

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 24th 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	Revd John W Goulder
6.15pm	Revd Roger Lee / Sue Morris

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: 31st August

10.45am	Mrs Dionne Sherwood
	Mrs Elizabeth Wilson - Baptism
6.15pm	Mr Malcolm Wainwright /
	Andy Lewis

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 on 246725.

WELCOME SERVICE FOR REVD PAUL HOWES

After this service at 6.30pm on Saturday 30th August there will be tea/coffee and cake available. If anyone is able to provide a cake, please contact Yvonne Launchbury on 01869-242578.



If you play a musical instrument (not brass) and would like to play for the welcome service, please speak to Ann Beasley on 01869-323973.

JANET JACKSON'S WELCOME SERVICE

If anyone would like to go to Janet Jackson's welcome service at Hinton, Woodford Halse next Sunday 31st August and would like a lift, please make contact with Ann Beasley.

GARETH SHERWOOD

Gareth is moving to Grimsby on the 6th September 2008. You are invited to 2 Turnberry Close on Friday 5th September from 6.30pm for a chance to wish him well as he chooses to serve God for a year doing Youth Work. There will be a BBQ (weather permitting). If you would like to come please let either David, Dionne, Gareth or Matthew Sherwood know, or e-mail dionnesherwood@samwood.uk.com so that we have an idea of how many to cater for.

STREET BOYS SUDAN PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 5th

The Town Council are loaning, erecting and dismantling a free-standing gazebo for us. We now just need your help on the stall and with moving tables & chairs on to Sheep Street and then back to the hall after the sale which is 10.00am - 3.00pm. If you can help, please contact Susan Paton on 01869-250905.

BANBURY ROAD MANSE

Now that the Banbury Road manse is empty, if anyone would like to see what furniture is available, please let me know and I will take you along. There is no cost but a donation to the Church would be much appreciated. *Ann Beasley*

CIRCUIT MEETING 18th SEPTEMBER

I am intending to distribute Agendas for the Circuit Meeting (18th September at Greens Norton) at the Welcome Service on September 6th. If you have any written reports (which always allow the meeting to be more efficient) please let me have them by Wed. September 3rd. *Malcolm Wainwright - Circuit Secretary*

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.

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.

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOKS

The Methodist Prayer Handbooks for 2008-9 are now available price £2.75 each from David Wilson.

BAPTISM

During the morning service on Sunday August 31st, there will be a Baptism of Luke White, son of Neil & Debbie White.

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 Arcott. 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*

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.



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.

WELCOME SERVICE FOR REVD NICK YOUNG

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.

