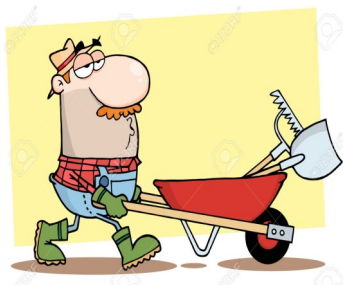




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## Churchyard Clear Up No Churchyard Clear-up in May



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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, from 7pm, Grange Street

**Beacon Lighting 9:30pm**

**Live Entertainment thanks to The Admiral  
Information Station**

**Representatives from RAF Henlow**

**Chicksands and Henlow Military Wives Choir**

**Food and Drink available at The Admiral**

### **StrEat Party**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm to 8pm, Clifton Playing Field  
**Optional 1940s or Red White and Blue Dress Code**

**Cockney Sing-A-Long with Tom Carradine**

**6 to 6:45pm Children's Sing-A-Long**

**7:15 to 8pm 1940s Sing-A-Long**



**The Admiral Bar  
Food Trucks  
Bouncy Castle**







# Clifton VE 80

## What's On:

### Saturday & Sunday

### **Family Fun Day**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 6pm

Clifton Community Centre and Playing Field

**Bygone Bakes Contest**

**Mend and Make Do Exhibition**

**VE Tea Room: Refreshments**

**The Admiral Bar, Holy Smoke Street Food**

**Vintage Vehicles**

**Information Station and Artwork Displays**

**Displays and Performances**

**Free Games and Rides for children with Clifton VE80 Badge**

**...and much more!**

### **Service then Activities**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm, Clifton War Memorial

**Service of Commemoration**

**followed by churchyard activities:**

**Refreshments**

**Treasure Hunt**

**Zip-Lining Teddies**

**Raffle Draw**





# Clifton in Bloom

12th & 13th July 2025



<https://Cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk>

More details available online

## Clifton In Bloom Rules

Entry is free

Maps and voting forms will be free and made available throughout the weekend

The event will be held on the 12th and 13th of July 2025

Entry closes on the 4th of July 2025

Entries must be visible from the road or pathway

Sunflowers will be measured on the 13/07/25 by the Clifton in Bloom team

You may enter more than one category

Please be creative as you like with your flowerpot men

Prizes to be announced shortly

Have fun!

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# Clifton in Bloom

12th & 13th July



<https://Cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk>

More details available online

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
Prizes for  
winners

## Entry Form

**Closing Date 4th July**

*Please select from the categories below, you may enter more than one.*

- ☐ A - Front Garden
- ☐ B - Hanging Baskets and Planters
- ☐ C - Tallest Sunflower
- ☐ D - Flowerpot Men (NEW)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Clifton Community Centre  
or Email [Clerk@cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk)

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THE FRIENDS OF CLIFTON CHURCH

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**7.30 pm, Church Hall**

**£5 per person in teams of up to six**

**Bring your own drink and nibbles**

**Tickets available from Keith Pledger**

**07721561940 or [k.pledger@ntlworld.com](mailto:k.pledger@ntlworld.com)**

**Proceeds in aid of All Saints Clifton**

## **BIG BOWLS WEEKEND—Sunday 25 May 10.00-4.00**

Shefford Bowls Club are taking part in this year's Big Bowls Weekend over the May Bank holiday. They will be open on Sunday 25h May from 1000 to 1600. If you have ever wondered about playing bowls or wanted to try bowling this is your chance to come along and have a go. The session can be booked through the Bowls England Website - just search for Shefford Bowls Club and enter your name in the session.

If you cannot make that day the club is also having an **Open Day** on **Sunday 1st June** from 1000 to 1530. We also have coaching sessions on Thursday afternoons.



Our coaches will be at both events to help you, all equipment will be supplied. All we ask is that you wear flat shoes.

If you would like to have a go but cannot make either of these dates, please contact the Club Secretary on 07708640396 or email: [secretarysheffordbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysheffordbowlsclub@gmail.com).

Bowls provides medically approved gentle exercise, plus good company. All are welcome to have a go irrespective of age, gender, experience or ability.

## Clifton WI



I was sorry to miss Sarah Harrison. From feedback I have heard, the Poetry Readings, were much enjoyed. Thank you for your return visit.

Also I do apologise for my blip last month, regarding the meeting days. of course they are still on the FIRST Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated.

### MAY

- At our May meeting we will be entertained by a group of handbell ringers, hopefully with a brief history of handbell ringing and a chance to try them out.
- **VE Day celebrations**, as most of you know, the WI are running a tea and cake bar, on Saturday the 10th May in the Community Hall. I hope as many of you as possible will be supporting our efforts. Thank you if you have signed up to provide cakes or are helping serve teas etc. More help is always welcome.

### JUNE

- We have our own cream tea in Gill Brown's garden on the 4th June. If you haven't yet signed up, please ensure you do in order that enough cakes, strawberries and cream are available. There will be a table quiz and a raffle.
- Also we have two tables for the Ascot Ladies day, at Stondon Golf Club. Sort your glad rags out ladies, ready for an enjoyable occasion.

Best wishes to all, Lesley Burton 07722357542

## Nature Walks 4 Women

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The walks are held monthly throughout the year and alternate between the 3rd Tuesday and the 3rd Saturday, the next one is:

**Saturday 17th May—Summer migrants**

Book and find out more here:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/thelodge>



# **The Parish of All Saints, Clifton**

## **NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in

All Saints Church, Clifton

on 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 12:15

This meeting may be attended by:

- All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
- All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.



## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

The APCM will be held in All Saints Church, Clifton

on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 12.25

- 1 For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:  
To the Parochial Church Council 2 representatives.
- 2 For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.
- 3 For the consideration of:
  - a) A Report on the numbers entered on the new Electoral Roll;
  - b) An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
  - c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting, audited or independently examined;
  - d) A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
  - e) A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
  - f) Other matters of parochial or general Church interest.





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<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes</b> £17.50 (Free entry if you have 2024 ticket )	£10.00 11.00/11.30
Bletchley Park is an English county house and estate in Bletchley, Milton Keynes that became the principal centre of Allied code-breaking during the World War 2. Guided tour available foc.		
<b>June 26th</b>	<b>Boughton House &amp; Gardens, Northants</b> £19.00 (incl. Kings Tour).	£15.00 10.00/10.30

This remarkable house, the English home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, is a blend of the intimate and grand drawing its inspiration from the Palace of Versailles. Its village-like Tudor courtyards contrast with its palatial 18th century additions, earning it the title 'The English Versailles' which inspired filmmakers at Universal to use Boughton in the latest film adaptation of Les Misérables. Stables café/restaurant.

<b>July 24th</b>	<b>Old Warden, Shuttleworth &amp; Swiss Gardens.</b> £16.00	£6.50 10.15/10.30
Explore the world's oldest flying aeroplane and other vintage aircraft, cars, buses and motorbikes at Shuttleworth. Walk through ornate ironwork gates into the Swiss Gardens, a delightful Regency and Victorian layered garden and discover a green and pleasant idyll.		
<b>August 28th</b>	<b>Althorp House, Northants.</b> £23.00 House & Gardens	£15.00 10.00/10.15

Althorp has been home to the Spencer family for more than 500 years, and contains a fascinating variety of pictures, furniture, ceramics and fine interiors. Located in beautiful surroundings, it houses an exhibition commemorating the Life of Diana, Princess of Wales.

<b>September 25th</b>	<b>Whipsnade Zoo, Dunstable</b> Concession £26.50.	£10.00 09.45/10.15
Explore the world of wildlife like never before at Whipsnade Zoo, the largest in the UK. Experience thousands of amazing animals and learn how, as a ZSL conservation zoo, we are protecting their future.		
<b>October 23rd</b>	<b>Milton Keynes Museum.</b> Entry £17.50	£10.00 09.45/10.15

The Museum is made up of a number of buildings and barns. Explore 'old' Milton Keynes with Victorian farmhouse, Street of Shops, Telephone Gallery, Hall of Transport, Print Room and a café! A surprising and highly interesting museum.

# Volunteers Needed

## Clifton Good Neighbours

Volunteers needed to support our neighbours, to collect prescriptions, take to GP and hospital appointments etc.



To find out more about how you can help our community contact:

**Sue Cross** [susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk)

## Clifton Walking Group



The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly bunch of local people who like to walk in the local area and chat along the way.

We go out most days for about an hour, and once a month do a longer route of about 6 to 8 miles. We also arrange social events over the year.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Suzanne on:  
[ionsuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:ionsuzanne@gmail.com) or 07933 709006

## Tots

**Monday & Friday - 10.00—11.30**

(term time only)

Providence Baptist Chapel, Clifton

We are a friendly group for children age 0-5 along with their parents, grandparents and carers. Tea & coffee provided along with a biscuit, story and songs for the little ones at the end.



# Crime Statistics for March 2025

## HARASSMENT

01/03/2025 Undisclosed

05/03/2025 Undisclosed

## MALISCOUS COMMUNICATIONS

01/03/2025 Undisclosed

## BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

10/03/2025 Pedley Lane

## INTERFERING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE

10/03/2025 Pedley Lane

## STALKING

10/03/2025 Undisclosed

## SEXUAL

13/03/2025 Undisclosed

14/03/2025 Undisclosed

## STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER

27/03/2025 Manor Close

## THREATS TO KILL

27/03/2025 Shefford Road

## OTHER THEFT

28/03/2025 Shefford Road

## PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS

29/03/2025 Broad Street

## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY-HOME

29/03/2025 Whiston Crescent

## THEFT FROM THE PERSON

29/03/2025 Shefford Road



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## Thank you to Clifton All Saints Academy

My thanks particularly to Ash Class for making the church an Easter Cross this year to use in our Easter Day service. It is always a pleasure to serve your school as your priest and governor.

I was impressed with your learning last term regarding the Easter story and it was wonderful that you shared your knowledge at the end of term School service in your church. Thank you to those who read out their prayers and read from the Bible telling the Easter story. Your Head Teacher and all her staff should be very proud of you as your behaviour and manners are always exemplary.

I look forward to some of you reading prayers at our VE Day on the 11th May.

Every Blessing, Revd Canon Caren



### Calling all organists/pianists!

#### **NEEDED: An organist/pianist for All Saints Church, Clifton**

We are very keen to engage a new organist/pianist due to our much-loved organist at Clifton retiring in August 2025.

**All Saints Clifton**, has a service every Sunday at 11am and the organist plays on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at an evensong on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6.30pm each month.

There are other occasional services, which would require the successful applicant to play at if available such as weddings, funerals etc. We have two relief organists who can assist from time to time.

Clifton church has a fine 2-manual, full pedal board, Willis organ and an enthusiastic RSCM affiliated choir of six members, which rehearse every Thursday at 7.30pm during school terms. We also have an electric piano. We sing traditional and contemporary hymns/worship songs.

The Annual stipend; will be considered with the successful candidate or £35 per service and £40 per choir practice.

All applications to: [Rector4clifton@gmail.com](mailto:Rector4clifton@gmail.com)  
(DBS will apply).

Revd Canon Caren Topley



# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## 14h April 2025



**CB/25/00776/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 3, Burrows Close, SG17 5EG. Garage conversion to study/wet room. **Awaiting decision.**

**CB/25/00775/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – Land at 1 – 7, Arnolds Close SG1 5SJ. Extended land. **Application Registered.**

**CB/25/00771/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 5, Arnolds Close, SG17 5SJ. Erection of outbuilding. **Awaiting Decision.**

**CB/25/00495/FULL** 6<sup>th</sup> March – 26, Haycock Gardens, SG17 5QN. Erection of single storey side extension etc. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/25/00184/FULL** – 12<sup>th</sup> February – 91, Shefford Road, SG17 5RF. Demolition of garage. Replace with 2 storey side extension. **Granted.**

**CB/25/00438/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> February – 8, Clifton House, SG17 5EQ. Erection of new annexe. **Granted.**

**CB/25/00439/LDCP** - 11<sup>th</sup> February – 8, Clifton House Close, SG17 5EQ. Use of land for siting mobile home. **Granted.**

**CB/25/ 00134/FULL** - 20<sup>th</sup> January – 51, Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ. Demolition of existing garages. Single storey front extension, 2 storey side extension and single rear extension. **Refused.**

**CB/24/02888/FULL** – 14<sup>th</sup> October -12/13, Earl Close, SG17 5RS. Detached 1 bed single storey dwelling. **Refused – Appeal.**

**CB/24/00921/FULL** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Clifton Cricket Club, Stanford Road. SG17 5EW. Erection of new club pavilion. **Awaiting Decision.**

**Tony Hyde – Clifton Action Group**





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\*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

### Wednesdays (term time)

Coffeepot 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm 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)



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### **Sunday Services**

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### **Saturday Service**

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## **Shefford Methodist Church**

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**Bookings:**      Chris & Peter      815069

### **Sunday Service**

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## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

**Church Leaders:**      Captains Adrian & Gemma Allen

**Contact:**      01462-731072

**Sunday Services:**    10.30 am

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