



# Burton Road Methodist Church, Lincoln



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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.
- Worshiping together as a family.
- Welcoming and loving everyone.
- Serving the community around us.



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Should you require help which you think we may be able to provide, but feel unable to approach anyone whilst here, please do contact Stephen Brown or Peter Reast.

## Large print Bibles, Hymn, Service and Song books/sheets are available, please ask at the door.

**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**10:30 am – Margaret Mason (All age worship)**

**On Duty – Mary, Margaret and Pauline**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**10:30 am – Norman Bray (Holy Communion)**

**On Duty – Pauline, Joan, Michael, Helen, Denise, Simon, Dorothy and Sarah B**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

*Philippians 4:6*



### Local Prayer:

- For Norman, Garth, Peter R and Stephen as they prepare to lead worship next week.
- Please pray for Irene Taylor in hospital, that the medical staff will know how to help her.
- As we continue to support both Peter P. and Peter R. and their work in our prayers, may we also remember Helen and Angela, and their families as they continue to practically support the two Peters, and at the same time support their young families.
- Church2U: More obstacles have arisen with the bus, please pray that the project will move forward soon and that Ian Brown will experience Gods peace and patience as he seeks to find the ways and means to make it happen.
- Peter P is travelling a lot, please pray for safe journeys, also that the 'Fresh Expressions' team will be encouraged by the interest shown for the work they are doing and that all the practical aspects of the teams work will be given proper consideration and needs met.
- **Peter R** will be spending time this next week planning presentations for various groups, including Mount St School Community Week and ECG Open Day on the Ermine West; also we give thanks for open doors into Urban Challenge (a government initiative for community development) and Lincoln Volunteer services.
- Dawn has experienced great improvement during the week, initially gaining some movement in her fingers; and she has been well enough to be moved around the ward. We give thanks for this and pray that she will continue to improve and Glen will be well, and able to make plans for them to return to Lincoln soon.

*Within hours of receiving the above news, Glen has contacted us to advise that Dawn has made massive progress and he has collected her from hospital on Thursday Morning! They have been able to spend some time at Quiet Water Retreat before returning to Lincoln. Just sometimes God can take our breath away with how quickly things happen. Please keep praying!*



### Global Prayer:

- From China to India, where we learn from Mission India a story of real hope....Bhola is a 12 year old. He is trapped in a system of abusive child labour that is exactly like slavery. He works from sunrise to sunset every day as a domestic servant. He cannot attend school. He is often exhausted and hungry. His childhood has been stolen from him. Bhola has almost no prospects for the future, except for the life changing power of Jesus Christ coming through Mr. Umesh, the leader of an ongoing Children's Bible Club, where Bhola is learning the amazing good news that  
 1) The gods have not cursed him and it is not his spiritual duty to be a slave. 2) Jesus Christ the One True God, loves him and hears his prayers 3) He has worth and value in the eyes of Jesus. Please pray for Bhola and millions of children like him in India, and for the ongoing ministry of Mission India which supports people like Mr. Umesh.
- Prayer request from Rev Edmund in Piliyandala, Sri Lanka: During last year there was a great deal of persecution of the church in Sri Lanka. A house prayer fellowship received such opposition from other local religious groups that they had to close to keep the household safe. Eventually the group were able to purchase land in the area and thankfully it was possible for them to worship together again. However, on Palm Sunday a Buddhist Monk with some followers came during worship and threatened to destroy everything if they did not stop. Despite this they met to worship there on Easter Sunday, and a crowd of nearly 150 with Monks disrupted them. Eventually the church involved the police who advised the opposing people to allow the church to worship there. Sadly, last Sunday the same Monks with a crowd of about 300 came, threatened to beat the worshippers, broke windows and vandalised worshipper's vehicles. The church went to court and has been given permission to continue worshipping there. Rev Edmund is very mindful that this is not the end and asks us to uphold them in prayer whilst praising God for His given protection.

### The week ahead...

Sunday	7.30pm	Pastoral Visitors Meeting (In Vestry)
Tuesday	7.30pm	House Group at 35 Mill Road
Wednesday	7.30pm	Ladies Club 'Making Marzipan' (Mr R Spencer)
	7.30pm	House Group at 4 Mount Street.
Friday	1.30pm	Management Team Meeting (In Vestry)
	6pm	Special Agents
Saturday	10am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning



**The Easter Offering** is run by Women's Network each year, but it enables the whole church to give to the work of the Methodist Church Fund for World Mission. Grants are made from this fund to the 61 Methodist Partner Churches overseas for training and support of their work, and for funding special projects and other work. This years service focuses on the six "WHERE DID I SEE YOU?" questions from Jesus' words in Matthew 25. Everyone is welcome on Sunday, 7th May at 3.00pm, at St. Giles Methodist Church, Lincoln. The speaker will be the Revd. Jennifer Henshall.

**Prayer meeting, 18.30pm,** Every Monday, in the church. It meets each week, except Bank Holidays when we would encourage you to pray together at 18.30pm from your own homes.

**Local Preachers Workshop.** Saturday May 20th 2-5pm Ermine West Methodist Church. To book call Laura or Duncan MacBean 01522 703700 or email [dmacbean@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dmacbean@yahoo.co.uk)

**Discover Methodism in Lincolnshire Exhibition** Saturday May 20th 11am to 12noon at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life. An exhibition designed by the students of Bishop Grosseteste college as part of their Heritage Degree working with the museum staff.



### Prayer Day

Moorland Park Methodist Church are hosting a prayer day as part of prayer week. Thursday May 11th, prayer, praise and intercession at 3pm and 7.30pm. There will be a quiet time between 4.30pm and 7pm where you are invited to bring your sandwiches, tea, coffee and cakes provided.

**Tree Aid** Will those who have been saving twenty pence pieces for tree planting please hand the money to Joan Markham or Dr Hilary as soon as possible.

**Christian Aid Coffee morning** ON Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May there will be a coffee morning for Christian Aid from 10am – noon. There will be Bric-a-Brac and Cake stalls. If anyone can help please contact Pauline on Ln 526973.

**Thursford Christmas Spectacular** Burton Rd Ladies Club have vacancies on their trip on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December '06. Coach leaves at 8.30am and includes a visit to Wells on Sea. Cost of day £33.00. If you would like to go please contact Joy Mitchell (tel 526403). £10 deposit is payable on booking.

**Rota Dates** will soon be due for us to ensure our worship is 'facilitated!' during June July and August. These are always the most difficult months for us to cover; so please prayerfully consider which dates you may offer to help.

### Looking ahead to May

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm in the Vestry. Pastoral visitors meeting as agreed at Council  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**. 7.00 for 7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Scothern Methodist Church..  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm Management Team in the Vestry.  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**. 10am Christian Aid Coffee Morning.

### The Da Vinci Code

Lincoln Cathedral hosts a series of talks & discussions on The Da Vinci Code and the issues raised in the film. Starting on May 24th at 6pm, further talks are June 7th, June 21st and July 5th. All the talks take place on a Wednesday evening in the **Chapter House** and start at **6.00pm** and finish by 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Entry to the talks is by ticket which can be obtained free of charge from Andrea Goddard, tel 01522 530320 or from the Cathedral Shop tel 01522 544544

**Easter Offering** envelopes amounted to £53.50 for which we give thanks.

**Spelling competition** Thank you to all who helped with and enjoyed the evening yesterday.

### Circuit Meeting:

Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> May  
7.00 for 7.30 pm at Scothern Methodist Church



### Jaybez

Last Sunday many of us were moved by the presentation Jaybez gave regarding his village in Ghana, and how he is working in his spare time to encourage the villagers to understand the need for the provision of clean water. If you have any thoughts on whether, and how, we might develop a relationship with the church there, please speak to Peter Reast. Meanwhile, do pray for Jaybez, that he enjoys his last few weeks of holiday with his daughter in Lincoln before returning home, and that he finds all as it should be when he gets back to his home and work in Accra, and revisits his village Dixcove.

### Next Notices

Please pass all information for the next notice sheet to Angela Reast by next Wednesday (01522) 822981 or [angela.reast@ntlworld.com](mailto:angela.reast@ntlworld.com) Thank you.

**Faithwalkers - 2006 Walks - May to August.**

**Wed May 17th** - Chambers Farm Wood An evening walk of 3½miles, for 1½-2hrs through this pleasant wood.

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 6pm.

Mobility scooter friendly

**Sat May 27th** - South Elkington & Louth Back by popular demand! This walk was done in January, but we'll try it the other way round and in a different season. 8 miles/4hrs

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 9.30am.

Bring a Packed Lunch.

**Wed June 14th** - A short walk at Whisby Nature Reserve An evening walk of 3 miles.

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 6pm, meeting at Whisby at 6.15pm

**Sat June 24th** - Farnsfield Excursion, Part of the Southwell Trail 8 miles/4 hours.

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 9am.

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sat July 8th** - Riseholme, North & South Carlton A Local walk of 7 miles/3½ hours.

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 9.30am

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sat July 22nd** - Forest Pines, Notts A walk of 6 miles and a walking time of 3½hrs.

Departs Burton Road Methodist Church at 9am.

Mobility scooter friendly.

Bring a packed lunch.

**Sat August 19th** - St Barnabus Hospice, Challenge Walk A pleasant 20 mile stroll around Rutland Water, Rutland.