

BURTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

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“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 worship here today. May we give thanks for the summer break, and look forward, with thanks giving to our Centenary year.

Sunday 5th September,

10.30 am - Mrs Jan Himsworth – service of all age worship.

On duty:-	Vestry	Door	Instrumentalist
10.30 am	John		Pauline

After the service tea, coffee and squash will be served in the church. We hope you will be able to stay for this. During this time two children will bring round the **J**unior **M**ission for **A**ll collecting boxes. Donations are invited for Methodist World Mission. Thank you.

Sunday 12th September,

10.30 am – Rev Stephen Brown

4.00 pm – United Service off all age worship led by Mr Sean Bowler and Mr Garth Hicks, followed by faith tea

On duty:- Those on duty will be advised

Please pray

...for Stephen, Sean, Garth, Maureen and the Junior Church staff preparing for worship next week.

...for Peter still waiting for his hospital appointment

...for Mark as his application for a licence to operate the Caffé Mobile in Lincoln goes to the Council on Tuesday

...for the team of Faith Walkers doing the Kinder Scout Challenge on Saturday.

...for our children starting a new school year, especially those at new schools

Jeremiah 18 v 5 – 6

“Then the word of the Lord came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.””

This week:-

Monday	6.30 pm	Prayer meeting in the Church
	6.30 pm	16th Lincoln Scouts in the Hall
Tuesday	6.30 pm	16th Lincoln Cubs in the Hall
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Ladies Club – Sue Titmuss talking about antique musical boxes
Thursday	7.30 pm	Housegroup at 4 Mount Street
	7.30 pm	Poacher Morris in the Hall
Friday	6.00 pm	Special Agents
	7.30 pm	Activ8

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

Harvest Supper...Please come

When: Saturday 18th September at 4.30pm for 5pm.

We will eat: Vegetables with Salmon & Sauce or Sausages & Gravy or Vegetarian Casserole.

By Sunday 5th Sept...Please sign the form at the back of church to indicate which meal you would like, and if you may be able to make a dessert. Donations to cover costs will be invited 'at the do'. Following our meal we will be entertained by a group of young people in the Circuit. The Rev. Harold and Mrs Maise Bowes will be joining us for the supper and are looking forward to greeting old friends.

Harvest Decorations:- The church will be open 9.30 am – 12 noon on the Saturday for Harvest Decorating. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed, along with any donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc.

Jim and Pauline would like to invite you to join them at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life on **Sunday 19th September** for 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm, when they will be **singing Harvest Hymns** in two 20 minute sessions. This is the same weekend as our Harvest Festival. If you are able to join Jim and Pauline please let them know as they need to have an indication of numbers.

Could **group leaders** please advise Pauline if they wish to take part in the **Flower Festival** planned for the weekend of 9th-10th July 2005.

Prayer Handbooks – these are now available at the back of church for those who ordered them. Please pay Dorothy Chambers.

Junior Church Meeting:- As part of the **Junior Church Team building** a meeting is to be held on Tuesday 21st September at 7.45 pm at 22 Mons Road. All leaders and helpers are encouraged to attend. One item on the agenda will be a closer look at the new material to be used in Junior Church, especially that to be studied this term.

Special Agents is evolving... Members are welcome from the age of 5, however there will be no upper age limit, (so Active8 children can still come if they want to!) The time will also change:- **6pm to 7pm** each Friday night during term time.

Under the new structure we will be working towards a production that we will perform in March 2005. We will still be enjoying singing, dancing and drama, but might not be doing all of them every week. In addition to this, some week's groups of children will be making costumes and scenery for the production.

For us to move forward and for this to become a reality, we need more children and more adults (we will ask you to sign up to help with the activity evenings!) For more details please speak to Garth. Come along this Friday to hear the music and story.

News from Church Council meeting, Thurs 8th July 04

- It was agreed the Management Team (Peter Reast, John Hammerton, Maureen Hammerton, Joan Markham, Elizabeth Hicks, Wendy Thompson, Angela Reast) were to be regarded as fulfilling the offices of Church Stewards.
- There will be a Circuit united all-age service here on Sunday 12th September at 4pm, followed by a Faith tea.
- There will be no service at Burton Rd Methodist Church on Boxing morning (26th Dec 04), this is the general pattern of churches in the area.
- We are invited to join Bailgate Methodist Church on 29th August for a Songs of Praise service at 10.30am. We are welcome to choose a hymn or song and share what it means to us, please contact Rev Alan Barker if you would like to do so. There will be no service here that day.
- During school holidays as many morning services as possible will be all age worship.
- Rev Mark Wakelin has accepted our invitation to preach here on Sunday 4th September 2005
- Volunteers (especially singers) are asked to go with Pauline to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life during the afternoon of 19th September to sing Harvest hymns and songs. The museum is having a Harvest-themed weekend.
- Training will be arranged for us to understand 'Safeguarding' and a church policy prepared.
- Faithwalkers was acknowledged as a 'Burton Road Methodist Church' group, and a valuable outreach.
- Mark will provide training re the loop & PA system in the lounge. Please ask him.
- From Property meeting: a day will be arranged to clean and decorate, 2 more heaters will be put in the Lounge, a 'working at height' risk policy will be prepared.
- Dates of next Church Council meetings: Tuesday 12th October 2004 and Thursday 20th January 2005.

Faith walkers - is a group of people that go on walks once a month. The walks are open to all to attend, but where there are restrictions these will be noted, e.g. for accessibility.

Please remember that whilst children are welcome to join us, they must be accompanied at all times. It is also important that you dress for the occasion, suitable footwear and clothing, etc. Most times you will need a packed lunch and plenty of drink to keep hydrated.

We normally meet at Church and then travel by car to the walk, if transport is required then no problem - give us a call and we'll fit you in.

Finally could we **encourage** you to ask **friends or family to come along** and enjoy the great outdoors, as the vision is to reach out to people through this simple activity.

Also please note that anyone taking part in these activities do so at their own risk. For further information or to tell us you are coming, please contact Glenn (01522) 530150, Mark (01522) 806784 or John (01522) 750082

Our next planned walk is on **Saturday 18th September** in Rufford Park. It is an easy walk, with a maximum length of 4 miles. This venue offers easy to moderate walking, great scenery and wild life. This walk is through trees and around the lake. There is a small garden centre and several gift shops. There are some formal gardens, a herb garden and some modern sculptures. There is opportunity here to either bring a packed lunch or to use one of the two restaurants on site. There is a charge for car parking at weekends of approximately £2.00. We will leave Burton Road Methodist Church at 10.00 am. As always if you wish to join us please contact Glenn, Mark or John (See above).

Kinder Scout Challenge; in the heart of the Peak District National Park in aid of St Barnabus Hospice – **Saturday 11th September.** If you would like to join the Faith Walkers in the challenge of approximately 9 miles or would like to support them by making a donation to St Barnabus Hospice please contact 01522 520150. Why the Kinder Scout Challenge – simple, we wanted to help a local charity by raising some much needed funds for this very worth while cause. Please support us in any way you can. Nine miles does not sound far, or challenging, but believe me this is a very challenging walk, due to the nature of the landscape – a long walk up, and across the plateau. The descent is reasonable. Please support us.

Sharing our Faith 2004. A series of illustrated talks, given by Rev Langley Mackrell-Hey that draw from recent insights in the fields of Mission and Evangelism. Hear in everyday language what respected academics think! How can we be more effective in sharing our faith both as individuals, and as a Church?

18th September - What is Mission: Do we have a divine right to be here?

25th September - Finding Faith on Eastenders: Who is ready to hear the gospel?

2nd October - Worship & Preaching in a modern age: It's life Jim, but not as we know it!

9th October - Is God a Gambler, a Magician or a Designer: What kind of God do we invite people to believe in?

30th October - Evangelism in the midst of trauma: What is our response to the world's evil and suffering?

6th November - Method(ism) in our madness: How should Methodists plan Mission?

All talks at Washingborough Methodist Church on Saturdays and start at 9:15am. Free Entry. 45 minute talk followed by questions, discussion, tea and coffee. You are welcome to attend all or just one of the sessions. Don't forget the first rule of Evangelism - spread the Word!

There will be no sessions on 11th September (the date of the District Synod) and the 16th & 23rd October, the Saturdays of half term week.

Spectrum (part of the Lincoln Diocese Youth Service) offer **training in Christian Youth Work**, however Youth Workers from any background are welcome. Their next training course, covering 12 sessions is to be held at Little Coates Community Centre, St Michael's Road, Grimsby, starting 11th October. If you are interested please contact Mr Dave Rose, Lincoln Diocesan Youth Worker, on 01522 529241 or email dave.rose@churcharmy.net The cost for the course is £35.

Churches Together in All Lincolnshire, Church in Society Committee working with Local strategic Partnerships, Local Authorities, the NHS and the Voluntary Sector. **The New Old – the effect of the Demographic Timebomb.** An opportunity to hear demographic research from the think tank, Dems and discuss what we can do as individuals, as organisations and as a society to prepare ourselves for these inevitable changes in our society.

Areas to be debated – Health, Education, Employment, Volunteering, Planning, Housing, Social Care, Pensions, Transport.

Where:- Horncastle College When:- **Friday 12th November 9.45 am – 4.00 pm**

Cost:- Public and Private sector £30, Voluntary sector and individuals £20. Unwaged – Free

Please come and join in this important debate. Mark the date in your diary now. More details soon.

Notices:- Please pass all information for the next notice sheet, to Angela by Wednesday.

Tel: - (01522) 822981 or email angela.reast1@ntlworld.com. Thank you.