

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

Large print service books and sheets are available at the door

Minister – Rev Mark Lawrence Tel: 01522 754618 **for emergencies only**

Church and Community Development Worker – Mr Peter Reast

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Please contact Peter should you need help or information but feel unable to approach anyone whilst here.

Please respect their days off, Mark - Saturday & Peter – Wednesday

Sunday 28th March 10 Palm Sunday

10.30am All Age Service
Crèche room available

Preacher Mr Tim Coleman

On Duty Mary BarbaraL Angela Mark Rob
Flowers given by Pauline & Jim

Thursday 1st April 10 Maundy service

7.00pm Communion service

Preacher Rev Mark Lawrence

On Duty Mary Angela Mark Joy John

Friday 2nd April 10 Good Friday

10.30am Bailgate Methodist Church
Followed by Walk of witness to the
Cenotaph, High St, Lincoln

Sunday 4th April 10 Easter – He is risen!

9.00am Continental Easter Breakfast in the Hall
10.30am All Age Communion service
Crèche room available

Preacher Rev David Perry

On Duty Mary Angela Nigel BarbaraW John Joy

Easter Greetings from our Minister the Rev Mark Lawrence

Resurrection not Easter! Have you ever wondered why Easter is called Easter?

Apparently it comes from an ancient word meaning the season of Spring and has pagan origins as it was a name of one of the gods of the Saxon people. Now as interesting as that fact might be it has absolutely nothing to do with the historical truth of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. This wonderful time of year be overtaken with such worldly frivolities of bunnies, bonnets and eggs - a kind of neo-paganism or is it more akin to commercialism?! Either way it doesn't satisfy the human spirit! So let us turn once again from the trivial and celebrate Jesus - the Risen, Conquering Lord!

We are told in Scripture (the Bible) that after His resurrection Jesus has now received "All authority in heaven and on earth..." Through His obedience to the Father, which we see graphically illustrated in His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Through the obedience of Jesus He 'emptied Himself of all but love' and overcame sin and death and hell on the cross, because He loves you personally! Through His obedience to the Father we can know that we are right with God and through trusting and obeying Him receive total forgiveness and a new start in life. How wonderfully unique the Risen Jesus is!

This Resurrection-time is central to the good news of our faith! We centre on the Risen Christ who was the carpenter from Nazareth and now the King of Glory. The fact of the matter is this - Jesus is alive today! He is still forgiving sin, He is still bringing wholeness to the broken and He is still empowering the weak through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

What a wonderful Saviour we have and because of Him we have hope! Hope for the future, hope in our hearts and hope for our needy communities, nation and world.

Happy Resurrection to you all! Yours in the Risen Christ, Rev Mark Lawrence

PRAYER MATTERS!

... for all those preparing worship over the next week, here and elsewhere.

... for Pauline recovering from a knee operation, and for Jim.

... for Carolyn & MarkL, and Howard (Marks Dad) as the family support one another this week, as it is the funeral of Howards wife Sue.

... for Tim Coleman as he prepares 'The kind of people we are' for the Circuit. (see notice)

... with praise for the testimonies of Victoria, and Henry (in song) last week, and prayer for them with Nhyira, as they seek Gods place in work and home life.

... for David Perry recovering from a back injury.

... for Sarah and Hannah as they complete their training at BGC.

... Tearfund's Disaster Management Programme has been running in war torn southern Sudan for 12 years, helping some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Creative health education is just one of the ways TF workers are bringing transformation to the poverty-stricken state of Jonglei, which has been badly affected by conflict. War plus recent droughts have left many in desperate need of food. TF is working to make sure that the hopes of people are fulfilled, and that more children and families grow, thrive and live life to the full. Please pray specifically for TF health education workers helping Sudanese communities come to an increased understanding of health, hygiene and sanitation. Pray too for elections planned in April, that they will be free and fair.

... At the end of February, the Revd Tom Quenet, partnership coordinator for the Americas and the Caribbean, visited the Methodist Church in Haiti. He met with the district's Emergency and Disaster Committee. The money the Methodist people in Britain have given is being used to meet people's basic needs of shelter, water and food, as well as supporting six of the most affected circuits. The priorities for the future include education, reconstruction, health, evangelism and reinstating the Community Development Office.

Notices Please pass information and prayer matters to Angela by the previous Wednesday & contact her if you would like notices emailed to you. [angela.reast@ntlworld.com or 822981]

Week beginning here, Sunday 28th March 2010

| Day | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Sunday | 10.30am | All Age Service, Crèche room available | Church Vestry |
| Monday | 9.00am Evening 8.00pm | SchoolGators Scouts Prayer meeting | Lounge Hall our homes |
| Tuesday | Day time Evening 7.30pm 7.30pm | Mount St School Cubs, Beavers Band Housegroup | Hall Lounge Hall Lounge Church Joan's |
| Wednesday | 7.00pm 7.30pm | Council Surgery Ladies Club | Lounge Hall |
| Thursday | 7.30pm 7.00pm | Poacher Morris Maundy Service | Hall Church |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | 9.00am 10.30am | Easter Breakfast All Age Service, Crèche room available | Hall Church Vestry |

Easter Breakfast We look forward to a Continental breakfast at 9.00am before our service on Easter morning. No charge, although donations will be welcome. Please sign the list on the notice board **today** to book your place, or contact Wendy or Angela.

Congratulations to Sarah who has been successful in getting a teaching post near Peterborough, starting in September; and thank you to her for sharing the pictures of her Iceland excursion last week.

Dressing the Cross on Easter morning We will cover a wooden cross with fresh flowers during the service and place it outside the Church for Easter week, as a reminder of Gods presence in our community. If possible please bring some fresh flowers to help.

Community Larder Lenten gifts We are collecting packets and tins of food. There is a box near the entrance to put our gifts in.

Ladies Club Wednesday 31st March, 7.30pm in the Hall and April 14th The 50's re-visited – Gerry Burrows.

Bailgate Mens breakfast Last Saturday of the month, 8.45am at Charlotte House Hotel, The Lawn. Contact Jim if you are interested in going.

Cherry Willingham Ladies Breakfast First Saturday of the month at the Cosy Café, the Parade, Cherry Willingham at 8.45am. Tel 800209 to book a place. and bring a friend. Contact Pauline if you would like more information.

Nettleham Ladies Breakfast Second Saturday of the month at 9.30am. Tel. 880325, by the previous Thursday, to book a place. £5 or a donation.

Faithwalkers - Gringleby on the Hill, Clayworth & Drakeholes Saturday 10th April. 7½ miles walking, 5 hours including refreshment break. Depart 'Burton Rd' 9.30am. To join the walk, contact Glenn 01522 530150 or Mark 01522 806784.

E-Linc is again on the notice board. It gives helpful information, church news sharing, prayer requests, book reviews... Do read and return to the board for others to enjoy.

Circuit Service Sunday 11th April (Second Sunday) 6.00pm at Saxilby Methodist Church.

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Over Easter there will be **Easter Offering Envelopes** on the seats in Church. The Easter Offering is run by Women's' Network but is a way for the whole church to give to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund, which helps to support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments, and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the Church to make grants to Partner Churches for special projects. Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort, and put your gift in the envelope and place it on the collection plate, or give it to Joan Markham. The service to receive the gifts from each church will be held on 16th May at 3pm, at Welton Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Thank you.

Lincoln Street Pastors News Letter is on the notice board.(2)

Our offerings (including into the bank) during February amounted to £1150.70, 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)

An Evening of Gospel Music with Jonathan Nowell 7.30pm, Thursday 22nd April 2010 at Lincoln Drill Hall. **Tickets on sale now** £7 (Concessions £5). Call Box Office 01522 873894.

Circuit Discipleship Course – The Kind of People we are With the aid of film, video, images and our own experiences, explore the Scriptures that lie behind the Creed (the basic statement of our faith) revealing the character of God, the kind of people we are, what we do and what we say; all at Saxilby Methodist Church. Sunday 11th April at 6.00pm (Second Sunday) and Tuesdays 13th, 20th, 27th April and 4th May. Course led by Tim Coleman, Circuit Mission Enabler.

District Network Day Thurlby Methodist Church, 11.00am-3.00pm, on Saturday 25th March. Speaker – Mrs Judith Lampard.