

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all my friends at Ridgeway for the prayers and cards following my recent knee operation. God bless you all.

Mary Penwill

### SERVICE TIMES

Kindly note that our Sunday evening services on 16, 23 and 30 December are at 6.00 pm.

### “THE LIBERATOR”

Christian Resources Project are presenting “The Liberator” on 14 December. For further information please see the notice board in the vestibule.

### 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**

**9 December 2007**

**10.30 am**  
**Revd John Carne with Revd  
John Haley**

John Carne is Chairman of the Exeter District

Please join us for coffee/tea  
after the morning service

**7.00 pm**  
**Revd John Haley with Revd  
Andrew Earl**

Andrew Earl is pastor of the Ark Mission in Liskeard

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare our hearts to welcome you now, and enable us to be ready to welcome you when you return. Teach us Lord, that your gracious purpose goes back to the beginning of time, and that all will endure until the end of time and beyond.

AMEN

*This Week's Bible Verse*



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about : His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1 : 18

### 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 241 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

HP 827 A Song of the Incarnation

HP 82 Hark the glad sound

HP 81 Come, thou long expected Jesus

SF 312 Jesus, you are the radiance of the Father's glory

SF 1419 Light of the world (here I am to worship)

SF 120 From heaven you came

SF 1007 Soon and very soon

SF 1041 There's a place where the streets shine

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## THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

**"Lifebuilder Cell Group" Daniel 12**

### TUESDAY 11:

10.00-12.30 Patchwork Group

7.45 pm Ladies' Group: Patchwork Group

### WEDNESDAY 12:

10.00-12.30 Coffee followed by Christmas lunch

10.30 am Pre-school Nativity

11.45 am Funeral for the late Mrs Marjorie Clarridge

### THURSDAY 13:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship: Revd John Haley  
(Carol Service)

7.30 pm Door Stewards Meeting

### SATURDAY 15:

10.00 - 12.00 noon Oasis Coffee Bar: Church Outreach  
(Pat Stead)

4.30-7.00 pm Seasonal Concert at  
Millbrook Methodist Church

7.30 pm "Recharge"

### SUNDAY 16:

10.30 am Mr Jonathon Libby

6.00 pm Revd John Haley

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Revd John Carne, Revd John Haley and Revd Andrew Earl who are leading our services today. We continue to pray for: Maurice and Caroline Finney; Jeanette and Rex Richards; Jean and Carl Edwards; Rose Pearson.

### 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.

## 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. Please check the cards and see if there are any that you can deliver for us.

### CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

There will be an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to our church family by placing a Christmas card on the wooden Christmas tree in the entrance hall. As usual your donations will be forwarded to the Methodist Fund for World Mission. Last year we raised £99. I am hoping to send even more this year! Many thanks  
*Beth Saunders, M.F.W.M. Treasurer*

### MILLBROOK METHODIST CHURCH

On Saturday 15 December at 4.30-7.00 pm Millbrook will be holding a seasonal concert with Laira Youth Band. At the interval seasonal refreshments will be served concluding with Candlelit Christingle. An event for all ages. Adults £2.50, school-children £1.00, pre-school children FREE.

### 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.

*Carol Sharman*

### 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*