

BURTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Church Web Site: www.burtonroadmethodist.org.uk

“Burton Road Methodist Church is committed to bringing people to Christ, through God’s word, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- . Accepting people as they are
- . Worshipping together as a family
- . Welcoming and loving everyone
- . Serving the community around us

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Large print Bibles, hymn, service, and songbooks and sheets are available, please ask at the door.

Welcome to all, as we prepare to welcome the little baby, who came to save all of us

Sunday 19th December – 3rd in Advent

10.30 am – Rev Stephen Brown – Service of Holy Communion

4.00 pm – Mr Garth Hicks – Christingle Service

Following the Christingle service, refreshments will be served in the hall. Gifts of Mince pies and biscuits would be gratefully received.

On duty:-	Vestry	Door	Instrumentalist	Flowers
10.30 am	Pauline	Dorothy	Michael	Debbie Lake
4.00 pm	Sean	Joan	Pauline	

Junior Church:- Elizabeth, Shirley, Wendy, Sarah E., Denise

24th December – Christmas Eve

3.00 pm – Crib Service, led by Elizabeth Hicks

11.15 pm - Rev Stephen Brown, service of Holy Communion

On duty:-	Vestry	Door	Instrumentalist	Flowers
3.00 pm			Angela	Sarah Bonney
11.15 pm	John		Pauline	

25th December – Christmas Day at Bailgate

10.30 pm – Rev Ian Brown.

Sunday 2nd January

10.30 pm – Mrs Pauline Warden – service of all age worship

On duty:-	Vestry	Door	Instrumentalist
am	John	Margaret	Michael

Sunday 9th January

10.30 am – Rev Geoff Harris

On duty:- Pauline, Joan, Michael, Angela, Elizabeth, Sarah E., Andi

Please pray

...for all preparing our worship this Christmastide.
...for Leanne Corlett preparing to start work as Circuit Children's and youth work enabler.
...for families visiting us or those travelling to see families
...for all those facing their first Christmas without loved ones
...for all who will be lonely this Christmas

Matthew 1 v 18- 25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take her home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save people from their sins.

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

This week:-

Monday	6.30 pm	Prayer meeting in the Church
Tuesday	6.00 pm	Carol Singing around the locality followed by hot refreshments.
Friday	3.00 pm	Crib Service

Notices

Should you require help, which you think we, as a church, may be able to provide, but you are not able to make personal contact whilst here with us, please contact our minister **Stephen** on (01522) 525064; or our pastoral worker **Peter** on (01522) 822981

Our giving in October was £836.19 and in November £984.40. We thank God for blessing us in our giving.

Carol singing This year we are to be joined by members of the New Life Congregation as we sing around the area, leaving Church at 6pm, on Tuesday 21st December. Refreshments will be available afterwards back at church, to warm up. Please bring torches.

Thank you to all who helped at The Grinch last Sunday. Lots of people came for the first time, perhaps in response to our Christmas Card. Thanks too to all who were able to deliver them.

Today after the Christingle and on Tuesday 21st December after Carol singing we are having refreshments. **Please bring contributions of Mince pies and biscuits** this afternoon for these events, we will be very grateful. They may be left in the kitchen. Thank you, Wendy.

Our Daily Bread daily Bible reading notes are at the back of church for December, January and February.

Christmas cards Space has been made available on the noticeboard in church should we wish to send a card to the whole church family. *There are already Christmas card greetings there, do take a look and receive them.*

Don't forget to save all your stamps and place them in the box at the back of the church. These will then be passed to St Barnabas Hospice for their funds.

The next meeting of the **Church Management Team** will be held on Monday 10th January at 10.00 am in the Vestry. If you have any matters to raise please speak to Elizabeth, Wendy, Angela, Maureen, Joan, Peter, John or Stephen.

The next **Church Council** will be held on Thursday 20th January at 7.30 pm in the Church.

To the Family of God at Burton Road Methodist Church.

We would like to say Thank You and God Bless You for all your prayers/wonderful pictures from the children/cards/meals, so tasty and appreciated and all your love and support in many other ways.

Thank You; it is helping us so very much, you see a need and you fill it. We have both been richly blessed by all the love and care we have received from you, our brothers and sisters in Christ. You are wonderful examples of Christ's love. (Matthew 25 parts of verses 35 + 36).

"We were Hungry and you fed us; Thirsty and you gave us drink; Sick and you visited us". We needed help and you were there. Thank you.

Without your love and support life would be so much harder. We ask that you will continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. We miss you all so very much. Dawn is starting to get some feeling back "Praise the Lord", although the progress is slow. Pray for Health/Strength, both physically and spiritually.

May you keep on singing and rejoicing in God for He is Good, we are there with you in spirit (if not in body yet). May God continue to richly bless and use you all, for His Glory.

With all our love. Dawn and Glenn Beaumont.

The circuit will be arranging an **Induction Service** to welcome our new **Youth and Children's Work Enabler**; Leanne Corlett, on **Sunday 9th January** at 3.00 pm at Bailgate.

We hope to make this an all age worship service, which will celebrate all our children and youth work in the circuit.

" For those that use the **web site**, it is now back up and running, it has been in a process of transferring where it lives, but it has taken 3 weeks! Sorry for the absence" Mark

Just 10 A series of talks and discussions called 'Calling Out' are being arranged around the city to prepare us for the mission in the Cathedral beginning April 6th 2005. There are 2 courses in our area covering Foundations for Mission, The Building Blocks for Mission, The Building Blocks of Mission, Why We Should Call Out...And Why We Don't, The 'Where' of Mission...Sharing Our Faith Here There and Everywhere, and The Seven Pillars of Mission. We are welcome to join with St Giles Methodist church on 8 consecutive Wednesdays at 7.30pm starting 12th January 2005 led by Rev Mark Lawrence or at Bailgate Methodist Church on 5 consecutive Tuesdays starting 15th February at 7.30pm plus Saturday 19th March 10.30am-2.30pm led by Rev Ian Brown.

There is no charge for the courses, but it is recommended each participant have a helpful booklet costing less than £3 from the venue.

'Burton Roads' Christmas and New Year services and events at a glance!

Tuesday 21st December, *6pm from church, Carol Singing with friends from the local New Life congregation, followed by refreshments at church.

Christmas Eve *3pm Crib service led by Elizabeth and 11.15pm Midnight Communion led by Stephen.

Sunday 2nd January, *service led by Pauline.

Don't forget the *New Year party on Saturday 29th January, from 4.30pm. Details later.

* = particularly suitable for children

Dates for 2005.

Thursday Housegroup re starts 6th January

Special Agents re start 7th January

Activ8 re start 7th January

Scouts restart 10th January

Cubs restart 11th January

Ladies Club meets again on 12th January for the Annual Dinner

LINCOLN NORTH / WEST COMMUNITY CONGREGATION of New Life Christian Fellowship

Wed 19th January

Wednesday 16th February

Wednesday 16th March all at 7.45 pm at Mount Street School. We are all warmly welcomed to join the congregation.

The Congregation will also be holding a prayer meeting on Tuesday 18th January at 34 Mount Street. Again all are welcome to join them.

Notices:- Please pass all information for the next notice sheet, **to be published on Sunday 9th January**, to Angela by Wednesday 5th January please. Tel: - (01522) 822981 or email angela.reastfamily1@ntlworld.com. Thank you.