

**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

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**

2 August 2009

10.30 am

Revd John Haley
(Holy Communion)

Please join us for coffee/tea
after the morning service

7.00 pm

Mrs Kate Konrad
(Local Preacher from
Plymouth Methodist Central Hall)

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Living God, help us not just to express thankfulness but also to show it in the most eloquent way possible: Through joyfully receiving your gracious gifts and faithfully using them to serve your will and bring you glory.

Amen.

This Week's Bible Verse



Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust...Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no-one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

(Psalms 40: 4, 5)

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 74 At the name of Jesus

HP 831 A song of Christ's glory

HP 264 Jesus, the name high over all

HP 774 Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

SF 311 Jesus, you are changing me

SF 203 I believe in Jesus

SF 1419 Light of the World

HP 267 Love divine, all loves excelling

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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.

Saturday 8 August:

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

Sunday 9 August:

10.30 am Revd John Haley

7.00 pm Revd John Haley

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The 2009-2010 edition entitled "Each Returning Day" will be available during the month of 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.

WORLD MISSION FUND

Please could I have the boxes for the above fund as soon as possible as all monies must be counted, banked and sent to the Methodist Headquarters before 1 September 2009. If anyone is interested in collecting for this very worth while fund, please take a box from the entrance hall and add your name to the list. Many thanks.

Beth Saunders

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Revd John Haley and Mrs Kate Konrad who are leading our services today; Bethany Dunn-Wilson, Revd Nathan Fisher, Jacob, Jill in hospital, Vera Giles, Phyllis Daw, Kathleen and Jean, Rose Pearson, the children who attended last week's "Showstoppers" Holiday Club.

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.

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.

BOOK STALL

Please take a look at the books if you have not yet done so. 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.

OASIS COFFEE BAR

Grateful thanks to all who supported the oasis coffee morning on Saturday 11 July, when £110 was raised for St Lukes Hospice.

Ladies' Group

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.