

Dates for your diary

AUGUST

Sunday 31st Welcome service for Revd Janet Jackson
3.00pm - Hinton Methodist Church
(Woodford Halse)

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th Street Boys Sudan Programme
Handmade Greetings cards and information stall
Sheep Street 10.00am - 3.00pm

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

Sunday 21st Bring & Share lunch

OCTOBER

Saturday 4th Paul and Melanie Howes invite you to:
Bicester Manse Open Day 10.00am - 12 noon
and 2.00pm - 4.00pm
This will be a Circuit Event - all are invited

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 17th AUGUST 2008

Minister	Revd Paul Howes (with effect from 1 st September 2008)
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	Rt Revd Andrew Shergold and Revd Carina Shergold
6.15pm	Revd David Good / Holy Communion Dave & Dionne Sherwood

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

Services Next Week: 24th August

10.45am	Revd John W Goulder
6.15pm	Revd Roger Lee / Sue Morris

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 on 246725.

SPOTLIGHT – Today, 17th August, is the deadline for the September edition.

CHURCH STEWARDS AND DOOR STEWARDS

Stewards/door stewards - please let Sue Morris know your availability for next plan (September-December) **TODAY**, and confirm if any contact details have changed.

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

Thank you to all the people who help on the coffee rota serving tea/coffee after the morning services. We have recently lost a few people from this rota and need some more people to join the team. This is a very enjoyable way to serve in the church – you get to greet and chat with other members of the congregation and the donations made for the refreshments go to help the good work of Tear Fund. If you feel you could help in this work, please phone Sylvia or Len Jeskowiak on 01869 245996 or e-mail sylviajeskowiak@ntlworld.com Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK HOUSE-HOUSE COLLECTION MAY 2008

For those who do not know, the Bicester and District Christian Aid Committee is happy to report that £5,288 was collected by a dedicated band of volunteers during Christian Aid Week. Grateful thanks to all who collected and donated in Bicester, Launton and Bucknell.

Beryl Mann

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – RIDE AND STRIDE

This annual event is on Saturday 13th September. If anyone would like to take part, please speak to Mary Brydon on 01869-241110.



BREAKFAST WITH SPEAKER

The Circuit Network has arranged a Breakfast on Saturday September 6th 9.00am at Brackley Methodist Church when the speaker will be Revd Carina Shergold from Arncott. This is an event for everyone and a crèche will be provided if necessary. There will be no charge for the breakfast but donations towards Network will be gratefully received. Please note this in your diaries and come and join us for a super morning.

Elizabeth Wilson

FRIDAY COFFEE AND LUNCHES

More help would be appreciated with: the "early shift" 8.30 - 11.15am, "lunchtime shift" 11.00 - closing time, with additional people to cook for us, plus help with putting away tables and sweeping up from 1.30pm. If you can help with any of these jobs or would like to know more details, please get in touch.

Yvonne Launchbury, Catering Convenor 01869-242578

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, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, AL10 9EU on Saturday 6th September at 3.00pm. If anyone wants to go please contact Ann Beasley or Nick for more details so they have some idea of numbers.

KING ARTHUR - CANCELLED

Due to a lack of actors and leaders dropping out, the play of King Arthur has been cancelled. Don't worry though, we will be re-scheduling the production for October so you can watch it then.

Tom Lewis

YOUTH WORKER

Tom will be away working with Christians In Sport (16th-23rd August) and then on a week's holiday until the end of this month.

CHURCH CONTACT POINT:

During August our church will be without a minister; if you urgently need to speak to someone, call the Church Contact Point, 07531 358653 and Tom Lewis or one of the Stewards will put you in contact with an appropriate person.

CIRCUIT PLAN

The new Circuit Plan for September - December is available in the vestibule. Please take a copy if you would like one. Also the Circuit Bulletin with a photo of the three Ministers for the 3Bs Circuit – please take a copy.

MORNING PRAYERS ROSTER

Elizabeth Wilson is usually on duty in the church from 10.00 – 12.00 on Monday and Friday mornings, with Marlyn Halford on Wednesdays and Margaret Jaggs on Thursdays. At the moment there is no one to do Tuesday mornings – previously covered by Ray Carpenter. Should anyone be available to volunteer for the Tuesday morning slot, please call Elizabeth on 246725.



CHURCHES IN BICESTER SUMMER FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 13th

We are still looking for Hospitality Coordinators, Site Managers, Treasurer and Sponsorship Organiser. A COORDINATOR commits to taking on responsibility in advance of the Fun day for a particular task. Volunteers are also needed - just come along to the briefing session during the week before the Fun day - you don't have to take on advance responsibility. If anyone is willing to be a Coordinator, please ring Alison Birch on 07969 988932. Volunteers - please ring Bea Foster on 600952 or speak to Joy Lewis.

STREET BOYS SUDAN PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 5th

Help is needed on Sheep Street to: put up stand, lay out table and chairs, help on stand to promote. Free-standing gazebo also required. Please speak to Susan Paton ASAP on 01869-250905.

NEW MANSE

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who has helped in any way to prepare the new manse, in practical terms and in prayer, for Paul and Melanie's arrival. Your hard work has been greatly appreciated.

Ann & John Beasley