

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

Minister:- Rev Stephen Brown, 1 Ancaster Avenue, Lincoln LN2 4AY. (01522) 525064

Pastoral Worker:- Peter Reast, (01522) 822981. Email:- peter.reastfamily1@ntlworld.com

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

Welcome to all, may you come to feel the peace of the living Lord.

Sunday 23rd October

10.30 am – Rev. Stephen Brown

7.00 pm – Alpha

On duty:-

Vestry

am

Jim

Door

Barbara W.

Instrumentalists

Michael, Angela

Flowers

Sunday 30th October

10.30 am – Mr David Stubbs

7.00 pm – Alpha

On duty:- Jim, Barbara L., Pauline

Please pray

...for David and Maureen preparing worship for next weekend

The week ahead

Sunday 6.30 pm

At Bailgate - Legacy

Monday 6.30 pm

Prayer Meeting in the Church

Tuesday 7.30 pm

Housegroup at 35 Mill Road

Wednesday 7.30 pm

Ladies Club – Starting your family history with Linda Hotchkiss

Thursday 7.30 pm

Housegroup

7.30 pm

Poacher Morris in the Hall

Friday

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

Shopping for Nomad This year we will be collecting food, toiletries and cleaning items requested by Nomad, as our Harvest appeal. Today Sunday there will be a box in church for us to put our contributions. Please choose from: Flour, Cereals, Gravy mix, Custard Powder, UHT milk, Pastry & Sponge mix, Sugar, Tea & Squash, Herbs & Spices, Pasta Sauces, Tinned meats, Jam, Cooking oil, Paper towels, Washing powder, Floor cleaner, Antibacterial cleaner, Washing up liquid, Dish cloths, Toilet rolls, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Air freshener, Cream cleanser, Disposable gloves. Thank you!

Methodist Publishing House have sent Prayer cards and calendars, a catalogue including gifts for Christmas and information in 'Methodist Matters' re Methodism nationally. Feel free to borrow copies from the table at the back of church.

Collage materials needed Please could you save anything that would be suitable for making collages e.g. Sweet wrappers, bits of wool or material, also wool for embroidering decorations at the Children and Young peoples Weekend on the 5th November. Please give your 'bits' to Elizabeth. Thank you.

From the weekly prayer e-letter of **Operation Mobilisation** we learn that there is growing evidence of restrictions on foreign workers being granted visas to work in Central Asia. Two long term workers in Uzbekistan are unable to get back into the country after officials refused to renew their yearly visas. Please pray for comfort and guidance for those who have been denied visas, for wisdom, boldness and protection for those who remain and for strength and awareness of God's presence for local believers.

Children/Young People's Activity Weekend – We are having a children's/young people's activity weekend on Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th November, led by Colin Draper of Scripture Union. There will be craft activities, games and lots of fun. We think it is a great opportunity for you to invite your friends along. It will be for 5 to 14 year olds and the admission will be free. You and your friends will need to complete a booking form by 27th October, so please see Elizabeth or Garth or ring 821901 or email hicksfamily@ntlworld.com for a booking form.

Saturday will be 9.45 am – 3.30 am *

Sunday will be All Age Worship at 10.30 am to which all the family are invited to share with us what we have been doing over the weekend. The weekend will close with drinks and biscuits after the service.

*Please bring a packed lunch.

Don't be bored at the end of the holidays – come and have fun with us !

Film Night on Monday 31st October...**The Incredibles (U)** a family film will be shown at 6pm. Doors open 5.45pm, free admission, refreshments available.

Shirley has informed the Church Council that she would like someone else to take over the **weekly preparation of the Notices**; a job she has had for 7 plus years. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please speak to Angela Reast.

Some News from Church Council, 11 Oct 05

A **Music Reproduction Licence** will be acquired to purchase arrangements for various instruments.

A **Church weekend away** for autumn 2006 is being investigated.

Decorators will be working in various areas during November.

Vestry Stewards We gratefully accepted Mary Browns offer to help in this way.

Centenary Fund will be closed. Monies to Alpha and carpeting.

Year of Prayer Our District is allocated time in February. Burton Rds portion is 4-6pm on Saturday 4th Feb 06.

Film Nights Family films 'The Incredibles' U Mon.31st Oct. 6pm, and Sat.17th Dec to be decided. In the new year family films and films suitable for grownups are planned and will be followed by an Alpha course after Easter.

Special services here: Church Anniversary 4.12.05, Readings and Carols 11.12.05, Christingles 18.12.05, Crib service and 'Midnight' 24.12.05, World Missions 5.3.06, Wednesday Groups 21.05.06.

A message from Peter Pillinger. Helen, Simon and I have been grateful for the warm welcome we have received from God's people at Burton Road Methodist. Many of you are old friends but some of you will not know us and all of you may be wondering what is happening when a Methodist minister arrives at your church but is not your minister.

18 months ago the Church of England produced a report called 'Mission-shaped Church'. Graham Horsley, Church Planning and Evangelism secretary at Methodist HQ had a hand in its production, so it is sort of ecumenical. The report [which is a good read!!] outlines the state of the church and British society and makes some recommendations to the C of E. This has led to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York setting up a new mission organisation called Fresh Expressions. The Methodist Church has 'bought into' Fresh Expressions and I have been appointed as the Methodist 'Fresh Expressions Missioner'. If the 90% of the British population who are not active in the church were going to come to what we already offer they would already be there! So we have to develop fresh expressions of the eternal Good News and that is what Fresh Expressions is all about. If you are on the internet you can see more details on www.freshexpressions.org.uk.

It is a tremendous privilege to serve God this way and a very different lifestyle. Last week I was in Manchester on Wednesday, Dunblane on Thursday, Oxford on Friday and Nottingham on Saturday. You can see why I was not preaching on Sunday! As I said above we are grateful for your support and I would welcome your prayers for me in this new ministry. To help you do this I have written down some key diary appointments of October below. God bless you. Pete Pillinger

Week beginning Sun 23rd - No appointments this week - half term

Week beginning Sun 30th

Wednesday & Thursday - Building Bridges of Hope conference - London

Friday and Saturday - Fresh Expressions conference, Wakefield Diocese /West Yorks District

SOS – the circuit needs a new Treasurer. Robin Harbottle is retiring and we are urgently seeking a new Circuit Treasurer for Robin to assist over the next year, before he hands over completely. Please ring Stephen if you are interested.

The Methodist Church Lincoln North Circuit Seeks to appoint a full-time CHURCH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER This is an exciting new opportunity to develop contact, relationships and understanding between the communities and the church for the purposes of outreach, mission and service within the Burton Road, Ermine West and the West End areas of Lincoln. The successful candidate will

- Help churches understand the spiritual and practical needs of the communities and how they may help to meet those needs
- Act as catalyst, trainer and encourager to bring the churches to the communities and the communities to the churches

Salary £17,376 per annum plus expenses, pension scheme and opportunities for personal development.

We welcome applications from highly motivated, committed Christians with a mature faith and proven communication skills. A working knowledge of the Methodist Church at Circuit and local level will be an advantage. For an application form and a job description please contact: Rev Stephen Brown, 01522 525064 or email stephenbro@ntlworld.com.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2005

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