

Burton Rd Methodist Church, Lincoln



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Burton Rd Methodist Church is committed to bringing people to Christ through Gods 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

Welcome to our worship

Large print service books and sheets are available at the door

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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, do contact Stephen or Peter

Welcome to our visitors today

Sunday 2nd December 2007

Church Anniversary Service & Junior Church

10.30am Rev Liz Childs

On duty John Nigel Pauline Elizabeth

SarahB

Christingle Service

4.00pm Rev Liz Childs

On Duty Mary Joan Pauline

Sunday 9th December 2007

Evening worship

6.00pm Dr David Sheehan

On Duty John Helen

Help is needed on the door, please

PRAYER MATTERS!

For this week particularly, please pray...

... for David & Garth and all those involved in preparing worship for next week.

...for Clare Walters whose daughter has died this week, and all the family as they travel and support one another.

... that our local community will be attracted by our cards and want to join us this Christmas, and may we play our part in giving a warm welcome here.

PAKISTAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE. When I worked for Tearfund, they had a saying, that 'after the disaster left the news headlines, the suffering goes on', and behind all the political news from Pakistan, that is very true. Two years ago following a terrible earthquake, 78,000 people lost their lives and 3.5 million were made homeless. Even now some 13,000 people are still living in tented temporary camps, and with winter approaching there are fears that the cold weather may increase hardship further. PRAY for the work of TF and it's partners in Pakistan as they enable communities to construct permanent buildings. PRAY too for this country as it experiences political uncertainty and continued unrest along the Afghan border among militants and government forces.

Please pass information and prayers to Angela for our next notices by Wednesday.
Tel. 01522 822981 or Email angela.reast@ntlworld.com

NB Last Notices this year – 23rd December, first Notices next year – 6th January

Week beginning Sunday

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday	10.30am	Church Anniversary Service and Junior Church	Church & rooms
	4.00pm	Christingle service	Church
Monday	9.00am	School Gators	Lounge
	6.30pm Evening	Prayer Meeting 16 th Lincoln Scouts	Church Hall
Tuesday	7.30pm	Housegroup	Joans Hall
	Evening	16 th Lincoln Cubs & Beavers	
Wednesday	2.30pm	Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship	Lounge
	7.00pm	Junior Church meeting	Church
	8.00pm	Youth work meeting	Church
Thursday	7.30pm	Poacher Morris	Hall
	7.45pm	Housegroup	Peter & Angelas
Friday	6.00pm	Special Agents	Church
Saturday	9.30am	Dance school	Hall & Lounge
	9.30am	Faithwalkers (see notice below)	South Thoresby
Sunday	6.00pm	Service	Church
	7.30pm	Activ8	Garth & Elizabeths

Thank you to all those who have contributed in any way to the decoration of the Church for Christmas, especially to Pauline who coordinated it.

Thank you to all who have braved the cold weather to deliver our church Christmas card, and especially to Jim who arranged the deliveries.

Thank you to Sarah Evans and Denise Holt for many years of help, support and time given to us in Junior Church and for fellowship shared with you and your families over the years. We pray that you will all know God's blessing as you move on into new fellowships.

Family Film Night 6.00pm, Saturday December 15th in the Church. "Unaccompanied Minors" PG – the adventures of a group of youngsters stuck at an airport at Christmas. Free entry. Tuck shop and refreshments available during the interval. Please let Mark or Angela know if you can help from 5.30pm.

Activ8 for Yr7 up, from 7.30 – 9.00pm on Sunday 9th December at Garth & Elizabeth's.

Junior Church and Youth work meetings Wednesday 5th December in the Church. Junior Church 7.00pm, Youth work 8.00pm.

Our giving in the bank and offering plate during November amounted to £1462.63. This will be used for our work in and for the community and to maintain the life of the Church.

Church Christmas Party will be on Saturday 26th January. 4.30 for 5.00pm. Details to follow.

Ladies Club Wednesday 12th December - Trip to Thursford.

Causeway Prospects Service on Sunday 16th December. 3.00pm at Fiskerton Village Hall.

Thank you to those who have already given PeterR dates for Junior Church during January and February. Would those who have not done so yet, please do a.s.a.p. Thank you.(2)

ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE - Blessing of the Gritters 5.00pm on Monday 3rd December. Churches Together in All Lincolnshire (CTAL), Lincolnshire Christian Police Association, Lincolnshire County Council Highways Authority, and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, have arranged the 5th annual 'Blessing of the Gritters' service to take place on Monday at the eight gritter depot locations throughout Lincolnshire. **The nearest depot to us is at Sturton by Stow**, where the Rt Revd John Saxbee will lead the prayers. It is hoped this will serve to further emphasise the need for drivers to drive carefully during the coming winter period and act as a reminder to road users about the vitally important work carried out by gritter crews on our behalf in the county.

The words of the blessing are written by Bishop John and will be used simultaneously across the County. Should you wish to join in the prayers from home the blessing below will be used.

"Dear God of love, be with those who travel on our roads by night and day. May they be alert in situations of danger, patient and courteous to fellow-travelers and attentive to the rules of the road.

But now we especially pray your blessing on men and machines as they grit the roads in anticipation of dangerous driving conditions. May they be protected in their endeavors, succeed in making safe the highways for all who use them, and spread throughout our County the good news of your love and protection in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Congratulations to Simon who has been elected to the Methodist Youth Executive which decides Methodist Youth Policy. Well done!(2)

An invitation to all those who would like to come and rehearse a couple of items to sing in the Carol Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 16th December. Please let me know after this morning's service or asap. I would particularly like to hear from anyone who can sing a part but all are welcome, and of course, we always need people who can sing the tune! Next practice to be held at Burton Road Methodist Church at 7.45 pm on Friday 14th December. HelenP.

We want to share news Please let the duty Steward (ask who at the door) know if you have news to share which would be encouraging for us all to hear before our service. Also, remember the prayer note book is on the table at the back of church for us to write our concerns and blessings in before the service which may be included in our worship by our preacher.(2)

A Calendar is being produced and sold by Glen for the church. It is £5.00 each, and after expenses all money will go towards the refurbishment of the Sanctuary. The Calendar is filled with lots of scenic pictures and is an ideal Christmas gift for friends and family, and a treat to ourselves.

Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm in the Lounge. The afternoon will have an Advent Theme and include a collection for NETWORK – Fund for World Mission.

Present Aid A big Christmas card is on the board for us to sign, as last year, if we would like to make a donation to Present Aid in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other. Joan will collect the donations.

Faithwalkers Saturday December 8th at South Thoresby near Alford. A walk for all ages. Walk length 4½ miles (7km), time 3½hrs including a stop for lunch. Departure from 'Burton Road' at 9.30am. **This walk has several points of interest and is an opportunity to escape the Lincoln Christmas Market!!** Please always follow the countryside code, bring a packed lunch and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. Everyone taking part in these activities does so at your own risk and insurance is your responsibility.

Maranatha Meeting Monday 3rd December, 7.00 for 7.30pm at Bailgate Methodist Church in the Lounge. Maranatha is a gathering of Christians of all denominations, who meet together to praise Jesus as Lord, in the love and unity He gives us.

Circuit Local Preachers Meeting Monday 3rd December, 7.30pm at Welton Methodist Church.