

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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NB Ians day off is Friday, Peters day off is still Wednesday...please respect this

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

Welcome to our visitors today

Sunday 12th October 2008

10.30am **All Age Service in celebration of our children's and young peoples work**

Dr David Sheehan & Miss Helen Cook

Nb Change to plan

On Duty Angela Rob Dorothy

Flowers given by Sarah

Drinks will follow the service, when donations for Junior Mission for All may be given

Nb Help is needed on the door, please

6.00pm **Second Sunday**, contemporary worship including testimonies, and graduation from Freedom in Christ course, followed by drinks

Nb Help is needed on the door, please

Sunday 19th October 2008

10.30am **Service and Junior Church**

Dr David Sheehan

On Duty Mary BarbaraW Angela Rob Jenny SarahB

Flowers given by Pauline and Jim

PRAYER MATTERS!

... for David, Angela, Rob, Jenny and all those preparing worship for next week, here and elsewhere.

... with thanksgiving for a good Church Council meeting on Monday evening.

... for families and friends struggling with illness.

... for those in our area struggling to pay bills and buy food and clothes.

... with praise that we restocked our emergency food box at Harvest – it was used this week.

Please pass information and prayer concerns for our notices to Angela, by Wednesday.

Tel. 822981 or angela.reast@ntlworld.com

Contact Angela if you would like the notices emailing to you.

More prayer matters

REPORT ON THE CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE FROM TEARFUND: 'As the country's politicians wrestle over a new power sharing deal, the church must work out how to respond'. That's the view of a Tearfund analyst from Zimbabwe as the new political landscape takes shape following the agreement between the parties. The consensus is that Zimbabwe remains firmly in the hands of the politicians and that the church and civil society groups, have been excluded from guiding its future. The church needs to utilise this time to engage with the wider constituency on gathering initial evidence as to whether this deal works in practice. So a key role for the church and Tearfund's partners will be raising awareness among the general population about the agreement. Please Pray for the wisdom of the leadership of the church in Zimbabwe at this crucial time. Pray that the new power-sharing deal works and the future direction of the country brings justice to its people.

Week beginning Sunday 12th October

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday	10.30am 6.00pm	Service for all ages Second Sunday service	Church Church
Monday	9.00am 10.45pm Evening 6.30pm	SchoolGators Management Team Prayer meeting Scouts Prayer meeting	Lounge Vestry Hall Church
Tuesday	Daytime 10.30am Evening 7.30pm	PEEP Circuit NETWORK meeting Cubs Beavers Housegroup	Lounge Vestry Hall Lounge Joan's
Wednesday	2.30pm 7.15pm	Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship Youth Band	Lounge Church
Thursday	1.00pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Lincoln College Poacher Morris Housegroup	Lounge Hall Angela's
Friday	9.15am 6.00pm	Lincoln College Special Agents	Lounge Church
Saturday	9.00am	Dance School	Hall, Lounge, Church, Vestry
Sunday	10.30am	Worship for all ages	Church Lounge

Ladies Club Wednesday 29th October, 7.30pm in the Hall. Talk by Mark Tycock, Funeral Director.

Activ8 & Quest-ians Sunday 2nd November, 7.00pm, in the Lounge.

CJSS - Christian Job Search Support A new web site offering prayer support for those looking for work. Click on www.cjss.org/forums/ and the site will guide you. It is already functioning, and is due to update its format.

The autumn BRM is being prepared. Please let me have items to be included **TODAY** Sunday 12th October. Thank you, Dorothy Chambers.

African shepherd's delight! is an event organised to raise awareness about **Shepherd Food Ministries** 'food support scheme' and 'capacity building programme' for vulnerable African groups and to celebrate African culture by showcasing African fashion, music, crafts and food. The SFM is a Lincoln-based registered charity and has been operating since early 2007 to relieve food poverty in Africa through sustainable farming, having bought the first model farm (100 acres) in Nigeria this summer to grow the food we give to beneficiaries, thanks to the people of Lincolnshire who responded to our 'sponsor an acre for £150' appeal.

African Shepherds Delight! Saturday 8th November, 7.00pm - 11.30pm at David Lloyd, Burton Waters, Saxilby Road, Lincoln. Bar available. Tickets: £10.00, call 01522 705532 or 07 732 296138. (see notice board)

Situation no longer Vacant - Our emergency food box will be looked after by BarbaraW & Ken. Thank you, both. If you would like to donate anything for the box please have a word with Barbara.

Some News from Church Council 6th October 08

Sharing of recent positive events over the last few months included growth of Sunday and midweek childrens and youth work; the feeling of caring, belonging, encouraging and 'whole family' among the congregation; more of us at social events and special services; responding to Gods prompting among us to enter more fully into 'serving' Him and one another, in new and developing roles.

Community Christmas Card We will work towards joining with 'St Nicks'. We thanked Jim for his work on this in past years and his offer to train Jenny and Tracy in his role.

Health Hygiene Certificates Those involved in catering for/at events will have the opportunity to enrol on an 'on line' course. Arrangements will be made for those wishing to do the course 'off line'.

Finance The accounts were accepted. It was agreed that information would be included in the notices regarding our current financial situation. (see below)

Property Refurbishment of the church worship area will begin in February, by removing the platform and 'trying out' different ways of seating; we will work towards gaining grants and raising £5000 to begin this work, looking to complete it in 2010. Kitchen extension and toilet refurbishment are being investigated.

Circuit Youth event 7th- 8th March, including Film Night, a sleepover and Youth service at 'Burton Rd'.

Family Film Nights Friday 31st October, Saturday 13th December, Saturday 7th March.

St Giles Methodist Church has asked for help from churches in the Circuit to help them maintain their worship and work whilst becoming more 'wilful-damage' proof. We will include a free-will offering in support of necessary work to their property, during the service on 16th November.

Alpha It is hoped to begin a course in the New Year.

Mapping review of circuit boundaries continues, with the prospect of any changes implemented from 2010 to 2012.

Changes to December services Christmas Market weekend, 7th December, time change to 9.00a.m., Christingle, 14th December, 4.00pm – Special Agents
'Midnight' Communion - 11.30pm at Bailgate Methodist Church

Message from the Church Treasurer

At our recent Church Council meeting, I gave the annual financial report. You may remember that last year our expenditure on the General Account exceeded our income by £1483.28. I am pleased to say that this year, that is to 31st August 2008, we have been able to reduce this deficit, mainly due to increased income from letting the hall and lounge. We do, however, still have a debit balance of £1045.13 on the General Account. Our Assessment* for this current year is £11,611.32, that is, we have to pay £2,902.83 per quarter. This works out at £5 per member, per week. When you take into account the cost of gas, electricity, water, insurance etc., expenditure which we cannot avoid, it means that we need approximately £10 per member, per week. I appreciate that we are in financially tough times at present. However, may I thank you all for the financial support you give to our church at Burton Road, and ask that you will continue to prayerfully consider your giving for the upkeep of our premises, our work in the Burton Road area, and our contribution to the work of Lincoln North Circuit.

Joan Markham. Treasurer

*Assessment – each Methodist Church pays an amount, proportionate to its membership, to the Circuit (ie group of Methodist churches it is in), for Ministers salaries and other Circuit expenses.

Bex' Cuba Cycle trip

Tuesday 28th October at 7.00pm I have an exclusive deal with the Indian restaurant 'The Royal Tandoori' on the High Street. Tickets £15 in advance from me; to include a starter, main course (Chicken, lamb or veggie), rice dish and a drink each.

Saturday 18th October an animal-themed Activity workshop aimed at primary school aged children, at Ermine West Methodist Church, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Suggested price - £1.30 per child to include refreshments. Workshop to include games, mask-making/decorating, music and movement.

I am doing a sponsored swim (instead of changing my hair colour), hoping to do 80+lengths in an hour.

Form at the back of Church – please sponsor me by length, or by one amount, should you wish.

Please check out my web site for more information about me, the challenge, and how you can help:

<http://sabrefilms.co.uk/cubasite> Thank you, Bex.

Pastoral Committee 7.30pm, Monday 20th October in the Vestry.

Bex's Pudding/Dessert party was a great success, there were lots of puddings and lots of visitors came and enjoyed the flavours. Bex raised £160 in support of her Cuba Cycle trip. The money raised goes towards supporting Bishop Grosseteste students in need, including students who wish to undertake volunteering opportunities in the UK and abroad. If you'd like to know more, or have any jobs that you could pay Bex to do, contact her on 07986 742 946 or at bexybanana@gmail.com (3)

Our offerings (including into the bank) during September amounted to £1397.18. This will be used for our work in and for the community, to maintain the premises, and build up the life of the Church.

Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship, 2.30pm in the Lounge. All are welcome to come when you can. October 15th – talk on John Newton given by Maureen Birch, & collection for NETWORK Fund for World Mission.

"**Thank you** for a very kind and thoughtful presentation at the Harvest Supper: 'Shaun the Sheep' was great, the messages in the card are lovely, the CD is 'cool' and the cheque very generous. What lovely people you are! Love in Jesus, Stephen"(3)

"**The VIKING Challenge**" Faithwalkers Annual Charity Walk was successful; all the walkers finished the route. Thank you to the walkers, sponsors, and all who made it possible again this year.(3)

Management Team Prayer meeting, Monday 13th October, 10.45am in the Vestry.

Youth Worship team Wednesday 15th October. Set up 7.15pm for a 7.30pm to 8.30pm rehearsal in the Church.

2nd Sunday 6.00pm, 12th October, TODAY. Contemporary worship including the "**Freedom in Christ**" graduation and testimony service, here at Burton Road Methodist Church.

Rwanda My Hope Young people from Rwanda tell the story of their country through theatre and music. They explore how and why one million people were murdered in the Rwandan genocide in 1994. Whilst this production conveys the brutality of the conflict, it also highlights the universal lessons of individual responsibility. Looking forward but also addressing the past. Above all, the work of Mashirika Youth Theatre group inspires hope for the future. North Lindsey College, the Diocesan Education Centre, CfBT and the University have worked together to support this group. October 22nd, 7.00pm at Bishop Grosseteste University College. Tickets from: www.nlc-events.com or telephone: 01724 294116 or 294162.

Causeway Prospects service Sunday 19th October, Fiskerton Village Hall, at 3.00pm.

Gills Christian Library Wednesday 15th October, 10.00-noon, 2.30-4.30 and 7.30-9.00 at 25 Mill Hill, Nettleham. Tel. 754863. You are welcome to pop in to see the books, DVDs, CDs, Tapes & Videos available for all ages, to borrow free of charge. There will be a chance for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea and biscuits. Contact Pauline if you would like transport.

Issues facing women today 7.30pm, Nettleham Methodist Church. Thursday 16th October – Later life.

Circuit NETWORK meeting at 'Burton Rd', 10.00am for 10.30am, Tuesday 14th October.