

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. As we prepare ourselves to worship together today may we give thanks for the witness of this congregation, as we greet Rev. Peter Robinson (a past Minister) during our Centenary year.

Sunday 20th March 2005 – Palm Sunday - 4th Sunday in Lent

10.30 am – Rev Peter Robinson

6.00 pm –**No** service here tonight however there is a Chapel Anniversary Service at Washingborough Methodist Church, where the Rev Peter Sulston, will be the visiting preacher. (See notice below), there is also a service at Bailgate Methodist Church

Tea/coffee/squash will be available, in the church; following the morning service.

On duty:-	Vestry	Door	Instrumentalist	Flowers
10.30 am	Pauline	Barbara W.	Michael, Angela	Jean Bentley

Junior Church:- Wendy, Dorothy, Mary, Tracy

Maundy Thursday – 24th March

7.30 pm – Rev Stephen Brown, service of Holy Communion

On duty:- Angela, Michael

Good Friday – 25th March at Bailgate

11.00 am – service followed by walk to Cenotaph

Good Friday – 25th March at West Parade

11.00 am service

Sunday 27th March 2005 – Easter Sunday

8.30 am – Mrs Maureen Hammerton

10.30 am – Rev Alan Barker, service of all age worship and Holy Communion

On duty:- John, Angela, Garth, Barbara L., Michael

Please pray

...for Stephen, Alan and Maureen preparing our worship for the coming week.
...for Dorothy and Michael as they deal with hospital investigations and treatment.
...for the ongoing work of Activ8 and Special Agents, it's leaders and young people.
...for all who may be touched by the Easter message at this time

Matthew 21 v 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfil what was spoken of through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" "

The disciples went and did what Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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
	7.30 pm	Housegroup at 35 Mill Road
Thursday	6.03 pm	Maundy Thursday service with Rev. Stephen Brown
	7.30 pm	Poacher Morris in the Hall
Saturday	<u>Don't forget to put your clock forward.</u>	

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

Around the Circuit this week

Good Friday – 7.30 pm, Strainers 'Crucifixion' at St Peter At Gowts, High Street.

Good Friday – 7.00 pm, a Good Friday message in dance, art, and drama at New Life Church, Newland.

Many congratulations to the Special Agents (and their leaders) for the brilliant production of Pirates yesterday. It was wonderful – a great outreach.

Easter Sunday breakfast – 9.00 am following the 8.30 am service. A Wendy special; cereals, eggs, bacon and rolls. Help is needed to do the drinks and setting up the hall, please. If you plan to come please sign the poster at the back of church so that I can have numbers for catering. Thank you, Wendy.

This year we have not collected tins during Lent as we have sometimes done e.g. for Nomad. **Nomad** has asked local churches to raise funds for them by holding Lent lunches. Due to uncertainty over the timing of building work this could not be planned. Therefore **donations** will be invited at the Easter breakfast to cover costs, and any profit will be passed to Nomad. Should you be unable to come to the breakfast donations may be made through our Treasurer, Joan Markham.

Easter Offering Envelopes – The Easter Offering is the way the Women’s Network of the Methodist Church enables the whole church to give to the work of our Partner Churches overseas. All proceeds go to the Methodist Fund for World Mission. This enables, among other things, the following to be funded:-

- Grants for Partner Churches overseas
- Training for Mission Partners
- Funding for the work of Nationals in Mission appointments
- Special Projects.

Our Partner churches are so grateful for the help we give them and for the interest that is shown by the people of Britain and Ireland. The Envelopes are provided on your book rests and on the table at the back of the church. Please give generously to provide the necessary resources for the work of sharing the love of God throughout the World. The envelopes may be put on the collection plate over the next few weeks, or given to Joan Markham. This year’s Easter Offering Service will be held on 24th April at Saxilby at 3.00 pm. The theme is ‘creating a just community’. All are welcome.

Disability Alterations:- Our building work was due to start two weeks ago, carried out by MW Crowe Ltd. M. Crowe’s men will co-operate fully with us, so that we can carry on using our premises as normally as possible, but obviously we will have to bear with them during this period. At a recent meeting between ourselves, the architect and the contractor it was particularly emphasised that during the work, our premises are a builders site, and no unauthorised personnel are allowed on the premises while the men are working. Joan Markham will liaise with groups who use the premises, and if there is any difficulty with access while the ramps are being built and the doors altered and replaced, she will make arrangements for alternative access. The completion date is scheduled for 8th April 2005. If you have any queries, please see or contact Joan.

Faith Walkers – Saturday 9th April – Huttoft and Mogg’s Eye, a coastal walk.

This walk is flat and easy walking. The distance is 7.1/2 miles, walking time 3-4 hours. The walk will certainly give you plenty of fresh sea air. Sorry this walk is unsuitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. We will leave Burton Road Methodist Church at 10.00 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Please remember that a parent must accompany children taking part, at all times and anyone taking part in these activities does so at their own risk. If you are coming please contact Glenn 530150, John 750082 or Mark 806784. If you require transport from the Church and back again, please contact one of us in good time. Thank you.

Tonight:- Washingborough Methodist Church, invite you to their **Chapel Anniversary** on **Sunday 20th March at 6.00 pm**. The Rev Peter Sulston MA will be preaching at the service. There is no service at Burton Road this evening. If you are interested in attending and need transport please speak to John or Maureen Hammerton (750082).

Dates for your diary:-

April – Just 10 Mission starts at Cathedral 7.30 pm on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

8th May – Vanessa Cook shares her mission work at Reepham, 2.30 pm

15th May - Global Day of Prayer, 2pm at Lincoln City Football Ground,

17th May – Rev Ian Brown – Testimony Service at Bailgate at 7.30 pm

May – Just 10 Mission continues

19th June - Circuit Mission service at Bailgate 10.30 am, followed by lunch and workshops.

June – Just 10 Mission at Cathedral

Just10 counting down: Church leaders and congregations are preparing for the largest spiritual event of its kind to hit Lincolnshire for a generation. Churches are preparing for a ten week mission where people of all ages and backgrounds will be given an opportunity to hear the Christian message, and to think about the difference that the Christian faith can make to their lives. On each of the 10 nights, J. John, who is considered to be one of the most creative communicators in the UK today, will speak on one of the ten commandments. J. John will demonstrate how a life of faith is enriching rather than soul destroying. In contrast to an old fashioned view of a sermon as something that is irrelevant and boring, his presentations make use of video material and offer clear advice on real-life issues such as, "How to stop driving yourself crazy", "How to affair proof your relationships", and "How to know the real God." Whilst the arrival of J. John in Lincolnshire is news in itself, the planning of this project, over a two-year period, has already led to some successes. In particular, the Just10 Lincolnshire task force have managed to encourage strong links to develop between people living in rural areas and their neighbours living in larger towns, or in Lincoln itself. In response to an overwhelming interest in the series, there will be a number of 'relay-links'.

The countdown for 'Just10' is well underway; every Christian denomination represented in Churches Together in All Lincolnshire is involved. Chair of the Just 10 Task Force Team, Rev Ian Silk states, 'When 3,000 people came to the Cathedral Carol Service with J. John on 1st December we realised there is still a need for large events that paint the big picture of the Christian faith. Many people are searching for something, and Just 10 aims to present principles for life that make sense.'

Dates and Times:- Lincoln Cathedral, Wednesday 6th April to 8th June, starting 7:30pm.

Notices:- Please pass all information for the next notice sheet, to Angela Reast by Wednesday. Tel:- (01522) 822981 or email reastfamily1@ntlworld.com. Thank you.