

SHOWSTOPPERS HOLIDAY CLUB

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the *Showstoppers!* Holiday Club in any way - through prayers, donations or helping. A wonderful time was had by all.

Thank you also for all the donations of socks etc for Guatemala City. We shall be sending two parcels - one for one of the girls' homes where a friend of Jo and Matt is on placement at the moment, and the second for the street team. They will be so pleased that you are thinking of them.

Miriam

THIS MONTH:

August 2009 is available on a lilac sheet. Items for the September monthly sheet should be submitted by Thursday 27 August.

If you have items for the weekly notices, please submit them to the church office by 11.00 am on Thursday.

In the unlikely event of a fire, the fire alarm will sound. Please follow a Fire Marshall leaving by the nearest fire exit. Assembly point: lower car park.

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Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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WELCOME TO

RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH

If you would like to help us get to know you, please complete the following information.

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other)

CHRISTIAN NAME

SURNAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

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POSTCODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS HELPFUL

ARE YOU OFTEN HOME DURING THE DAYTIME?

YES / NO (*please delete*)

..... I have just moved to the area.

..... I am interested in joining the church.

..... I would like to know more about Gift Aid

..... I would like the minister to call

..... I would like information about

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(please tick as appropriate).

Please put in the office post box in the church entrance or pass to a steward. Personal information given on this form may be stored on computer.

If you are on holiday please take our greetings to your home church.

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Welcome to
Ridgeway
Methodist Church

16 August 2009

10.30 am

Mr Philip Walsh

Please join us for coffee/tea
after the morning service

7.00 pm

**Revd John Haley
(Holy Communion)**

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Sovereign God, we can hardly begin to comprehend your power, barely grasp the extent of your love and scarcely start to fathom the awesome breadth of your purpose: we glimpse only a little of the truth, yet that little causes us to gasp in wonder and kneel in homage. Receive our praise, for we offer it in humble and reverent worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This Week's Bible Verse



Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures for ever

(Psalm 111:2-3)

THIS MORNING'S ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymns and songs are projected. If you would like a copy of Hymns & Psalms (HP) and Songs of Fellowship (SF) please ask a door steward for the books and refer to the list below.

HP 260 Jesus is Lord, creation's voice declares it

SF 2065 The splendour of the King

SF 935 My Jesus, my Saviour

HP 437 Guide me O thou great Jehovah

SF 865 Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice

SF 873 Jesus, lover of my soul

SF 1187 Before the throne of God above

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Methodist Church welcomes baptised people from all Christian denominations to receive communion. We normally receive communion at the communion rail and are shown forward by stewards. If you wish to receive communion but find coming forward difficult please speak to a steward. If you do not wish to receive communion you are welcome to come forward for a simple blessing.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Many of our regular groups have finished for the summer and will begin meeting again in September - more information will be available in the coming weeks.

Thursday 20 August

2.30pm Women's Fellowship Cream Tea

Saturday 22 August:

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Oasis Coffee Bar:

Church Funds (Avril and others)

Sunday 16 August:

10.30 am Revd John Haley

7.00 pm Mr Colston Swift

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The 2009-2010 edition entitled "*Each Returning Day*" will be available during August at a cost of £3.00 per copy; this little book of prayer is a very helpful tool to use day by day throughout the year - £3.00 well spent! If you would like to acquire a copy of this book, please speak to Revd John Haley, Beth Saunders or one of the stewards.

BOOK STALL

The current selection of books will be sent back to the shop this coming week: you are encouraged to take a look at the books if you have not yet done so. A new selection of books will be available next week. If there is a particular Christian book or CD that you would like, we can order it for you. We also supply Bible reading notes from Scripture Union and CWR.

AFTERNOON TEA

Women's Fellowship are having an afternoon Cream Tea with Mrs Janet Dobinson on Thursday 20 August at 2.30 pm in the hall. If you need further details, please speak to Muriel Duerden.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mr Philip Walsh and Revd John Haley who are leading our services today; the family and friends of the late Vera Giles; Bethany Dunn-Wilson; Revd Nathan Fisher; Jacob; Phyllis Daw; Phyllis Beard; Rose Pearson; Gordon Adams; Ron Horswell; Linda Prynne's aunt and family; Timothy; the children who attended the recent *Showstoppers!* Holiday Club, and their families.

PRAYER DIARY

Requests for prayer are included in the prayer diary for three weeks. After the third week you can renew these requests if you have updated information. Please inform a steward of your request. Prayer cards are also available for use or to be given to family or friends who might wish to send in requests.

PASTOR NATHAN FISHER

Sonya Fisher has written to thank everyone for their prayers for her husband, pastor of Devonport Baptist Church. Nathan had major surgery on Friday 17 July to remove a cancerous tumour from the sinus cavity. Although the tumour had gone into the orbit of his eye, the surgeon has managed to build a new bone to support the eye, inserted a false palate and has done some repair work to Nathan's cheek and nose. Sonya asks us to keep praying for Nathan, especially that blurred vision from his eye will improve and that he will gain strength day by day.

A WEEKEND TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY: 25-27 SEPTEMBER

Our harvest weekend coincides with the national *Back to Church Sunday* campaign and the local mission group has planned the following events: Friday 25 (evening) Barn Dance; Saturday 26 (morning) Oasis Coffee Bar; Sunday 27 (morning) all-age service followed by lunch and a fuller presentation by Gary Cox. Further details nearer the time - but please book these dates now! A great opportunity to invite others to share the celebration and fellowship, and share our blessings with people in great poverty and need.

Carol Sharman