

## Dates for your diary

### JULY

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> **10.45am** - Today is our Farewell Service to Revd Nick Young, including family communion, followed by a buffet lunch in the church hall.

\* **6.15pm.** This evening will be Andrew's last service at Bicester, with light refreshments after the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andrew and his family as they move to Altrincham.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Property Meeting - 7.30pm

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - Farewell to Revd Andrew Bradley at Brackley.

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm - Welcome service for Revd Paul Howes and Revd Colin Jackson.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:barry.lacey@talktalk.net)

## WELCOME TO BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008

Minister	Revd Nick Young	253547
Youth Worker	Tom Lewis	242394
Church website	<a href="http://www.bicestermethodist.org.uk">www.bicestermethodist.org.uk</a>	
Youth Website	<a href="http://www.absolutely.org.uk">www.absolutely.org.uk</a>	

**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 Nick Young  
with Family Communion**

**6.15pm**      **Revd Andrew Bradley**

**\* (See diary dates on reverse of this sheet)**

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: 27<sup>th</sup> July

**10.45am**      **Revd Nick Young**  
**6.15pm**      **Revd Nick Young / Andy Lewis  
with Holy Communion**

**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.**

## RAY

Thank you to everyone who sent cards whilst Ray was ill and after he died. It was wonderful to see so many at his Service of Thanksgiving, and to know that many more were holding our family in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you also for your generous donations which will be gratefully received by Sobell House, Marie Curie Cancer Care, and Cancer Research UK. The total received so far is over £1,000 and still coming in. I will let you know the final total later.

*Maureen Carpenter*

## MHA

Thank you for supporting MHA Sunday - donations totalling £73.97 have been forwarded. I have recently been informed that MHA are opening a 64 bed home over in Carterton. I don't have all of the details but I think this is fantastic news! Please remember this project in your prayers. *Angela Jones*

## 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.

## 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. Nick 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.

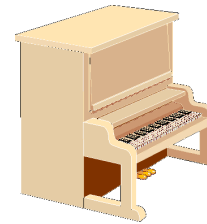
## NEW MANSE

I will need some helping hands to clean the new manse on Saturday morning 26th July. There is no heavy cleaning (all sanitary ware will be brand new). I may need some weeding and strimming done too if we get time so if you have a strimmer you will be very welcome. I will provide all cleaning chemicals etc. unless you prefer to use your own. Please bring dusters, feather dusters, cleaning cloths etc. If you think you may be able to help please have a word with me or 'phone 323973 or e-mail [annb@devanti.co.uk](mailto:annb@devanti.co.uk) and I can give you some idea what you could do. Many thanks. *Ann Beasley*

PLEASE NOTE - with immediate effect, due to health difficulties, Susan Paton has reluctantly stepped down from the role of Minister's Secretary.

## "SING FOR YOUR SUPPER"

The Wives' Club are having an 'Open' evening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the main hall with Don Barden providing musical entertainment. Don is the organist



at St Edburg's and is excellent on the keyboard. Our own Nick Young will be entertaining us with a couple of items too. The evening will include a choice of hot suppers (and most of you know how good our ladies can cook!) Tickets are available from Yvonne Launchbury or Anne Black at £7.50 per person. All profits will go to the Sightsavers charity. Everyone welcome - ladies and gentlemen.

## MARGARET WOOD

Margaret had a fall at school last week and this week had an operation in the Horton Hospital on her right wrist. She is now recovering back at home and is most grateful for all the get-well cards.

## MISSING GLASSES

Freda Forrest lost her glasses and case at Ray Carpenter's thanksgiving service. Please make contact with Freda on 242050 if you have any information.

## 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 Wood*

## 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 Wood*

## PROPERTY SECRETARY

On 31<sup>st</sup> 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.