

## THANK YOU

Gordon and I want to thank everyone who supported us in the past few weeks, through prayer, cards, visits and telephone calls. Your love and care means more to us than you probably realise. Gordon is recovering well, but we're taking everything slowly until we get used to the changed routine.

*Carol Sharman*

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we have sent Christmas cards to every home in the church community. Despite the address on the envelope the card brings our greetings to the whole family. We hope that spouses and children will understand that they are included. If for some reason a household in our church community does not receive a Christmas card please let us know in the church office.

## THIS MONTH:

**December 2007** is now available on a cream sheet.

Items for the January monthly sheet should be submitted by Tuesday 18 December.

If you have items for the weekly notices, please submit them to the church office by 12.30pm on Thursday.

### Church office hours:

**Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm**

### Church telephones:

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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

.....

*(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.



Welcome to  
**Ridgeway Methodist  
Church**

**16 December 2007**

**10.30 am  
Mr Jonny Libby**

Please join us for coffee/tea  
after the morning service

**6.00 pm  
Revd John Haley  
Candlelit Carols for all ages**

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## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we look forward to that day when your kingdom shall come and you are all in all. Until then, we trust in you, secure in your love, confident in your eternal purpose, assured that your will shall be done. To you be praise and glory, now and for evermore.

AMEN

This Week's Bible Verse



Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John". Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Luke 1 : 62-64

### 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 and refer to the list below*

*HP 77 Joy to the World*

*SF 935 My Jesus, My Saviour*

*SF 865 Jesus Christ, I think upon your Sacrifice*

*SF1346 In Christ Alone*

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## THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

**"Lifebuilder Cell Group" Daniel 14**

### TUESDAY 18:

10.00-12.30 Patchwork Group

2.15 pm Service at Pocklington Rise (all welcome)

7.45 pm Ladies' Group: Revd John Haley ( Carol Service)

### WEDNESDAY 19:

**4.30 pm Christingle Service**

### THURSDAY 20:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship: Mrs Judith Goodridge

### SATURDAY 22:

10.00 - 12.00 noon Oasis Coffee Bar:  
The Esther Benjamin Trust (Avril)

### SUNDAY 23:

10.30 am Revd John Haley

**6.00 pm Revd John Haley:  
Candlelit Favourite Carols**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mr Jonny Libby and Revd John Haley who are leading our services today. We continue to pray for: Maurice and Caroline Finney; Jeanette and Rex Richards; Jean and Carl Edwards; Lillian Rayment; family and friends of Kelly and Nadine; Chris Marshall; Rachel Case; Hilary and Bob Box.

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

There will be an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our church family by placing a Christmas card on the wooden Christmas tree in the entrance hall. As usual your donations will be forwarded to the Methodist Fund for World Mission. Last year we raised £99. I am hoping to send even more this year! Many thanks  
*Beth Saunders, M.F.W.M. Treasurer*

### GIRLS BRIGADE

On Thursday 6 December over 40 Girls' Brigade girls, through song, dance and dialogue gave over 70 of their family and friends an insight into the true meaning of Christmas. They showed us that without CHRIST in Christmas, Christmas makes no sense. Thank you to all the Girls' Brigade staff who made this gem of an evening happen.  
*Sue Tozer*

### CANDLELIT CAROL PROCESSION

At 5.30 pm today the candlelit carol procession along the Ridgeway will take place, assembling at the Co-op. Night lights in jars will be provided. All children are invited to join us at 3.00 pm to prepare for the Christmas service. Please can the children bring a packed tea and be collected at 5.00 pm ready for the procession along the Ridgeway.

### NEW YEARS EVE

The church will be open from 7.00 pm—1.00 am on New Years Eve for prayer and again on New Years Day from 10.00 am—noon. Prayer areas will be set up within the chapel. Please feel free to come and go as you wish. Also you may wish to bring some food with you to share with others.  
*Miriam Sitch*