

Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 13th Churches in Bicester Summer Fun Day
1.00pm - 4.00pm in Garth Park

Wednesday 17th Stewards' Meeting - 7.30pm

Sunday 21st Bring & Share lunch

Saturday 27th Harvest Supper

Tuesday 30th Property Meeting - 7.30pm

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

A warm welcome to our new Minister :

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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

WELCOME TO BICESTER METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2008

Minister	Revd Paul R. Howes 240932
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

10.30am	Connect in the Church Hall with Revd Paul Howes
10.45am	Mr Richard Wilson
6.15pm	Revd Paul Howes 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: 14th September

10.45am	Revd Roger Lee
6.15pm	Revd Paul Howes

**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 or contact Sue Morris on 243648.**

24/6 PRAYER WEEK STARTS - " TODAY "

If you are able to visit the prayer room in the Salvation Army Hall, Hart Place, Glory Farm, please do. The room will be prepared to enable people to pray for Bicester either quietly or through art, music, bible meditation or communion. There are also many resources available there throughout the week to aid devotional time. Let's take this opportunity to share with the Christians in Bicester to pray for our community continually throughout the coming week. We have responsibility for the 24 hours commencing at 8.00pm on Tuesday 9th September and it is also requested that we participate in a closing celebration at 8.00pm on Friday 12th September. (It would be much appreciated if you could sign up on the board in the vestibule if you can commit to a specific time slot.) Thank you.



BMSS

BMSS will not be in church on Sunday 14th September as they are having a FUN SUNDAY in the Hall.

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.

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!

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 please let me have them by Wed. September 3rd.

Malcolm Wainwright - Circuit Secretary

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOKS

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

THE AUGUST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

A big *thank you* to the volunteers who helped with the Friday coffee mornings during August, and to all those who supported us. They proved a great success, both for the number of people who dropped in, and financially; we made a total of £269 after expenses and from this we hope to replace the refrigerator in the kitchen.

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.

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 241110.



CHURCHES IN BICESTER SUMMER FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 13th

Please pray for the Festival and do go along for an enjoyable afternoon in Garth Park. Festival Volunteers are encouraged to attend a briefing meeting at the Salvation Army Hall on Tuesday 9th September, at 7.30 pm. If you are available to help in any way, there are many "hour slots" in which your help would be most appreciated. Volunteers please ring Bea Foster 600952.

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 20th September at St Edburg's School Hall - 7.00pm to 11.00pm, in aid of St Edburg's Renewal. The band, with a caller, is the well-known Tinkers Ditch. It's great fun and you don't have to know how to dance when you go to a Barn Dance. Food is included in the price of the ticket. There will be a bar (beer, cider, red or white wine, soft drinks) and a raffle. Organised by the bell ringers but you don't have to be a bell-ringer to attend. Tickets can be obtained from Sarah Cole (4 Woodcote Road, Caversfield) (Tel. 01869 243236) or from Cole's Book Shop in Bicester at £10 for adults, £3 for children ages 5 to 16 (cash or cheques made out to St Edburg's Church Bicester Reordering Fund - no credit cards). St Edburg's School Hall (plenty of car parking space in the school playground) is located in the road by the side of the Swan pub, just near St Edburg's Church in Bicester.