

## Dates for your diary

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

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

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

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Bring & Share lunch

### 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

**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 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2008

Minister	Revd Paul 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	Mrs Dionne Sherwood Mrs Elizabeth Wilson - Baptism
6.15pm	Mr Malcolm Wainwright / Andy Lewis

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: 7<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am	Connect in the Church Hall with Revd Paul Howes
10.45am	Mr Richard Wilson
6.15pm	Revd Paul Howes with Holy Communion

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.

### BAPTISM

Luke James White is being baptised today. A very warm welcome to him, his parents Neil and Debbie and all family and friends.

### WELCOME SERVICE FOR REV D PAUL HOWES

After this service at 6.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September there will be tea/coffee and cake available. If anyone is able to provide a cake, please contact Yvonne Launchbury on 242578.



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

### GARETH SHERWOOD

Gareth is moving to Grimsby on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008. You are invited to 2 Turnberry Close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FRIDAY COFFEE AND LUNCHES

On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, our weekly coffee and lunches will begin again after the August break. All are welcome.

### STREET BOYS SUDAN PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

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 250905.

### CIRCUIT MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

*Malcolm Wainwright - Circuit Secretary*

### 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. Margaret Jaggs will now be there on Tuesdays, so at the moment there is no one to do Thursday mornings. Should anyone be available to volunteer for the **Thursday** morning slot, please call Elizabeth on 246725.

### METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOKS

The Methodist Prayer Handbooks for 2008-2009 are now available price £2.75 each from David Wilson.

### BREAKFAST WITH SPEAKER

The Circuit Network has arranged a Breakfast on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

### OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST-RIDE AND STRIDE

This annual event is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone would like to take part, please speak to Mary Brydon on 241110.

### CHURCHES IN BICESTER SUMMER FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

We are 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 REV D 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 6<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm.