

Dates for your diary

AUGUST

Sunday 31st Welcome service for Revd Janet Jackson at 3.00pm in Banbury

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

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 27th 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 Nick Young
6.15pm	Revd Nick Young / Andy Lewis with Holy Communion

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: 3rd August

10.30am	Connect in the Church Hall
10.45am	Alan Peters
6.15pm	Tom Lewis / Absolute

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.

JUNIOR HEROES HOLIDAY CLUB

Thank you for all your donations of yoghurt pots, velcro and kitchen rolls etc. They will be put to good use! Please continue to pray for Holiday Club, for the children and the volunteers, that Jesus' love will be evident in all that happens. There will be a bring and share lunch at King's Meadow school for all the volunteers helping with the holiday club, on Sunday 10th August at 1.00pm. This will give us the opportunity to meet, pray and set up, and is vital preparation for a smooth start to the club. Many hands make light work, and also make it more fun! (If you can't make lunch, help would be appreciated between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.) There are still spaces available for children (forms available in the vestibule). If you are intending to help either with children or the coffee drop-in, please could you return your forms a.s.a.p. so that we know how many children we can accommodate? Thank you. *Joy Lewis*

KING ARTHUR:

Legend tells of a legendary King whose knights were the stuff of legend! See the Knights of the Round Table in action with much derring-do and derring-don't. See the wonder and magic portrayed with immense skill and enthusiasm by the young people of Absolute. This unique play is on for one knight only, on Wednesday 20th August! (Tickets £3.00 pay on the door)

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

There will **not** be a bring and share lunch on Sunday 17th August; the next one will be on Sunday September 21st.

CHURCH CONTACT POINT:

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

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*

PHOTOCOPIER

Any problems with the photocopier for the period 27th July until 9th August please ring Andy Lewis – 01869 601832. *Andy Newman*

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*

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

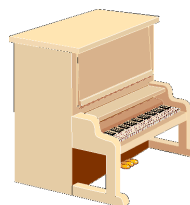
Would anyone like to help operate the new church audio desk on Sundays? Training will be given. Contact David Sherwood on 242057.

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.

“SING FOR YOUR SUPPER”

The Wives' Club are having an 'Open' evening, tomorrow, Monday 28th 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.



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.

CHURCHES FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 13th

There is a meeting for Coordinators / Ministers on Tuesday 29th July at 8.00pm, St Edburg's upstairs room. 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. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and it will also be a good opportunity to share fellowship with Christians from around the town. Volunteers are also needed. Just come along to the briefing session during the week before the Fun day but you don't have to take on advance responsibility. If anyone is willing to be a coordinator, please ring Alison Birch 07969 988932. Volunteers - please ring Bea Foster 600952 or speak to Joy Lewis.

COFFEE MORNING

All "Friday" helpers are invited to a coffee morning on Thursday 21st August at 10.30am. This is to be held in the garden of 16 Titchener Close, in appreciation of all your help in the last year. *Yvonne Launchbury and Jackie Lewis*

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