

### SECURITY ON SUNDAYS

In the interest of the security and safety of all those present on Sunday, the main doors will be locked 10 minutes after the beginning of both morning and evening services. Door Stewards and Church Stewards will maintain an awareness for anyone arriving later than this.

### Users of the building

Would all groups using the facilities of the building please ensure it is left clean and tidy for those following you.

Many thanks

### WEEKLY NOTICES

Items for inclusion in the weekly notice sheet must be passed to the church office by 12.30 pm on Wednesday.

### DECEMBER THIS MONTH

Is available on a vanilla sheet

### CHURCH REDECORATION

It has been proposed that we redecorate the church ourselves using volunteers. The projected start of the process will be Monday 6 February. We hope to have people at work all day in shifts so that the church can be used as normal on the following Sunday.

Many forms of help are needed from the loan of floor coverings to painting. We need to take an early census of the help that is probable available before we can organise scaffolding etc. Please read the notice on the board and indicate what form of help you can offer..

Thank you.

John Buttle and John Duerden (Property / management)

### Church office hours:

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

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### WELCOME TO RIDGWAY 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

27 November 2005  
Advent Sunday

10.30 am  
Revd John Carne

7.00 pm  
Evening Praise  
Revd John Haley  
Holy Communion

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

This Week's Bible Verse



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven”  
ECCLESIASTES 3 : 1

## THIS MORNING'S ORDER OF SERVICE

83 Long ago prophets knew  
81 'Come thou long expected Jesus'  
S of F 633 'You laid aside your majesty'  
859 Psalm 80  
S of F 390 'Meekness and Majesty'  
S of F 627 'You are the King of glory'  
244 'Sing we the King'  
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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 do not wish to receive communion you are welcome to come forward for a simple blessing. If you wish to receive communion but find coming forward difficult please speak to a steward. There will be a retiring collection after the service for the Benevolent Fund.

## MONDAY 28

There will be no Minister's Bible Study .  
This has been postponed to Monday 5 December

## TUESDAY 29

10.00 am—12.00 Patchwork Group  
7.45 pm Ladies Group. Sue Couch.  
Christmas table decorations

## WEDNESDAY 30

10.00—1.00 pm Coffee followed by lunches.  
7.30 pm House Fellowships  
7.30 pm Stewards Meeting

## THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship.  
Members afternoon

## SATURDAY 3

10.00 am—1.00 pm Oasis Coffee Bar  
In support of Mission Outreach.  
Christine and Peter Gregory

## SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER SERVICES

### ADVENT 2

10.30 am Revd John Haley. Holy Communion  
7.00 pm Revd John Haley

## OASIS COFFEE BAR

Would your group like to organise Oasis? Spaces are now available on the January—April rota. Could you help as part of a rota, with cooking for Oasis or assisting on a Saturday morning? Please contact the church office if you would like to make a booking or require more information.  
Thank you.

## Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Operation Christmas Child' shoebox appeal. 65 boxes were sent from our church.

*Miriam*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Revd John Carne and Revd John Haley who are leading our services today. We continue to pray for Ron Burch; Tony Bateman; Carolyn; Jemma Spry; Margaret; Julie Vine; Ann Searle.

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 3 weeks. After the 3rd 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 / friends who might wish to send in requests.

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in our church family and friends for their prayers, good wishes, cards and flowers. I am making good progress.  
God Bless

*Lesley Williams*

## GSUS live

The interactive ICT trailer designed to present Christianity to students age 11 - 16 in a way that is relevant to them is back in Plymouth for the next few weeks. Please pray for staff and students as the gospel message is presented in such a relevant and exciting way.

## Gift Day

To date the money received for Gift Day totals £3,5849. Many thanks to all who have given so generously.