

## Dates for your diary

### AUGUST

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Welcome service for Revd Janet Jackson at 3.00pm in Banbury

### 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

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 (01869-360134) or by e-mail [barry.lacey@talktalk.net](mailto:barry.lacey@talktalk.net)

## WELCOME TO BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2008

Minister	Revd Paul Howes (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008)
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

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

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: 10<sup>th</sup> August

10.45am	Revd Roger Lee
6.15pm	David Teckoe

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.

### **JUNIOR HEROES HOLIDAY CLUB**

THANK YOU to all who have contributed donations for holiday club craft. They will become representations of the armour of God! Please pray for the Holiday Club - it's only a week away now!  
*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, in the Church, on Wednesday 20th August at 7.30pm. (Tickets £3.00 pay on the door)

### **CHURCH CONTACT POINT:**

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

### **NEW MANSE**

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who has helped in any way to prepare the new manse, in practical terms and in prayer, for Paul and Melanie's arrival. Your hard work has been greatly appreciated.  
*Ann & John Beasley*

### **CHURCH STEWARDS AND DOOR STEWARDS**

Would all stewards and door stewards please let Sue Morris know their availability for the next plan (September - December) by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please also confirm if any of your contact details have changed.

### **SUDAN**

The Drop in Centre for Streetboys has had to be closed due to lack of finance. They are hoping this is a temporary measure but ask for our prayers that it is soon reopened. For more information please speak to Susan Payton.

### **SING FOR YOUR SUPPER**

Thanks to all who supported this Wives' Club event last Monday evening. **£231** has been raised for the charity 'Sightsavers'.



### **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. If anyone wants to go please contact Ann Beasley or Nick for more details so they have some idea of numbers.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

All "Friday" helpers are invited to a coffee morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 & Jackie Lewis*

### **CIRCUIT PLAN**

The new Circuit Plan for September - December is available in the vestibule. Please take a copy if you would like one. Also the Circuit Bulletin with a photo of the three Ministers for the 3Bs Circuit - please take a copy.

### **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 and Margaret Jaggs on Thursdays. At the moment there is no one to do Tuesday mornings - previously covered by Ray Carpenter. Should anyone be available to volunteer for the Tuesday morning slot, please call Elizabeth on 246725.

### **KING'S CLUB BIBLES**



THANK YOU very much to those who contributed to the King's Club Bibles. They were received with great enthusiasm. Please pray for those children as they move up to Secondary school next term.

### **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.

### **PHOTOCOPIER**

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

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

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.

### **YOUTH LEADER**

Please note, Tom Lewis will be away from 1st - 9th August at Christians in Sport Camp.