

BIBLE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 14 March the OASIS Coffee Bar will be run by representatives of the local churches to raise money for the Bible Society. We would be very grateful for your support either by providing cakes or savouries to sell or coming along to buy and eat them.

PRAY FOR GUATEMALA

At the Guatemalan activity morning on Friday 20 February the children each went home with a small Guatemalan doll as a reminder to pray for a street child in Guatemala. Photos and snippets about some of the children Jo and Matt know are on the notice board in the hall.

OFFICE NEWS

We have received a letter from Jane Spry, our office and minister's secretary, tendering her resignation. She sends her thanks to everyone for their kindness to her. Please note that items going through the office are subject to delay.

THIS MONTH:

March 2009 is now available on a cream sheet. Items for the April monthly sheet should be submitted by Tuesday 24 March.

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.

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
8 March 2009

10.30 am

Mrs Janet Dobinson
(Local preacher from Roborough
Methodist Church)

Please join us for coffee/tea
after the morning service

7.00 pm

Revd John M. Haley
(Holy Communion)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Eternal God and Father, we thirst for your love, long for your presence and yearn for your peace. We ask that, through Jesus, you will restore us so that we may live to your glory.

This Week's Bible Verse



Amen.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 64: 3-4

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.

SF 579 We Have Come Into This Place

SF 419 O Let the Son of God Enfold You

SF 89 Faithful One, So Unchanging

HP 678 In Heavenly Love Abiding

HP 742 O Jesus Christ Grow Thou In Me

HP 685 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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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 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.

INSPIRE MAGAZINE

The March editions of Inspire are on the table in the vestibule for anyone who would like to take a copy.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Monday 9 March:

9.00 am - 1.00 pm Pre-school

6.00 pm Boys' Brigade

7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study

Tuesday 10:

9.00 am-2.40 pm Pre-school

10.00 am - 11.30 am Parent/Toddler Group

10.00 am - 12.00 Patchwork Group

3.00 - 4.00 pm Cake Café

7.30 pm Men's Fellowship: Mike Steel (America)

7.45 pm Ladies' Group: Graham Skedgell (Dartmoor)

Wednesday 11:

9.00 am - 1.00 pm Pre-school

10.00 am - 12.30 pm Coffee followed by lunches

Thursday 12:

9.00 am-1.00 pm Pre-school

10.00 am-11.30 am Parent/Toddler Group

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship: Sheila Merrin

5.45 pm Girls' Brigade

Friday 13:

9.00 am-2.40 pm Pre-School

10.00 am-11.30 am . Parent/Toddler Group

4.00-6.00 pm Badminton

Saturday 14:

10.00 am-12.00 pm Oasis Coffee Bar

Bible Society (Ann Brindley)

7.00 pm "Faith in Politics": an evening with Gary Streeter

(see separate sheet)

Sunday 15 March:

10.30 am Revd David Hull

7.00 pm Mr Brian Hart

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Mrs Janet Dobinson and Revd John Haley who are leading our services today; those recently bereaved, the family and friends of Chrissie Patterson and Teresa's mum. For Iris Jewel, Fred, Lesley Krill, Tyler, Jo and Matt.

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.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

You are invited to join with the rest of the church community in prayer during the coming week, ahead of the special event with Gary Streeter MP on Saturday 14 March. Suggested prayers throughout the week are:

Monday

That those who are invited to come to the meal will be pleased to receive the invitation.

Tuesday

That God will watch over all our preparations for the evening.

Wednesday

That God will speak through Gary and be with him as seeks guidance for the words he is to share.

Thursday

That those attending the meal will consider how God is directing their life.

Friday

That the Holy Spirit will touch people's lives.

CELL GROUPS

Cell groups are meeting as usual this week. More information from Mike Tozer or one of the stewards.

BOOKSTALL

The current selection of books is available for the last time today. A new selection will be available next week. If there is a Christian book or CD that you would like, we can always get it for you. We also supply Bible reading notes from Scripture Union and CWR.

THANKS

From Cynthia and Ron Horswell to everyone for prayers and concern over recent weeks when Cynthia has been unwell - special thanks to Revd John Haley for his regular visits and holy communion in our house. We feel God's blessing and hand over our lives.