



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 10th March 2013 – Mothering Sunday

Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.

Refreshments are served in the hall following most Sunday services – please do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 10th Mar 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alan Ashton & Sharon Thraves-Pennington
including the baptism of Aeva-Jessica Mensah
Bible reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 (page 74)

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**
**Rev. Canon Philipa King
& Sharon Thraves-Pennington**

We pray... for mothers everywhere

Tue 12th Mar 19.30 Lent Course: By the sea – braving the storm...

Wed 13th Mar 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 14th Mar 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 17th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Hannah Edwards

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.
Maureen Kendall

Please take a copy of Castle View for fuller details of what's on each month.

Morning service today

This morning is a special service for Mothering Sunday, and will include the baptism of Aeva-Jessica, daughter of Gilbert and Marie Mensah. In addition to formally welcoming Aeva-Jessica into the Church Family, we also welcome a number of Gilbert and Marie's family and friends who are worshipping with us today. To celebrate this special occasion, there is a lunch after the service, to which all the congregation are invited.



Church at Castle weekend away at High Leigh in June

Margaret Cooper reports that nearly all the places on this weekend have been taken, so anyone who would like to go but has not yet expressed an interest is asked to contact her as soon as possible (tel. (01223) 354 561). There are also still a number of people who have expressed an interest but have not completed booking forms and paid deposits (£20 – cheques made payable to "Parish of the Ascension PCC"); if you are one of those, please do so as a matter of urgency so that Margaret can either cancel spare places with the conference centre, or offer them to other people. If all the places are taken, it is possible Margaret may be able to book a few more, but obviously doesn't want to do so until she knows there are definitely no spares. Details about the weekend can be found in *Castle View*.



New Worship Leader:

The Church Council on 4th March has appointed Mike Sharpe, after suitable training provided through the Circuit Local Preachers Meeting, to become a Worship Leader at Castle Street. Mike will be commissioned into this role during our morning service on 24th March (Palm Sunday). At the same meeting, Sarah Creeke's role as a Worship Leader was further extended for a period of three years.



Daily Prayer and Bible Study – via our church website

Hot on the heels of the weekly notice sheet being available on our recently revamped church website (www.castlestreet.org.uk) is another new feature, access to a daily prayer and a Bible study with helpful notes and questions. It's available on the Homepage. It is hoped that many people will find this a useful resource for strengthening our daily discipleship.

“Time to be...” – a new opportunity to meet for prayer and fellowship

Following on from the Wednesday morning Prayer Meeting during our Circuit Week of Prayer, it is felt appropriate that we should commence a regular occasion to meet together for prayer and fellowship, on some Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 10.30am – again, before the weekly coffee morning. The first of these will be on Wednesday 20th March 2013, when we shall meet in the Aldersgate Room. Please try to join us if you are able.



Real Easter Eggs

The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg which explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. It also supports charity and development projects. Our Traidcraft stall has a small number of Real Easter Eggs, and Martin plans to order more if they are required. The price is £3.99, which includes a 125g milk chocolate egg, the Easter story, an activity poster, a free iTunes download, a sticker set and a 15p donation to Traidcraft Exchange. Place your orders early to avoid disappointment.



Quiz Night at Histon – this Friday at 7pm

Details of a Quiz Night at Histon Methodist Church on Friday (15th March) can be found in *Castle View*. Tickets cost £7.50 (which includes refreshments), and can be obtained from Robin and Joy McCombie on (01223) 232 391.



Curry Night at Royston – this Saturday at 7pm

As previously advertised, Royston Methodist Church is holding a curry evening on Saturday (16th March). A selection of curries (including vegetarian) will be available, all served in buffet-style. Sweets of fruit salad and ice cream will be followed by tea or coffee, and non-alcoholic drinks will be available on the table. Seating is limited, so tickets will not be available on the door. To book tickets, which cost £10 per head, contact Brian Norwood on 07895 095 455. Proceeds will be shared between Royston Day Centre and Church funds.

Christian Seder Meal at St. Augustine's

Tickets are now available for this event, on Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm. Priced at £4, at Castle Street they can be obtained from Audrey Seaton. The background to this event was printed on the notice sheet for 24th February (which can be downloaded from our church website), and there are also some details of the event on the website itself.



"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 11th March). Prof. Alister McGrath will ask, "If science is the answer, what are the questions?", and reflect on science and faith. As usual, the lecture starts at 7.45pm with refreshments served from 7.15pm. Afterwards there will be time for questions and discussion, with the evening closing around 9.15pm. There will be a retiring collection for Wesley's three centenary charities.

Space precludes reproducing Prof. McGrath's full biography (which can be found by visiting www.wesleycam.org.uk and following the link "Science Meets Faith"), but he is currently Professor of Theology, Ministry and Education, and Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture, at King's College, London, as well as being Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College; he'd previously been Professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University.



Rock at Wesley

Wesley Methodist Church is presenting the Roger Jones musical *Rock* on Sunday 24th and Monday 25th March, at 7.30pm. It tells the story of Simon Peter, in music and drama. Tickets cost £10 (£5 for students and children), and can be obtained from www.eventbrite.co.uk or the Wesley Church Office (tel. (01223) 352 115).

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, ideally by Thursday evening.

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