

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

## **God in the shouts and whispers**

*Rev'd Rob Anning, Superintendent, writes:* There are some times of the year when nature seems to shout at us, to remind us of her presence. Autumn is one of those times. Although I am writing this in mid-September, I am confident that in a few weeks, nature will be "shouting". Just take a walk through the local park, or ride down some of the lanes around Banbury and our villages, beneath the archways of colour and beauty. Nature doesn't always use beauty to shout; she sometimes uses power, such as in storms, earthquakes or volcanoes.

But for most of the time, nature is quiet, almost silent, as she gets on with her work of creating and re-creating. So silent, that days on end go by and we don't give a second thought to the changes taking place around us, the beauty that is staring us in the face.

All of this reminds me of the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. Elijah, running away from danger to save his life, ends up in a cave on Mount Horeb. There God speaks to Elijah to give him re-assurance, the encouragement to keep going on. Elijah is listening, and expects to hear God's voice in the loudness of nature: the wind, the earthquake and the fire. But in all of this, God's voice is not heard. Suddenly, it dawns on Elijah that God is speaking to him in "the still, small voice" of calm, the sound of silence.

We live in a world where we are programmed to listen to those who shout the most, speak the loudest, and often fail to hear the small voice of those who have little or no voice to use. One of our jobs as Christians is to speak up for the voiceless, those on the edge of our society, those who are never or rarely heard. Only when all are heard equally will we create a world of justice and fairness, and bring the Kingdom of God a little closer.

We need to be sure that we don't fall into the same trap when listening for the voice of God. For I believe we have a God who speaks to us in both shouts and whispers. If we only have the expectation to hear the shouts, we will miss His whispers, and consequently miss half of what He has to say to us.

As we continue to review the Banbury Circuit, our churches and chapels, as we continue to plan ahead to give ourselves purpose and direction, we need to listen carefully to God's message of where he wants us to be and what he wants us to do.



## **BANBURY CIRCUIT SUPPER CLUB**

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7 for 7.30 pm**

Mr Andrew Fairbairn from Banbury Rotary Club will be relating his sponsored and amazing journey from the Scillies to John O Groats all in aid of a School in Africa. His talk is entitled "To the ends and beyond". The Supper Club will be donating to the School and any individual donations will be welcomed.

David Hughes will be on holiday the evening of our meeting but he is still available for booking your place by the Sunday evening, 24<sup>th</sup> October: - note a day earlier than usual! We look forward to seeing you.

### **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2010**

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Habakkuk 1:1 – 4; 2:1 – 4

Psalm 37:1 – 9

2 Timothy 1:1 – 14

Luke 17:5 – 10

October 10<sup>th</sup>

2 Kings 5:1 – 3, 7 – 15b

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8 – 15

Luke 17:11 – 19

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 32:22 – 31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Luke 18:1 – 8

October 24<sup>th</sup>

Sirah/Ecclesiasticus 35:12 – 17

Or Jeremiah 14:7 – 10, 19 – 22

Psalm 84:1 – 7

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 – 18

Luke 18:9 – 14

October 31<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 1:10 – 18

Psalm 32:1 – 7

2 Thessalonians 1:1 – 4, 11 – 12

Luke 19:1 – 10

### **CIRCUIT TALENTS DAY - SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we are holding a Circuit Talents Day. The results of the Circuit Photographic Competition and the Hymnbook Competition will be announced, followed by a Craft Fayre. The photographic entries will be on display. The event will be held from 10-30 until 4-00 pm. at Marlborough Road. Refreshments and light lunches will be available all day.

## CIRCUIT DIARY FOR 2010

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

*In addition to the above, 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 are at Marlborough Road.*

## ADDERBURY METHODIST CHURCH

# BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS of the opening of the first Methodist Chapel in Adderbury in 1810

**SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 7.30pm**

*Slide Show: "Same place: different day"  
presented by Val Trinder*

**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 10.30am**

*Service of Celebration  
led by Rev. Dorothy Hewitson*

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10.30am-3pm**

**Open Day**

*Light refreshments, soup lunches, cakes &  
preserves for sale, exhibition of historic  
photographs, artifacts & documents about  
Methodism in Adderbury*

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## **ADDERBURY**

Coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 am to 12 noon and includes bring and buy stall. Friends from the Circuit are very welcome to join us.

## **BODICOTE PRAISE EVENINGS**

Spend 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. The next meeting is 28th October. All are welcome.

Dorothy Hewitson

## **CHACOMBE**

Our new kitchen is now completed and we are busy fund raising to decorate the Schoolroom. We recently held a Street Market which was a great success and in September we had a musical BBQ including a variety of musical items which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As a result of these fund raising events, we look forward to the Schoolroom completion by the end of October.

We have enjoyed some regular Bible Study meetings this year led by Hazel Stagg. After a Summer break we hope to resume our meetings in the Autumn. Anyone interested would be very welcome to join us. Contact is Joan (*contact steward or see paper copy for contact details*).

## **CROPREDY**

We hold a Bible study meetings every Wednesday, for details of time and venues please contact Hazel Stagg.

Praise evenings start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, contact Rev Dorothy Hewitson.

The Soup Kitchen during "Fairport" was a huge success, and the soup team would like to thank all our friends in the circuit who supported us. We will be making a donation to Cedar Lawns – the Methodist home for older people based in Stratford-upon-Avon. For those who missed us this year – book early for 2011!

## **RON MARCHINGTON**

Cropredy Methodist Chapel is very sad that Ron Marchington died at the Horton Hospital on the 21<sup>st</sup> August after a long and difficult illness which, characteristic of Ron was borne with dignity and fortitude.

Ron will long be remembered for his enormous contribution to the scouting movement in which he attained the highest rank of District Commissioner together with active membership of the Royal British Legion. He and his wife, Jean, have been loyal members of the Chapel here at Cropredy for many many years. Not only will Ron be remembered for these particular activities, but also and perhaps more especially in the village itself will be the unobtrusive unassuming manner with which he, and Jean, have carried out many acts of kindness to the parishioners of Cropredy over many years.

Packed burial and thanksgiving services on the 8th September were testimonies to his life and service. We will miss him greatly and our prayers will continue to be for the support of Jean and her family.

## **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

## **MIDDLETON CHENEY**

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.

## **MARLBOROUGH ROAD THURSDAY CLUB 7.30 pm**

7<sup>th</sup> October – Rev Rob Anning – talk & slides on stained glass windows – bring & buy

4<sup>th</sup> November – Talk by Gideons International (Bibles)

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

## **NEITHROP - MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE STALL**

Come and join us, between 10.00 and 11.00 on the first Saturday of the month, for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits. Stall also includes fruit pies/crumbles, preserves and books.

## **NEITHROP CHAPEL FELLOWSHIP NEWCOMERS VERY WELCOME ALL MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING AT 7.30PM AND ARE FOLLOWED BY TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS**

29th September – Mary Tanner will give a talk and show photos of her trip to Oberammergau.

27th October – Jacket potato supper followed by a quiz compiled by Archie Buzzard. Will you please bring a food item to sell after supper?

## **UPPER BODDINGTON**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Boddington Methodists are having an Arts and Crafts Weekend to raise funds for repairs to our roof. We're planning a varied event with a genuinely local feel. There will be plenty to see and admire, including photography, painting, costume making and entries to a junior art competition. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (10.30 am – 4.30 pm) Craft produce will be for sale including cards, gifts, paintings, jewellery, cakes, jams and lots more. There will be face painting and children's craft activities plus live craft demonstrations. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> (2 – 4 pm) although no sales will take place, there will be a further chance to enjoy the exhibition and to hear music played by local children. On both days the refreshment stall will provide a chance to relax and catch up with friends over sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. The Craft event will be the focus of our evening service at 6 pm and you are warmly invited to stay and join us for that service.

Rocky's plaice holiday club at Upper Boddington was well attended and enjoyed. There were three days of exciting activities: - games, puzzles, crafts and singing including stories Simon Peter told in the Rocky's plaice fish and chip shop. An average of eighteen children came each day led by Hazel Stagg and a willing team of helpers.

## NETWORK

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, except for Holy Week. All meetings are at 2.30 pm at Marlborough Road.

13<sup>th</sup> October – Farm Crisis Network – The Revd Hazel Scorr

27<sup>th</sup> October – Dressmaking – Kate Kyle

## THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.  
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came.  
And His great love for U is the reason He died.  
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan.  
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.  
"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?  
It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

-Author unknown-

**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER EDITION**  
**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARY TANNER,**  
*(contact steward or see paper copy for contact details)*  
**CIRCUIT WEBSITE <http://www.banburycircuit.org.uk/>**