

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Please return the membership form, which will have been given to you by your pastoral visitor, as soon as possible.

“INSPIRE MAGAZINE”

The December edition of the free magazine “Inspire” is now available in the entrance hall, please take a copy.

VUE CINEMA VISIT

Change of date: The film ‘The Nativity Story’ is only being shown at 12.25 pm next week, so we are having to reschedule and will be going on Thursday 21 December at lunch time. Please let Miriam know if you would like to go at this new time.

“GROWING CHURCHES”

If you wish to join those of us attending the “Growing Churches” conference in Exeter in January, please see one of the stewards or Revd John Haley by 18 December.

THIS MONTH:

December 2006 is now available on a yellow sheet.

Items for the January monthly sheet should be submitted by Tuesday 19 December

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

Church office hours:

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

.....

(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**

17 December 2006

10.30 am
Mrs Janet Dobinson

**Please join us for coffee/tea
after the morning service**

6.00 pm
Revd John Haley
Favourite carols by
candlelight

*Janet Dobinson is a local preacher from our
Roborough church*

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 will 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



"He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John".

Luke 1:63

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 491 See him lying on a bed of straw

SF 923 Mighty God, everlasting Father
(2 and 3 sung together)

HP 95 Born in the night

HP 109 Let earth and Heaven combine

HP 106 Hark! The herald-angels sing

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

MONDAY 18

7.30 pm Cell group leaders' meeting

TUESDAY 19

2.15 pm Carol Service at Pocklington Rise

WEDNESDAY 20

4.30 pm Christingle Service

6.00 pm Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY 23

10.00-12.00 Oasis Coffee Bar: Youth Outreach (Miriam, Steve and Kim)

Christmas Eve

10.30 am Revd John Haley

11.15 pm Revd John Haley (Holy Communion)

There is no early evening service on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

10.00 am Revd John Haley: All age service

WORLD MISSION FUND

There will be an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to your friends in our church family via the Christmas tree in the entrance hall. As usual a donation to the Methodist Fund for World Mission would be appreciated. This can be given to Beth Saunders, Christine Mudge or any of our Church Stewards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Mrs Janet Dobinson and Revd John Haley who are leading our services today. We continue to pray for: Helen Haydn-Davies; Jacob Varughese and Dennison Kumar. Please also remember in your prayers all of those in our church family who are unable to join us for Sunday worship.

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 POSTERS

Christmas posters are now available in the vestibule; please take a copy. Donations to help with the cost of the posters are very welcome.

MOORE COLLEGE

About 12 people attended the first 10-week series on Monday evenings. It is not necessary to be an enrolled student or to do anything other than come and listen. We begin with some songs and a time of prayer and then have a time of Bible study with information displayed on the data projector. Next term we are doing a more detailed 10 week series on the Old Testament—information is given on a separate sheet. No prior knowledge is expected or assumed and all are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE

A reminder that there is no early evening service on Christmas Eve as we have the communion service at 11.15 pm. If you would like to support the friends of Millbrook Methodist church for their carol service on Christmas Eve it starts at 6.00 pm.

DIGITAL PROJECTOR: A WORD OF CAUTION

Please note that it is very important not to stand or cross in front of the digital projector at any time. Readers needing to cross the church should do so behind the projector and make their way to the lectern through the gap in the kneelers on the opposite side of the church. All those taking part in services need to keep well clear of the beam projector as the light is very bright and represents a danger to those standing in front of it. Thank you for your help.