

Parish Diary September 2019

2nd	12:30pm	Eucharist with soup and sandwich lunch	St F
3rd	2pm	Pram Service	St P
6th	10am-12	Community Coffee Morning	St A
	2pm	Priory Ladies	Priory Hall
7th	2pm	Beetle Drive	St F
9th	7:45pm	DCC	St P
11th	7:45pm	DCC	St F
14th	10am-6pm	Ch open for Historic Churches 'Bike 'n Hike'	St F
	11am-3:30	Wedding Fayre	St P
	6pm	DCT Proms in the Park	Pr Gdns
15th	2:15ish	Priory Ramblers	
	3:30pm	RAFA	St P
16th	3pm	61 Group	61 Gr Nor Rd
	2pm	St Fred's Ladies	St F
17th	7:30pm	DCC	St A
20th	10am-12	Community Coffee Morning	St A
	2pm	Priory Ladies	Priory Hall
21st	9.30am	DCC	St F
	6:30pm	Quiz Night	St K
22nd	10.45am	Harvest Festival Service	St K
24th	7:45pm	St Aug's Ladies Guild	St A
27th	10am	Macmillian Coffee Morning	St P
28th	6pm	Harvest Supper	St A
29th	10:30pm	Harvest Service	St A
30th	2pm	St Fred's Ladies	St F



Team Spirit News Sheet September 2019

Chloe, Jacob and I have recently returned from our wonderful adventure at Camas. For Chloe and I, as well as others, this was part of our 2 year programme to become full members of the Iona Community.

Camas is the Iona Community's outdoor activity centre on Mull. It is housed in 200-year old cottages nestled in a beautiful bay, 1¼ miles walk from the road to Fionnphort on the way to Iona. It's a place of great beauty, off the grid and powered by renewable energy, where you can live simply, enjoying the natural rhythms of day and night, the nearness of nature and the warmth of community. While Camas welcome a wide range of groups, their primary focus is to offer young people experiencing significant disadvantage a week in community to relax and have fun as well as to be challenged and stretched.

Co-leader of the Community, Kathy Galloway, says that 'in some ways, Camas is the Iona Community stripped down to its essentials'.

At Camas there's the opportunity to learn to live ecologically, to share food and stories, and to work to build community. The Celts spoke of reading God in the 'little book' (the Bible) *and* the 'big book' (the Creation). Camas is a great place to 'read' creation. Camas encourage guests to find meaning and purpose (for us Christians, to find God) in reflecting on our everyday actions, especially on our common work for the common good. We allow life in community to shape us for the better.

In Camas the everyday essentials of life, of which Jesus frequently spoke about in his parables, come alive in our bodies as well as in our minds. As Kathy Galloway puts it 'At Camas, they are immediate, we depend on them, participate in them – light, water, wind, boats on stormy seas....'.

Camas awoke in me a great feeling of gratitude for the gift of life, for the goodness of God that is pure grace. 'How good and lovely it is to live together in unity' sings the Psalmist. And so do I.

Are there experiences of creation and community life that have awoken in you a desire to live more simply and with greater gratitude for the goodness of life and the grace of God? What might such a place and community look like for you?



Peace in all things,

Ricky

The Priory Church will take centre stage for a fashion show as part of the **Old Palace Lodge's Wedding Fair on Sat 14th Sept.** The event takes place between 12 and 4 and will give happy couples the chance to search for inspiration for their special day. Bridal fashion show's will take place in the church twice during the event at around **12:30** and **2.30pm**. It is hoped that the 900 year old setting will provide a dramatic backdrop for the range of bridal wear and will help showcase musicians who will also take part, including the choir. The church will also have a stand for any enquiries in terms of wedding bookings.

"The Legend of Troy" - a brand new musical which has been written by Chris Burrett who has been a member of the Priory Church choir for 14 years (since the age of 7!). Six other members of the Priory Choirs are in leading roles including Jonathan Burrett, Ian Rogers, John Bradley, Ben Taylor, Kieran Pritchard and Sarah Taylor-Warner who plays the role of Helen of Troy. It is being performed by the Square Drama Circle at the Methodist Church, Duns, on **Oct 31st, Nov 1st and 2nd**. Tickets can be obtained from Choir members or through the Square Drama Circle website (www.thesquaredramacircle.co.uk) Please come and support Chris and the other choir members who have given so many years of dedicated service to the Priory. That aside, the music is amazing!

Parish contacts are as follows:

St Augustine's – Revd Ricky Turner 528485
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News from St. Augustine's**New Life Community Grant:**

A huge thanks to the Diocesan Board of Education for awarding us £700 to strengthen our relationship with St Augustine's Academy through shared acts of worship. We will hold termly Collective Worship in church with the school children and staff. We will also invite parents and carers to attend and take part. We have purchased a new video projector and projector screen from this grant. Holding and following an order of service and a hymn book or song sheet while caring for a baby or toddler is not practical or worshipful. We want to offer worship that is vibrant, inclusive and predominantly student-led. This is an exciting new project for us and the school! Our next Collective Worship in church will be on Tuesday 8th October. Please could you pray for us?

Community Coffee Mornings

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 10.00am till 12.00 noon.
 All are welcome.

News from St Fremund's

Recently St Fremund's enjoyed a strawberry tea, 2 super single's lunches, a good games afternoon with tea and cake and a coffee morning. Thank you to everyone for coming and to the organisers of these events.

Bike 'n Hike – Sat 14th Sept. A few of us hope to follow in Robin's fabulous footsteps this year and visit some of the churches in our area.

Our **MAP** (Mission Action Plan) meeting will be **Sat 21st Sept** 9.30 am coffee/tea, 10 am start followed by a bring and share lunch.

Up-coming events

Beetle Drive - Sat 7th Sept 2-4 p.m.

Harvest Supper - Sat 5th Oct 4-6 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar - Sat 30th Nov 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

News from St Katherine's

Date for your diaries:

Supper & Quiz` Night - 21st September at 6.30pm (please come on time!) for a Fish and Chips (or Sausage and Chips) Cost £10 per person.

Please pay at the door.

Teams – Up to SIX per team

Either bring a complete team along or come along and join together to form scratch teams.

Let Ann Hassall know if you are coming, and your choice of Menu from the above. (Tel 690641), email annhassall@btinternet.co

Priory Church Tower Repairs

As anyone who has passed the church will know, the repairs to the tower are well under way. Now that the scaffolding is in place, work has started on the parapet. Damaged and unsafe stones are being removed; where possible, existing stones will be reused; where they are too damaged, new stone will be used. The work will probably take until after Christmas, and we will hope that the scaffolding should be removed by the end of January. The bells, however, are unlikely to be rung again until nearer Easter - we are advised that it will take this time to ensure that the mortar is completely set.

We are hugely grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, ChurchCare/Wolfson Grant and the All Churches Trust all of whom have generously supported this work.

Information from the Diocese

The Diocesan initiative "Reaching New People" has asked that churches publicise this by means of some short films. To see one of these, go to the Parish website - dunstableparish.org - and follow the link at the bottom of the page - well worth looking at.

Weddings

Michelle Donna Tedeschi and James Henry Ratcliff
 Jonathon Peter James Stynes and Louise Ellen White
 Miles John Easton and Amanada Victoria Abrehart
 Carl Matthew Kirkby and Phoebe Louise Clarke-Woods
 David Boyle and Emma Louise Paine
 Mark McNeil and Kelly Louise Welch

Funerals

Michael Richard Bland
 Joan Gault
 Alan Sidney Harvey
 Sylvia Ferris
 Effie Newing
 Margery Jones
 Kathleen Violet Arganese
 Violet Struggles

Baptisms

July

Logan Brandon Connor Robb

August

Amie Louise Jones-Cross
 Ishaan Ariyan Kishore
 Aila Sahana Kishore