



ST. GILES METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER & NOTICES for December 2009

Church Web Page
<http://www.hoperorstgiles.co.nr>

**The Word became a human being and lived here with us.
We saw His true Glory, the
Glory of the only Son of God**

John 1:14

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Dec 06** -10.30am – Ken Chester
- Dec 13** -10.30am – Rev Dr David Perry (Chair of Lincs & Grimsby District)
-4.00pm – New Life
-6.00pm – Second Sunday
Worship at **Burton Road**
- Dec 20** -10.30am – Brian Scott All Age Worship
- Dec 25** -09.00am – Rev Mark Lawrence
- Dec 27** -10.30am – Erica Taylor
- Sundays** – 10.10am **Prayer in the side Lounge – every Sunday**



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We extend a warm welcome to visitors to our Church, Please join us for coffee after the morning service.

Regular Weekday Events

(times pm unless otherwise stated)



- Mondays** 4.30 – 5.30 **Rainbows** - girls age 5 to 7*
7.30 – 9.00 **Guides** – ages 10 to 14*
* = Term time only

- Wednesdays** 11.00 – 12.00am **Coffee & Chat** *
12.30 – 1.00 **Kingdom Kids*** Chad Varah School (Church)
1.00 – 3.00 **Residents Assoc. Mother's Club**
7.00 – **Prayer Walk Team**
Thursdays 7.00 – 8.30 **The Pod on St Giles**

New New



Minister : - Rev Mark Lawrence 01522 754618 (Not Fridays)
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Church Stewards

- Hilary Jackson
- Joan Kinsley
- Joan Todd
- John Fairest
- Eileen Fielding
- Sherry Walsh

Lincoln North Circuit
<http://www.lincolnmethodist.org.uk>

Lincoln Street Pastors
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The God Pod
<http://www.Church2yoU.co.uk>

December Diary Dates (other than regular events)

(Bold events are St Giles MC)

- 5 December** CJSS launch & Walk
- 8 December** Ladies Afternoon Fellowship
- 10 December Castle Square Nativity 6 pm
- 13 December** New Life Service 4pm
- 13 December Second Sunday Praise B/R 6pm
- 19 December Parish Church Carols etc 7pm
- 7 January Karen's LP Accreditation Nett'm
- 10 January 2nd Sunday Praise 6 Burton Rd
- * See Church Notice Boards for full details

Ladies Afternoon Fellowship

This Ladies group will meet on Tuesday 8th December,

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Date	Flowers	Coffee
06 th Dec	Joan Kinsley	Pat G & Pat S
13 th Dec	Joan Kinsley	Vacant
20 th Dec	Barbara & Roy	Caroline & Jean
27 th Dec	Barbara & Roy	Pat S & Barbara
03 rd Jan	Eileen Fielding	Pat Good

Stewards

Date	Church Stewards on Duty
06 th Dec	Hilary & Eileen
13 th Dec	Hilary & Eileen PM tba
20 th Dec	Joan T & Sherry 25 th Dec Joan T & Sherry
27 th Dec	Joan K & Joan T
03 rd Jan	Eileen & Sherry

The prayer room is available immediately after Sunday morning services for prayer and meditation. If you would like someone to pray with you, please make yourself known the Church Stewards. The Church is open for pre-service Prayer every Sunday commencing at approx. 10.10am in the Prayer Lounge.

St Giles - Street Pastor Duties this month

Pat - Saturday 12th December

Please remember prayerfully especially on the evenings/nights when on duty. Street Pastors are in the City centre each Friday & Saturday night.

Date	Pod Team - Dec 09
03 rd Dec	Peter Mark W Sue W
10 th Dec	Peter Mark W Angela
17 th Dec	Peter Mark W Angela
24 th Dec	No Pod
31 st Dec	No Pod

The
God
Pod

Christmas Fayre Thanks to everyone who helped at the recent Christmas Fayre. The amount raised will be announced next month Pat

CJSS

It stands for Christian Job Search and Support and it is launched on Saturday December 5th with a sponsored prayer walk. Full details are attached.

We invite you to join us:



**Christmas Day
Service 9am
December 25th with
Rev Mark Lawrence**

Parish Church Events.

Saturday December 19th at 7pm Jointly with Lincoln Samaritans, A Christmas Celebration: Festival of Christmas music, poems, singers, hand-bell ringing and sing-along carols. Seasonal refreshments. Collection split with the Samaritans.

Flower Rota. Very many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the flowers in Church during 2009. BH

Christmas Traditions: - The poinsettia has become the traditional Christmas flower. Although it is treasured in all parts of the world as a symbol of Christmas, it can be traced back to an old Mexican legend. A poor peasant girl going to her church to visit the manger scene on Christmas morning was broken-hearted because she had nothing of beauty or value to offer the Christ Child. On her way, she picked some weeds from the side of the road and, as her only possession in the world, laid them at the feet of the statue of the Virgin Mary. Miraculously, they were transformed into the scarlet brilliance of the poinsettia we know today, and it is used throughout the world at Christmas time. The bright, blood-red poinsettia has become the most popular of all Christmas flowers. The star of the leaf is said to represent the star that stood over the Christ Child. The red flower stands for the blood of the male infants that King Herod had slain. The red flower also represents the shed blood of Christ who came to be our Saviour.

Open Air Nativity will be in the Castle Square, uphill Lincoln commencing at 6pm on Thursday December 10th

Boys' Brigade Re-starts at St Giles on Friday January 15th

Future Dates: - Some subject to confirmation later

Next Church Breakfast tba @ Poacher after re-opening

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