

## Dates for your diary

### SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Bring & Share lunch  
"Spotlight" deadline
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper - 7.30pm
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Property Meeting - 7.30pm

### OCTOBER

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Revd Paul R Howes**  
**9 Fulmar Court**  
**BICESTER OX26 4FG**  
**Tel: 01869 240932**  
e-mail: [prhowes@btconnect.com](mailto:prhowes@btconnect.com)

### Services for Next Week: 28<sup>th</sup> September

#### HARVEST SERVICES

- 10.45am **Revd Paul R Howes - All Age service**  
6.15pm **Revd Paul R Howes**

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

## **WELCOME TO BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

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| Minister       | Revd Paul R Howes  | 240932 |
| 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 Paul R Howes with Holy Communion**  
*'The last shall be first' Matthew 20 vs 1-16*
- 6.15pm** **Mr Tom Lewis - Connect in the Hall**

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.

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

**Your prayers are asked for those 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 e-mail them to [prayer@bicestermethodist.org.uk](mailto:prayer@bicestermethodist.org.uk) or contact Sue Morris on 243648.**

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

The Harvest Supper is fast approaching, and as usual we are looking for all kinds of entertainment for our programme on Saturday 27th September. If you would like to contribute to the evening please do contact me, either on 01869 601832 or email me on mark\_lewis13@hotmail.co.uk We should have no trouble fitting everyone in to what should be a great evening!

## **HARVEST SUPPER - 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM**

Tickets are available at £5.00, Concessions £4.00 and Family tickets £15.00 (from Yvonne Launchbury, Marjory Playford or Judy Lacey). Proceeds in aid of Tear Fund. Donations of apple pies for the harvest supper would be gratefully received. *Yvonne Launchbury*



## **VOLUNTEERS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH**

If you feel you could express your thanks for all God's wonderful gifts in a practical way, please take a card from one of the designated areas in church. The removal of the card will indicate the area will be decorated in time for our Harvest services. Why not join together with friends, family, fellowship members or church organisation to ensure that the church decorations are a reflection of our true thanks this harvest time. The church will be open from 9.00-12.00 midday on Saturday 27th for decorating and individual donations of produce will be welcomed at this time. Thank you.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL JMA SERVICE**

Sunday 28th September - All Age service. Donations of non-perishable foods such as cereals, tinned food, packets or cartons, rice, pasta, etc. would be gratefully received at this service and will be taken to Oxford Night shelter. There will also be donation envelopes for JMA at this service.

## **OXFORD NIGHT SHELTER**

Along with the harvest gifts, if anyone would like to make donations of warm, serviceable clothing, including outdoor coats, blankets or essential toiletries, flannels and towels, a box will be in the vestibule to receive these and they will be taken to the Night Shelter after the Harvest weekend. If you would like donations collected, please phone Joy on 601832.

*If anyone would like to take over the link with the Night Shelter, Joy would be pleased to hear from you! (601832) All you need is a box for donations and the means of taking them to Oxford three times a year.*

## **SPOTLIGHT**

Items for the October edition should be with Margaret Jaggs **TODAY**.

## **BICESTER & DISTRICT LADIES SUPPER**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.00pm – Bicester Methodist Church Hall. The speaker will be Neil Rowe, talking about the "Send a Cow" scheme which he helped to set up. Tickets £5.00 from Anne Black – 01869 325620.

## **CARD STALL**

Thank you to all those people who helped in any way, including Bicester Town Council and the Market Manager, with the handmade card stall to raise funds for the Street Boys Programme Sudan. We raised £135.52, even though it rained continually, and will be gratefully received by Christine and her team. There are plenty of cards left - if you missed out please see Margaret Jaggs or Susan.

## **ORGAN MUSIC**

The 5th Annual Evening of Organ Music will take place on Friday 14th November at 7.00pm. I want to dedicate the evening to the memory of Ray and Barbara who both were in the Churchill Hospital for treatment. Proceeds from the event will go to DUO at the Churchill Hospital. Final details will be available soon. Please book the date and come along.

*John Boxall*

## **AUTUMN FAIR CHRISTMAS STALL**

As I am away during October could you look out any unwanted Christmas items you may have or you can make and keep them for me until after October 24th. I don't have much at the moment and would be glad of your help. Many thanks.

*Helen Boxall*

## **ORGAN – FREE TO GOOD HOME**

1985 Technics E22 with Yamaha EC-500 Tape Deck.

Size 41½" W x 21" D x 36" H with stool. Telephone 01869-246988.