

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**

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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 4th April 10 Easter – He is risen!

9.00am Continental Easter Breakfast in the Hall

10.30am All Age Communion Service

On Duty Mary Nigel Angela Mark Wendy Rob
Josh Sam JohnG Joy JohnH

Sunday 11th April 10

10.30am Service, Junior Church, Crèche

Preacher Mrs Karen Fairest

On Duty Pauline Joan Rob Angela Peter Helena
Tracy SarahR

Junior Church Jesus the Way

PRAYER MATTERS!

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

... for David Perry recovering from a back problem, also his family and assistant Alison.

... Angola makes tackling poverty a priority, [report from Tearfund]. For every 100 Angolans, 60 are very poor and cannot eat normally every day, have no easy access to drinking water, health care or a shelter. One of Tearfunds partners is the Evangelical Reformed Church of Angola, with about 250,000 members around the country, it is working in ten provinces, running activities such as HIV/AIDS awareness programmes and training pastors. This Easter please pray for the people of Angola, many of whom are living in terrible conditions because of poverty. Pray for God to touch the hearts of those in power, that they will act to stop corruption and ensure that the wealth created by oil reserves benefits many, not the few.

Week beginning here, Sunday 4th April 2010

| Day | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Sunday | 9.00am 10.30am | Easter Breakfast All Age Service, Crèche room available | Hall Church Vestry |
| Monday | 8.00pm | Prayer meeting | our homes |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | 7.00pm | Council Surgery | Lounge |
| Thursday | 7.30pm | Poacher Morris | Hall |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday | 10.30am 7.00pm | Service, Junior Church, Crèche Youth Alpha | Church Lounge Vestry Lounge |

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

Thank you to all who helped with our Easter breakfast and service.

Our offerings (including into the bank) during March amounted to £1741.69, and will be used for our work in and for the community, to maintain the premises, and build up the life of the Church.

Notepad is again on the notice board. It gives helpful information re the work of Churches Together in all Lincolnshire, sharing news, prayer requests, book reviews... Do read and return to the board for others to enjoy.(3)

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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 .(2)

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

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.

Martin & Blankney Wood Saturday 24th April, 7 miles, walking time including refreshment break 4¾ hours. Depart 'Burton Rd' 9.30am.

To join the walks, 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.(3)

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

Easter Offering Envelopes There are Easter Offering Envelopes 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.(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.

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]