

**THE METHODIST CHURCH  
BANBURY CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER JUNE 2010**

Where is your church/chapel?

***Rev Rob Anning, Superintendent Minister writes:***

For a recent birthday, Pat, my wife, bought me a satnav for use on my motorbike. It's like every other satnav only this one is waterproof. It's very good at getting me from one place to another but it does something else which I find particularly useful: at any moment, it can tell me where I am. With my sense of direction, that is useful.

Knowing where you are is good thing. For once you know where you are, you can begin to think about where you want to get to, and so decide which route to take from one place to another.

I want to ask all the churches and chapels in the Banbury Circuit to begin to think where you think you are? I know that you know exactly where your church or chapel is geographically, but I want you to begin to think where you are in terms of where you are as a serving church or chapel.

To help you decide where you are, I want each church and chapel to say which of the following four categories you think you fit into. They all begin with the letter "P".

**PARKED:** Is your church/chapel standing still like the cars in a car park; going nowhere, with no direction?

**PROGRESSING:** Is your church/chapel on the move, with a sense of direction, perhaps with a "purpose statement" that you are working to?

**PRUNING:** Is your church/chapel doing nothing, serving no purpose, perhaps ready for pruning?

**PLANTING:** Is your church/chapel in the wrong place or is there is an opportunity in your vicinity to plant something new?

I will be trying to get to as many Church Councils around the Circuit during the coming Autumn and into Winter to ask you to answer the question: Where is your church/chapel? I want us to have a discussion about where you think you are, where you might like to get to, and how the Circuit can help you to achieve change.

I realise this is a bit of a frightening exercise and it is not the Circuit's plan to close churches or chapels unless they want to. We need to remember there is a fifth "P", and that is "potential". The Circuit wants to help those churches and chapels who are honest enough to say where they think they really are but would like to move from one place to another. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

## LECTIONARY READING FOR JUNE 2010

### June 6<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 17:17 – 24  
Psalm 30  
Galations 1:11 – 24  
Luke 7:11 – 17

### June 20<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 65:1 - 9  
Psalm 22:19 - 28  
Galations 3:23 – 29  
Luke 8:26 – 39

### June 13<sup>th</sup>

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:10, 13-15  
Psalm 32  
Galations 2:15 – 21  
Luke 7:36 – 8:3

### June 27<sup>th</sup>

1 Kings 19:15 – 16, 19 – 21  
Psalm 16  
Galations 5:1, 13 – 25  
Luke 9:51 - 62

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Val Trinder will be holding a coffee morning (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*), in aid of the Manses Fund on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>, (late May Bank Holiday) from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall and plant sales. The event will also mark the launch of a mega Hymnbook Competition, the results of which will be announced at the same day as the Circuit Photographic Competition in the autumn. Come along and enjoy fellowship, and if its fine you'll be able to take a stroll around the garden – at its colourful best in late May. Gifts of cakes for the cake stall will be welcome.

## CIRCUIT PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2010

This year we are dividing our competition into four categories.

1. Lands afar
2. Great Britain
3. Everyday life
4. Nature

There will also be a general category for those 12 years old and under. Closing date is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please mount prints on a piece of A4 white paper or photographic paper. These will be displayed at a date to be announced later. Entries, with your name, address and telephone number, to be sent to Mrs. P. Giles (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*) after the 1st August (or they can be left in the office at Marlborough Road) entry fee again £1.00 per print and 50p for the junior entrants.

## MHA SUNDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

You will already have received the envelopes and instructions about what to do with them when they are full. Please give people a few Sundays to fill them and then send the envelopes or a cheque for the contents to me at home (see the address on the plan) or bring them to the circuit office on a Thursday morning. Many thanks, Katie Lee.

### A HUGE THANK YOU!

At Hinton Church the bring and buy sale for the Pancreatic Cancer UK held on 15<sup>th</sup> April raised an amazing amount of £1,715. The family and myself were so thrilled with your support. Thank you for coming, bringing, buying and donating. We really appreciate all you have done to support us in the last twelve months, since Trevor died. God bless and thank you, Mary Pheasey (Rev).

### CIRCUIT DIARY FOR 2010

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June: Circuit Service at Marlborough Road at 10.30 am.

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August: Circuit Service at 6 pm at Brailes.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September: Circuit Covenant Service, at 10.30 am at Marlborough Road.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September: Back to Church Sunday.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday.

*In addition to these dates, there is a Coffee Morning and Circuit Holy Communion every Thursday morning, to which everyone is welcome, and monthly Circuit Suppers on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. All at Marlborough Road.*

You are invited to  
An evening with a

**ZIMBABWEAN GOSPEL CHOIR**  
**The United Methodist Birmingham City Choir**

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
At St Georges Church Brailes  
7.00 pm  
With refreshments

Mary or Honor (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*)

Free admission, donations appreciated towards expenses.

## CIRCUIT WEBSITE

The current website can be found at <http://www.banburycircuit.org.uk/>. It is structured as follows:

### Home –

- a copy of the latest newsletter editorial from Rob Anning
- the most recent updates to the site
- a daily quote (updated automatically every day)

### Churches –

- each church has a page with its picture (inside and outside), contact details (to be updated as submitted), and eventually there will be space on a supplementary page for additional information about the church, and the community it is based in, if desired.

### Info –

- which hymnbooks churches use
- which churches use a loop system
- copyright information
- where a data projector is available

### Find us –

- A Google maps page that leads to each of the churches in the Circuit. A marker identifies each church and by using the Satellite view you can zoom in to see the building. A helpful place to send visiting preacher to in order to locate your church.

### People –

- Names (but not contact details) of responsible people as listed on the Plan.

### Calendar –

- Circuit events

### Links – to external websites including:

- The Methodist Church
- Our District website
- The source site of the lectionary
- Bible Gateway, one of the most popular online Bible sites
- The new Methodist Church young people's website
- Recommended introductions to books of the Bible
- Methodist iPhone App

### Resources – items that can be downloaded, usually in PDF format:

- The Plan – the central part of the Plan with service dates and preachers
- A PDF version of the Circuit Newsletter
- A copy of the Circuit Policy Statement

Day to day management of the website is done by Ian Philipson, contactable at [ian@cianp.org.uk](mailto:ian@cianp.org.uk)

## **BODICOTE ANNIVERSARY**

June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am

Preacher: Rev T Demore

Please come and join us for the service and light lunch afterwards

## **BODICOTE PRAISE EVENINGS**

An hour of hymn singing, prayers and readings, followed by a welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. We gather at Bodicote Chapel at 7.30 pm, on Thursday evenings once a month. All are welcome. The next two meetings are on the: **17<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Dorothy Hewitson

## **FAIRWAY**

We will be holding our flower festival week as usual. Dates are as follows: -

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 10:45 am with a Flower Festival Service

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 4 pm Strawberry teas £3.00 there will also be a raffle and bring and buy stall

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 4 pm Beetle Drive with tea and biscuits £2.00 there will be a prize for the winner and a Booby prize for the looser

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 10:00 am Craft Fair. (Anyone interesting in having a stall the cost will be £10.00 please contact Marilyn Nutt (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*))

## **HINTON METHODIST & ST MARY'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS WOODFORD HALSE**

Gods love is free

So is our coffee and tea

(And cakes and biscuits!)

You'll be very welcome to come and relax and chat between 10 and 12  
o'clock in Hinton Methodist Church  
On the first Saturday of every month

## 108<sup>TH</sup> HINTON CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

On 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Rev Cliff Winfield, the Moravian Minister, is welcomed back to Hinton Methodist Church to lead the 108<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary Service at 10.30 am. All are welcome to attend and look forward to seeing you there. There is tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

### MARLBOROUGH ROAD

At 9.15 am on most Sundays we hold a short service of contemporary worship. This is a relaxed friendly and informal time of worship, families are very welcome as is anyone who wishes to join us. For dates please see the plan as from the next plan more details will be provided. The joint services will be shown and those are usually the Sundays where the 9.15 am service will not run, however sometimes the joint service will be at 9.15 am. Tea, coffee and squash and usually biscuits provided after the service, which is a good time to catch up with people arriving for the 10.30 am service. If anyone would like more details please don't hesitate to get in touch. Wendy Humphris (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*)

### MIDDLETON CHENEY

**Strawberry Fayre:** Middleton Cheney Methodist Church and All Saints Parish Church are holding a Strawberry Fayre on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 2 pm to 4 pm. Strawberry teas and art exhibition at the Methodist Church and stalls, sideshows, and art exhibition at All Saints. There will be a cake stall, produce, good-as-new books etc. We hope to also feature, the Middleton Cheney handbell ringers, and an organ recital (in All Saints) and there will be an opportunity to hear our Hymnal Plus. Entrance is free! All proceeds will be equally divided between the two churches, and Katharine House Hospice.

We have no organist at Middleton Cheney, and use a Hymnal Plus computerised music making device. Our usual operator is Nigel, and he is of course keen to get the very best results. Therefore, he needs to programme the services in. As Nigel works full-time, he usually does this on Saturday morning preceding the Sunday service. We would be very grateful if an order of service, or at very least the hymn numbers are given either to Mrs. Iris Bean (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*) as early in the week as possible please. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

## UPPER BODDINGTON

To help raise more money to pay off the cost of our roof repairs, we are planning to have 'Open Gardens' in the village on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. More details will be given nearer the event so please watch this space.

## NETWORK

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. All meetings are at 2.30 pm at Marlborough Road unless otherwise stated.

9<sup>th</sup> June – Burma Border – Sarah Wallis

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Garden Party

## MARLBOROUGH ROAD THURSDAY CLUB 7.30 pm

Enquiries: – Shirley Davies, (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*)

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Sue Northcote – Manager of the Cheshire Home

17<sup>th</sup> June – Evening in Shirley's Garden

1<sup>st</sup> July – Meal out (venue to be arranged)

**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY/AUGUST EDITION THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARY TANNER,**  
(*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*)

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