

# THIS MONTH: OCTOBER 2006



## RIDGEWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends

### **New members**

During September I have been running a small Membership Preparation group. I hope that on 1 October we will be welcoming some new members in our service at 10.30 am. This will be preceded by a service of baptism and renewal at 9.30 am. I hope that everyone will make a real effort to be there for an early start on what to me is one of the best days of our autumn programme.

### **'A bit cross'**

A joke is circulating among Americans about the British reaction to recent terrorist alerts. Apparently, the security level has been raised from 'miffed' to 'peeved'. According to American sources, security levels may be raised again to 'irritated' or even a bit cross'. Londoners have not been 'a bit cross' since 1940 when tea supplies all but ran out. Although some people might think that Methodist membership is old-fashioned, it reminds us that an earlier generation of Methodists were serious about their faith, their fellowship together and their desire 'to flee from the coming wrath'. It is decidedly unfashionable to speak about judgment but would we really want a God who did not care enough about the state of the world to be angry?

### **Minister's Bible study**

I am grateful to all those who have asked me, 'what is happening about the minister's Bible study that I have run on Monday nights?' The answer is that everyone is welcome to attend the new Monday night groups – some people have already said that they would like to be enrolled students with Moore College but everyone is still welcome. Rather than meeting fortnightly, we shall meet in five week half-terms. I am really sorry that because of previous engagements two of the meetings this term are on Tuesdays (see separate sheet) but all being well in the New Year our meetings will be on Mondays.

### **Ridgeway Cell Network**

The early response to this was a little bit slow but I am pleased to say that since reminders were sent out responses have been flooding in.

### **Moore College**

The first ten week module starts on Tuesday 3 October (though all other meetings except Tuesday 17 October will be on Mondays). There is still time to become an enrolled student (£28) though everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Lifebuilder Groups**

It is tempting to try and start before half-term but in view of the complex task of gathering together the groups and meeting with the leaders I am going to set the target of having the groups organised and running in early November. I am sorry that this is a bit slower than I had anticipated but you can use the available time to pray that the groups really have God's blessing upon them.

## **Christianity Explored**

The new Christianity Explored group will start on Wednesday 4 October at 7.30 pm. If you have already said that you would like to join then you should hear from us. It is not too late to say that you want to come – please let us know in the church office.

## **Monthly Saturday morning prayer meeting**

Please join us on Saturday 7 October from 8.30-9.30. In September, we ran out of time to pray for all the things that we have to bring before God. Please do not feel that if you cannot pray out loud that you are not welcome – there are prayers to read and we are just glad to have you with us.

## **Keypad door entry**

Our finance and property committee are pleased to confirm that the new keypads will become operational at the beginning of October. There is a special meeting for all key holders and group leaders on Tuesday 26 September at 7.00 pm.

## **Visit of young people from Heubach, Germany**

Earlier in the year I wrote about a visit of approximately 18 young people from the Parish of Heubach, Germany, where my friend, Gunter Bareis, is the minister. The Germans will be staying at Buckland Monachorum but sharing with us in our Sunday services on 29 October and in our midweek celebration on 1 November at 7.30 pm. Our German friends particularly want to meet with teenagers and young adults but all are welcome to share in the special programme we are arranging for their visit.

Sunday 29 October, 2.00 pm one hour Tamar Cruise from Mayflower Steps (£5)

Sunday 29 October, 5.00 pm hot meal at the church (donation)

Wednesday 1 November, 9.00 pm Indian take-away in the coffee bar (£5)

Friday 3 November, 7.00 pm Traditional English meal (£3)

It is possible just to turn up to any of the events but it will really help us if you let us know through the church office what events you hope to attend

## **Millbrook matters**

Most of you will know that from 1 September I have taken pastoral charge of the church at Millbrook. We are encouraged but there is a very long way to go. One of the things that we could do with is a bit of help redecorating the hall. The hall is structurally sound but needs washing down and painting – the ceiling is not high so it ought not to be too big a job. If you think you could give any time to this please would you let me know through the church office.

God bless

*John Haley*

# October Diary

## Sunday 1 :

**9.30 am** Service of Baptism and Renewal  
**10.30 am** Revd John Haley (Membership Service)  
**7.00 pm** Mr Brian Hart

## Monday 2:

7.30 pm Church Council

## Tuesday 3:

10.00-12.00 Patchwork  
7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study (Moore College )Week 1  
7.30pm Crosstalk Circuit Prayer Meeting (Stoke)  
7.45pm Ladies' Group: Grace Mole

## Wednesday 4

10.00 - 12.30 Coffee followed by lunches

## Thursday 5:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship

## Saturday 7:

8.30 am Monthly Prayer Meeting  
10.00 - 12.00 Oasis Coffee Bar: Church Funds

## Sunday 8:

**10.30 am** Revd John Haley  
**7.00 pm** Revd John Haley

## Monday 9:

7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study (Moore College )Week 2

## Tuesday 10:

10.00 - 12.00 Patchwork  
7.30 pm Ministry and Mission Committee  
7.45pm Ladies' Group: Jeremiah's Journey

## Wednesday 11:

10.00 - 12.30 Coffee followed by lunches

## Thursday 12:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship

## Saturday 14:

10.00 - 12.00 Oasis Coffee Bar: Operation Christmas Child  
7.30pm Recharge

## Sunday 15:

**10.30 am** Miss Pam Griffiths  
**7.00 pm** Revd John Haley

## Monday 16:

7.30 pm Pastoral Committee

## Tuesday 17:

10.00 - 12.00 Patchwork  
2.15pm Service at Pocklington Rise (all welcome)  
7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study (Moore College )Week 3  
7.45pm Ladies' Group: Tessa Thomas

## Wednesday 18:

10.00 - 12.30 Coffee followed by lunches  
7.30 pm Local Preachers' Meeting (Compton)

Thursday 19:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship

Saturday 21:

10.00 - 12.00 Oasis Coffee Bar: Church Outreach

**Sunday 22:**

**10.30 am Mr Chris Sturley**

**7.00 pm Mr Mike Cade**

Tuesday 24:

10.00 - 12.00 Patchwork

Thursday 26:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship

Saturday 28:

10.00 - 12.00 Oasis Coffee Bar: Kurst Kids Support (Ladies' Group)  
Girls' Brigade Young Leaders

**Sunday 29:**

**10.30 am Revd John Haley (Women's Fellowship Anniversary)**

**Welcome to guests from Heubach, Germany**

**7.00 pm Revd John Haley**

Monday 30:

7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study (Moore College) Week 4

Tuesday 31

10.00-12.00 Patchwork

7.45 pm Ladies' Group: Liz Ellis/Patchwork

Wednesday 1 November

10.00-12.30 Coffee followed by lunches

7.30 pm Midweek celebration (with guests from Heubach, Germany)

**Church office hours:**

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

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