

THIS MONTH: MAY 2005

RIDGEWAY
METHODIST
CHURCH



Dear Friends

Hope's Kitchen: Saturday 30 April, 7.30 pm

I know I am cheating a bit by putting an April event in the May newsletter but it is too good an opportunity to miss. Many of our members have been hoping that we would be able to bring some events by nationally known people to Ridgeway Methodist Church. The *Riding Lights Theatre Company* has a national reputation and I trust that the event will be well supported by members, friends and guests and people from other churches in the area. I am pleased that it is fitting into *The Noise* weekend which is an important part in the annual calendar for our young people.

Ascension Day Communion Service: Thursday 5 May, 10.30 am

Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter Day and is therefore always a Thursday. Although Methodists have traditionally followed the Christian year and celebrated Christmas Day and Good Friday we have not made much of Ascension Day. However, the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven is an important element of the Christian faith and so we are going to hold a special service that morning. I am sorry that those who have to go to work will not be able to come but I hope that those who do not have other commitments will join with us.

Plympton Churches United Prayer Festival: 11 May, 7.30 pm

For more than two years, Christian leaders of several of the churches in Plympton have been meeting together to share news and fellowship. At Christmas we organised the open-air carol service. The group has been invited to share in a national prayer initiative. The only day in the special week that was convenient for the Plympton churches was Wednesday and the group has asked to come to Ridgeway Methodist Church. There will be opportunities to share in prayer for different things, local, national and international, and a time when we can join in worship together. This is an excellent opportunity for local Christians from different churches to pray and worship together and I hope the event will be well supported.

Glory! Glory! That man Billy: 19 May, 7.30 pm

Another group with a national reputation, *The Jasperian Theatre Company*, are touring with a production about the life of the diminutive Cornish evangelist, Billy Bray. Billy, a tin-miner, was dramatically converted from a godless life, and became a fervent Christian in the Bible Christian movement. In his spare time, Billy built three chapels, one of which still survives at Kerley Downs, near Chacewater. Billy said, 'If they were to put me in a barrel and seal the top and bottom, I would shout "glory" out of the bung hole!' Both this and *Hope's Kitchen* are events to which we can invite people who might not readily come to a Sunday service.

James Darby's last quarter

Last month, our church community was surprised to hear from James that he will be taking up a new appointment at Sherwood, Nottingham. Although James is leaving us a little earlier than we expected most Methodist appointments begin in September and it was only circumstances here that caused our appointment to start in January. I am sure we all wish James well for the future, starting with the last three months of his work here. Behind the scenes, we are hoping that the programme of outreach events can be sustained – if you have ideas, or would like to share in these, please speak to one of the stewards.

God bless you all.

John Haley

NOISE WEEKEND 29th April - 2nd May

This is the fifth NOISE weekend, a time when our young people try and reflect something of Christ's love for them back into the community. For the first time we are linking up with Chaddlewood Junior School in a project including painting their staffroom. There will also be the usual litter picking (if you know of a specific area which needs cleaning or someone who needs help with their garden please let us know), as well as Oasis, kids clubs, a free BarBQ with free gift stall and a quiz. For further information please take a leaflet or read the notices on the boards. Your prayers and any other support would be much appreciated.

Pre-School 40th Anniversary

We celebrate our 40th Anniversary on Saturday 14 May here at Ridgeway Methodist Church.

“Come and play open” morning from 10.30 am, this will include the Oasis Coffee Bar. Please join us for a ‘bring and share lunch’ at noon which will be followed by a short Thanksgiving Service.

Everyone welcome.

Redecoration

The redecoration programme for the upper floor has now been completed. Many thanks to all those who have helped with the cleaning. Special mention should be of Alf Mudge and Mark Thompson who gave up weeks of their time.

For further information about future plans please see the notice board.

‘Step Out for Children’

The annual sponsored walk in aid of the children's' charity NCH will be on Saturday 11 June. This is a 5 mile level walk along the Tavistock Canal leaving Tavistock Methodist Church at 1.00 pm.

If you would like to take part please contact David Collier or Pat Gorton. If you are to walk please support this worthy cause with your sponsorship. Thank you

Shekinah Mission

Donations of tins, packet foods for the Shekinah Mission would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the vestibule. (There has been very little to deliver lately).

Many Thanks

Sue Couch

May Diary

Sunday 1:

10.30 am Revd John Haley—Holy Communion

7.00 pm Revd John Haley

Tuesday 3:

10.00—12.00 Patchwork Group

7.45 pm Ladies Group. PC Simon Dell. Policing the Peninsula. Artefacts and some slides

Wednesday 4:

10.00 am—1.00 pm Coffee followed by lunches.

7.30 pm House Groups combine for prayer in the church

7.30 pm ICES Letters of Paul 5

Thursday 5:

10.30 am Ascension Day Communion Service. Revd John Haley

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship— Mr Peter Gregory

Saturday 7:

10.00 am—12 noon Oasis Coffee Bar—Mission Outreach. Christine and Peter Gregory

Sunday 8:

10.30 am Mr James Darby

7.00 pm Revd John Haley

Tuesday 10 :

10.00—12.00 Patchwork Group

6.45 pm Ladies Group. Visit to Orchid House, Newton Abbot. £1.50 per head
(Please note early start)

7.30 pm Men's Fellowship. Revd John Haley

Wednesday 11:

10.00 am—1.00 pm Coffee followed by lunches

7.30 pm Plympton Churches' Prayer Festival

Thursday 12:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship—Revd John Haley

7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study. (Return of the Exiles)

Saturday 14:

10.00—12 noon Oasis Coffee Bar. In support of Pre-School 40th Anniversary

Followed by a 'bring and share lunch' at noon. Followed by a short Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 15: Pentecost. Christian Aid Week

10.30 am Revd John Haley. All age worship

7.00 pm Revd John Haley

Monday 16

7.30 pm ICES Letters of Paul 6

Tuesday 17:

10.00—12.00 Patchwork Group

2.15 pm Service at Pocklington Rise. All welcome)

7.45 pm Ladies Group—Mr Paul Aldersley. Work of the YMCA

Wednesday 18:

10.00 am—1.00 pm Coffee followed by lunches.

7.30 pm Church Council Meeting

7.30 pm House Fellowships

Thursday 19:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship—Mr James Darby

7.30 pm Glory! Glory! That man Billy

Saturday 21:

10.00 am—12 noon Oasis Coffee Bar—Women's Fellowship

2.30 pm Wedding of Susan Benson and Brian Thomas

7.00 pm 'Recharge'

Sunday 22: Trinity Sunday

10.30 am Revd John Haley

7.00 pm Revd John Haley. Holy Communion

Monday 23

7.30 pm Ministry and Mission Committee Meeting (lounge)

Tuesday 24:

10.00—12.00 Patchwork Group.

Ladies Group—Globe Theatre, Stonehouse Barracks. Show starts at 7.30 pm

7.30 pm Men's Fellowship at Elburton. Revd Edgar Daniel

Wednesday 25:

10.00 am—1.00 pm Coffee followed by lunches.

7.30 pm House Fellowships

7.30 pm ICES Letters of Paul 7

Thursday 26:

2.45 pm Women's Fellowship—Members afternoon

7.30 pm Minister's Bible Study. (Poetry)

Saturday 28:

10.00 am—12 noon Oasis Coffee Bar—Youth Mission

Sunday 29:

10.30 am Revd Stephen Caddick

7.00 pm Revd John Haley

Tuesday 31:

10.00—12.00 Patchwork Group.

7.45 pm Ladies Group

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