

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 today
Hallelujah! He is risen!**

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 Wednesday

Do contact Ian or Peter should you require help which you hope we may be able to provide, but feel unable to approach anyone whilst here

Sunday 12th April 2009 Easter

10.30am Rev Ian Brown

All age Communion service, including our 'official' welcome to Brett & Helena who have transferred their membership here, with their family Sara, Alex, Kieran & Marcus and followed by drinks

On Duty John Helen Rob Jim Worship band Mark

Flowers given by Wendy

Sunday 19th April 2009

10.30am Mr Peter Reast

Service and Junior Church followed by drinks when donations for Junior Mission for All may be given

On Duty Angela BarbaraW

Pauline Rob Maureen James

PRAYER MATTERS!

... for Peter, Angela, Pauline, Rob, Mark, Ian & all those preparing worship for next Sunday.

... for those we know who are struggling with ill health and their carers.

... for the work of the Community Larder as it seeks to relieve the hardship of those who struggle to pay bills and buy food.

... for NOMAD working with the homeless in our City.

... for Street Pastors in the city on Friday and Saturday evenings, and their prayer support teams.

... for the God Pod ministry and people, in the Cherry Willingham, St Giles and Tower areas of the city.

... for those of us supporting family members at a distance, including Edwin and Veronica, Mary and Stephen, Angela and Peter.

The Easter message of hope for 2009 from the Methodist President (Rev Stephen Poxon) is included in these notices or you can listen to the message as an audio file on the Methodist Church website:

<http://methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.content&cmid=1633>

Please pass information and prayers for our notices to Angela, by the previous Wednesday, tel. 822981 or email angela.reast@ntlworld.com if you would like the notices emailed to you.

Week beginning here, Sunday 12th April

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Easter Breakfast followed by family film All age Communion Service and drinks	Hall Church
Monday	6.30pm	Prayer meeting	From our own homes
Tuesday	10.00am 7.30pm	Management Team Prayer meeting Housegroup	Office see Pauline
Wednesday			
Thursday	7.30pm	Poacher Morris	Hall
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	10.30am 7.00pm	Service and Junior Church Activ8 & Quest-ians	Church, Lounge Lounge

NB all group and worship leaders – CCL (Christian Copyright Licence) Thank you to Rob who is now keeping our records of songs we use up to date, by computer. There is no book for us to write in! Please will **all groups** meeting at church, in homes etc. and Service worship leaders/instrumentalists ensure Rob has song title and author/composer of songs/hymns **actually used** (sometimes plans are changed), in writing or by email.

Coat pegs We have accumulated spare clothes over the past year which are now in the hall. Please take a look, especially parents, and take yours home. Groups using the building will look at them after the Easter school holiday. Any that are left will be offered to good homes.

Easter Sunday breakfast Thank you to Wendy and all who helped make it a special time together.

Everyone is welcome to our next Church Council meeting, our AGM, Monday 20th April, 7.30pm in the Church. Come and be part of our discussions reflecting on where we are and looking to our future. Minutes of the last meeting are available for all in church. Help yourself!

Lincoln Street Pastors' AGM (Amazing God Moving!) on Thursday 30 April at The Engine Shed, Lincoln University. The plan is to have a very short business meeting then spend the rest of the time sharing testimony of God's love and provision over the 18 months since Street Pastors have been on the streets in Lincoln. Meet at 7.00pm for coffee and tea, proceedings to start at 7.30pm, finishing at 9.00pm. We look forward to honouring God for what He is doing and would like as many people there as possible. Bring spouses, your cell groups, friends and neighbours. Let's share the good news. Joy Liddle.

Our offerings (including into the bank) during March amounted to £1476.08 which will be used for our work in and for the community, to maintain the premises, and build up the life of the Church.(3)

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

Wednesday Groups service Sunday 26th April at 10.30am, Preacher Rev Barbara Chambers.

Ladies Club Wednesday 29th April, 7.30pm in the Hall. Acupuncture and Massage by Mary McNeish

Easter Offering Envelopes At this Eastertide, we ask you to remember those less fortunate than ourselves by placing a gift in the Easter Offering envelopes, to be found on your chairs. The envelopes can be placed on the offertory plates on any Sunday over the Easter period, or handed to Joan Markham. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Your gifts are sent to the Methodist Fund for World Mission. The Easter Offering Dedication service will be held on Sunday 17th May 2009 at Nettleham Methodist Church, at 3pm. All are welcome. This act of worship enables the whole church in Britain and Ireland to give to the work of the 61 Methodist Partner Churches overseas. Joan.

The Methodist President's message of hope for Easter, 2009

"Life is full of thrills...some come unexpectedly whilst others we go looking for, perhaps on the latest ride at the theme park or fun fair... the thrill of being thrown around, often uncontrollably, stomach wrenching and cries of laughter or fear! Yet sadly these are also the emotions for many of us at the moment in our daily living and it isn't quite the thrill we were looking for! We are caught in a recession that is beginning to bite and almost none of us are immune. It evokes feelings of fear and uncertainty, worry and concern within us. We continue to be aware of the unfolding events in Afghanistan, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka with continuing natural disasters around the world and all of this against the backdrop of the recent G20 meeting here. So what has Easter to say to the world and our nations? What is the good news we are called to offer?

"The emotions of that first Easter morning are exactly the same as many of us are experiencing now. The women and disciples came to the tomb feeling empty, a sense of desolation, all their hopes gone... and they find the stone rolled away, the body gone, the tomb empty. This is surely how many people are feeling today. Through the loss of a loved one, worry over a parent with Alzheimer's; concern over finances or employment, a deep sense of loss, of emptiness. Yet is the tomb empty? There is a message: 'he is not here, he has risen' and the women are filled with wonder and excitement - their emptiness is replaced by hope...

"A woman from Brazil shared with me long ago that 'the last thing to die is hope' and as I have travelled this year I have discovered, no matter how dark a situation, wherever there has been hope people have been alive to change and new life. Church people have shown me projects that have come about because they never stopped hoping and I witnessed exactly this at the opening of the new church in Weymouth a couple of weeks ago. 7 years after the original church was burnt down, after just finishing its refurbishment, there was a real sense of loss and emptiness - they never let their hope die and it was a tremendous privilege to share in celebrating their new life.

"As the disciples and women approached the garden that early Easter morning I'm certain they were frightened. This was intensified as they heard the message that Jesus had risen and was alive. A mixture of excitement and fear, what could it all mean?

"We live among a people who are frightened. Fear of the recession, fear of terrorism, fear of growing old, fear of speaking out for justice, fear of...

"As Jesus meets and greets people that first Easter his first words again and again are: 'don't be afraid' or 'Peace be with you' for it is only when He breaks through our fear can we see and receive the love He offers us...and then there is only joy. It's this mixture of emotions I felt whilst watching Wales play England at the Millennium Stadium during my district visit to Wales, wanting Wales to win but the game so close and the fear building up within me and most in the stadium, and as the final whistle blew the eruption of joy. In some ways the fear stopped me enjoying the game to the full and this is perhaps where many of us are in our living - the fears and worries of everyday life are stopping us enjoying fully being alive. The message of Easter is that Christ comes to break through our fear that we might know the joy of life of being alive and in relationships with others and enjoying all that God provides.

"Easter eggs will abound once again this festive season and I still don't know the answer as to whether it was the chicken or the egg which came first. Whilst in Wales I preached at a small village chapel in Carew and here is one of the most historic Celtic crosses in our islands. In the Celtic design where is the beginning and the end? We are sometimes guilty of celebrating Easter Sunday as the end, the culmination of Lent and Holy Week. 'Christ is risen. Hallelujah!' And what happens next? The stories in the gospels tell us that those who encountered the living Christ couldn't keep it to themselves and couldn't wait to tell others. So we celebrate that Easter is not only an ending but a beginning.

"Life for us all is a journey of endings and beginnings. Our task is to help lead people from their endings into new beginnings at whatever age and stage of life they are.

"So the emotions of the first Easter are still very real in our society today. The challenge for us is to know how we can offer the hope, joy and new life that Jesus offers us all. One simple way is to believe and live these emotions in our own life that others may see the risen Christ living in us."

Rev Stephen Poxon