

Dates for your diary

JULY

- Monday 14th Church prayer meeting - 6.15pm
- Sunday 20th 10.45am - Farewell to Revd Nick Young including family communion. Service followed by a buffet lunch in the church hall.
- Thursday 24th Property Meeting - 7.30pm
- Sunday 27th 10.30am - Farewell to Revd Andrew Bradley at Brackley.

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 6th 6.30pm - Welcome service for Revd Paul Howes and Revd Colin Jackson.
- Saturday 13th Churches in Bicester Summer Fun Day
1.00pm - 4.00pm in Garth Park.

Notices for next week. Items should be given to Judy Lacey by **Thursday** please, in writing, by 'phone (01869-360134) or by e-mail barry.lacey@talktalk.net

WELCOME TO BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 13th JULY 2008

Minister	Revd Nick Young	253547
Youth Worker	Tom Lewis	242394
Church website	www.bicestermethodist.org.uk	
Youth Website	www.absolutely.org.uk	

If you are a visitor to our church, please make yourself known to one of the stewards. Tea and coffee will be served after the service - please stay and join us. Do speak with one of the door stewards if you would like more details of our fellowship here.

Today's Services

10.45am Revd Andrew Bradley
No evening service
(to allow the young people to go over to Well Street for Brian Stocker's last service)

There are crèche facilities available for very young children. For children who stay in church for the whole service there are a number of bags on the coat hooks in the entrance. These contain books, paper, pencils etc.

Services Next Week: 20th July

10.45am Revd Nick Young
with Family Communion
6.15pm Revd Andrew Bradley

Please feel free to use one, and return it at the end of the service.

The prayer room is open for private prayer whenever the church front doors are open.

Your prayers are asked for those known to you who are in special need at this time. If you have specific prayer requests, which you would like to be put on the prayer chain, please contact Elizabeth Wilson 246725.

LOCAL PREACHER COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR JOHN CULLWICK

Today 13th July at 4.00pm - Towcester Methodist Church. John now lives in South Wales but has kept his membership in this Circuit until his Local Preacher training was complete. This is our Circuit's opportunity to thank him for his service to us over many years and to wish him God speed both in his new home and in his service as a fully admitted Local Preacher.

OUR NEW PREACHING SERIES began on the 6th July and lasts for six weeks. Preachers, stewards and organists have had the outlines for several weeks now and group leaders are invited to take a copy from the vestibule so that you can follow up the issues during the week. The title is 'Christian Concepts' and the series looks at issues raised by members of the congregation.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR NICK'S FAREWELL LUNCH

Farewell



On Sunday 20th July there will be a buffet lunch in the church hall to say 'Farewell' to Revd Nick Young as he moves on to his new appointment in Welwyn. Please note that this is not a bring and share lunch but a meal that will be catered for. It is therefore important that we know numbers of people staying for that lunch. There is a sheet in the church entrance to sign up for this and I would ask you to make sure that you put your names on this list if you intend to stay. There will be other

people from the Circuit too and Jackie Lewis, who is coordinating the catering, needs to know numbers. Thank you. *Ann Beasley, Senior Circuit Steward*

REVD ANDREW BRADLEY

The Revd Andrew Bradley will take his last service at Brackley Methodist Church on Sunday 27th July at 10:30am. All are invited to attend the service and the lunch afterwards to say goodbye to Andrew and Stephanie. If you would like to stay for lunch phone Janet Crisp on 01280-702386 before the 19th July.

CHRISTINE'S WORK IN SUDAN

On Friday September 5th it is hoped to have a stall on the market promoting Christine's work in Sudan. This stall will also sell handmade greeting cards for her work. Susan has plenty of cards if you would like to purchase them beforehand, and would welcome a body or two to help on the stall. Call Susan 07949 575216

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Would anyone like to help operate the new church audio desk on Sundays? Training will be given. Contact David Sherwood on 242057.

PROPERTY SECRETARY

On 31st July John Boxall will step down from the Property committee after many years of valued service. There is now an urgent need for a replacement. It would also be much appreciated if all could please respect John's decision to retire from

Property.

WELCOME SERVICE FOR REVD NICK YOUNG IN HIS NEW CIRCUIT

Revd Nick Young's welcome service in his new circuit will be at the Western Auditorium of the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, AL10 9EU, on Saturday 6th September at 3.00pm. He doesn't expect people to go from here, because he would rather they supported Paul and Colin's welcome service at 6.30pm that evening. However, if anyone does want to go please contact Ann Beasley or Nick for more details so they have some idea of numbers.

"SING FOR YOUR SUPPER"

The Wives' Club are having an Open evening on Monday 28th July at 7.00pm in the main hall with Don Barden providing musical entertainment. Tickets are available from Yvonne Launchbury or Anne Black at £7.50 per person which includes a Hot Supper. All profits will go to the Sightsavers charity. Everyone welcome – ladies and gentlemen.



AUTUMN FAIR 2008

May I remind you about the meeting in the Rainbow Room after this morning's service for those of you who would like to help at the Autumn Fair. If you can't come to the meeting, but would like to help, please ring me on 324611.

Many thanks.

Heather Burrell

JMA BOXES

I would appreciate all JMA boxes to be returned by Sunday 3rd August - it does not matter if they are not full – so that I can balance the money for the year.

Thank you,

Leisa

BMSS

Please can all staff and helpers let me know when they are unavailable for BMSS for the next rota from September to end of December.

Leisa

STEVE BENNETT

Steve served as a local preacher in this circuit and will be remembered by many. He was ordained last Sunday and is currently serving in the Cranford Circuit, Derbyshire. We send our congratulations.

ACORN MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Next week, Tuesday 15th July, will be the last day of this term. We will restart on the 16th September. Happy Holiday

Marlyn and Sue



MARGARET WOOD

Margaret, Leisa's mother, has had a fall at school and has to have an operation in the Horton Hospital on her right wrist (she is left handed!) Please remember her in prayer.

Elizabeth