

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who brought in Christmas shoe boxes for the Samaritans appeal. We donated a total of 86 this year.

## DOOR STEWARDS

Please note that the meeting for door stewards will take place on 13 December at 7.30 pm in the lounge. We anticipate that there will be new door stewards who would find it helpful to meet with you all, and we have some new information to pass to you regarding emergency procedures which need to be put in place. Many thanks for your help and support.

*Pat Stead and Karen Hussey*

## “BETHLEHEM LOOKING BEYOND THE WALL”

Riding Light Theatre Company will be putting on the above play at Yealmpton Community Centre on Friday 7 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at the Box Office or locally on 881074. Please see the notice board for more details.

## 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**

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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**

**2 December 2007**

**10.30 am  
Revd John Haley  
(Communion)**

Please join us for coffee/tea  
after the morning service

**7.00 pm  
Mr Brian Hart**

**Mr Brian Hart is one of our own local  
preachers**

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Gracious God, speak to us now and help us to listen. Open our ears to all the ways your voice may come, and then, like Samuel, teach us to respond in faith—for Jesus' sake.  
AMEN



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.  
Isaiah 9 : 2

### 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 59 The Lord Jehovah reigns

HP 867, Psalm 98

SF 851 I will offer up my life in spirit in truth  
SF 1158 All my days (Beautiful Saviour)

HP 566 Now thank we all our God

HP 85 O come, O come, Immanuel

SF 742 Great is the darkness  
SF 780 How deep the Father's love for us

HP 243 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

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## THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

### “Lifebuilder Cell Group” Daniel 11

#### MONDAY 3:

7.30 pm Minister's Bible study (Christian Doctrine 10)

#### TUESDAY 4:

10.00-12.30 Patchwork Group  
7.30 pm Ladies' Group: Concert with Laira Youth Band and soloist Cheryl Stead  
7.30 pm Cross-talk (at Stoke) with Doug Rix

#### WEDNESDAY 5:

10.00-12.30 Coffee followed by lunches

#### THURSDAY 6:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship: Mrs Win Smith  
7.00 pm Girls Brigade Christmas Celebration  
(All welcome)

#### SATURDAY 8:

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

#### SUNDAY 9:

10.30 am Revd John Carne & Revd John Haley  
7.00 pm Revd John Haley & Revd Andrew Earl

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Revd John Haley and Brian Hart who are leading our services today. We continue to pray for: Yvonne, Rob and their families; Tim and Joanne Foy; Rob Wallis, Amanda, Claire and John; Terry Tremain; Ron and Cynthia Horswell; John Pannell.

## 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.

### SERVICE TIMES

Kindly note that our Sunday evening services on 16, 23 and 30 December are at 6.00 pm. All other evening services will be at 7.00 pm as usual.

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we are sending 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.

### GB CELEBRATION—“A CHRISTMAS WINDOW”

A celebration of the Christmas story through drama and song will take place in the church on Thursday 6 December at 7.00 pm. All are invited to join us in the church with coffee, tea and warm mince pies served afterwards in the hall.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Our Christingle service takes place on 19 December at 4.30 pm. Are you free in the morning to make Christingles or in the afternoon to welcome those arriving for our service? If you are able to help please see a steward.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank our minister and the church family for all your lovely greetings to me on the occasion of my 101st birthday. I especially enjoyed a birthday tea at Haddon House with family and friends. Thank you for your thoughts, love and prayers, God bless you all.  
*Vera Giles*