

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

We have received cards from James Darby and the congregation at Millbrook sending us best wishes for Christmas. Cards are on the notice board in the vestibule if you wish to have a look at them.

THIS MONTH:

January 2008 is now available on a purple sheet.

Items for the February monthly sheet should be submitted by Tuesday 22 January.

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

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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.



Welcome to
**Ridgeway Methodist
Church**

23 December 2007

**10.30 am
Revd John Haley**

Please join us for coffee/tea
after the morning service

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

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Living God, teach us that the joyful message proclaimed at Bethlehem all those years ago is good news for us today. May the Lord Jesus—the child in the manger, the man on the cross, the risen Saviour, Lord of all—be born in us today.

AMEN

This Week's Bible Verse



So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him, and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2— v 4-7

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 101 Glory be to God on high

HP 827 A song of the incarnation (said)

HP 79 Of the Father's love begotten

HP 87 The angel Gabriel

HP 89 The race that long in darkness pined

HP 98 Cradled in a manger meanly

HP 102 God from on high has heard

HP 109 Let earth and heaven combine

HP 83 Long ago, prophets knew

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

11.15 pm

Communion Service for Christmas Eve

Rev'd John Haley

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10.00 am All-age Service for Christmas Day

Rev'd John Haley

SATURDAY 29:

10.00-12.00 noon Oasis Coffee
Church Funds (Avril and Pamela)

SUNDAY 30:

10.30 am Mrs Janet Dobinson

6.00 pm Rev'd Doug Rix
(Carols by Candlelight)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Katie and Daniel Martin on the arrival of their daughter, Freya May, born 21 December—7lbs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Rev'd John Haley who is leading our services today. We continue to pray for: Lilian Rayment; Jean Bounsall; Jean Renshaw; family and friends of Kelly and Nadine; Chris Marshall; Rachel Case; Hilary and Bob Bax; Mary Baggott.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We give thanks as Nancy and David Stephens celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary, and Harley and Kath Green celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary during the coming week. May the Lord bless you as you celebrate and be with you in years to come.

SPRING PLAN

Please note that the next plan, for the January-April 2008, is available and may be found in the vestibule.

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.