



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 6th April 2014

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 6th Apr 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Elsie Salmon: "Give us today our daily bread"

Bible readings: Exodus 16: 1-4, 31-35 (page 60); John 6: 1-12 (page 93); John 6: 25-35 (page 93)

12.15 General Church Meeting (*see overleaf*)

16.00 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Histon

Preacher: Judy Wynn (*see overleaf*)

We pray... for our housebound members

Mon 7th Apr 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

Wed 9th Apr 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

14.30 Lent at Storey's House (*see overleaf*)

Thu 10th Apr 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 13th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP John Boocock

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker

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

Circuit Service this afternoon

This afternoon at 4pm there will be a Circuit Service at Histon Methodist Church, to say farewell to Revd. Hilary Cheng. Hilary is about to go on sabbatical, and then moves to a new circuit in London for the new Connexional year. We hope that Castle Street will be well represented! Note that there will be no 6.30pm service at Castle End Mission tonight.



General Church Meeting

The annual General Church Meeting is to be held after the morning service today, at 12.15pm in the church hall. This is an important meeting which is open to all who come along to Castle Street. Reports of various activities during the last year will be given. It is also the meeting which appoints the stewards for the next year (starting in May) and the representatives from the membership of the church to the Church Council. We hope that as many people as are able will stay and take part – quickly grab a coffee after the service, and then take your seats for the meeting.



Lent at Storey's House: "With Jesus in the Upper Room"

The Lent course at Storey's House has its final session this week, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. The theme is "Life and Glory" and it will focus on John 17: 1-16. All are welcome, and tea or coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.



"Friday Nights at St. Augustine's": How did Jesus become God?

The next in the spring programme of FSNA talks takes place on Friday (11th April) at St. Augustine's Church, Richmond Road, and starts at 6pm. Dr. James Carleton Paget, Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies and Fellow and Tutor at Peterhouse, will discuss the different ways in which New Testament scholars and others have tried to explain how and why Christians came to assert the divinity of Jesus. It is believed that admission is free, although there will probably be a retiring collection.

For more details of other talks in the series, visit the Church at Castle website www.churchatcastle.org.uk; details of the autumn programme will appear in September.

Easter Breakfast

Looking ahead two weeks to Easter Sunday, an Easter Breakfast is once again to be held at Castle Street, and, as in recent years, all at Church at Castle (and any visitors and passers-by) are invited. Tea and coffee will be served immediately following the 8am service on Castle Mound, and this will segue into a fuller (but simple) breakfast at about 9am.

Heather Taplin and Anne Littlefair are organising it, but would very much welcome offers of help preparing, serving and clearing up on the day. Also, they are looking to borrow electric toasters – have you got one which is safe that you're willing to lend? Please speak to Heather or Anne.



“Fight like a girl”: Women’s Day at Wesley, Saturday 3rd May

Your attention is drawn to this event, listed in the Circuit Diary section of the April *Castle View*. It runs from 9am until 4pm, and the cost of £15 (£10 concessions) includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. The guest speaker is international Christian speaker and writer Fiona Castle OBE. She is also President of Activateyourlife.org.uk, a network of “girls getting out there” sharing God’s love in natural, meaningful ways. After lunch there will be four workshops looking at the lives of women in the Bible, their attributes, and how these relate to the lives of modern women.



Centenary Bunting Construction Team(s)

Many will have noticed the bunting which appeared for our Centenary Launch weekend two weeks ago, but we want some more so that people might ask what’s going on! We are aiming to cut out and construct a further 250 metres of bunting, and to do this there could be Bunting Construction Parties at church or in people’s homes, or people could work on their own at home in their own time. Anyone interested in helping should speak to Heather Taplin.



Christian Aid event on Saturday 10th May

Regretfully, this event, scheduled to take place at St. Luke’s, has been cancelled. Of course, that now means that are fewer excuses for not going to the District “Big Pray” in Red Lodge (details in *Castle View*)!

Lent Passover Meal – Tuesday 15th April at St. Augustine’s

The Christian Seder Meal interprets the symbolism of Passover in the context of our Christian faith. As usual, a Christian Seder Meal will be celebrated at St. Augustine’s, Richmond Road, on the Tuesday of Holy Week. A meal of roast lamb with wine or grape juice will be served, while remembering the four-fold promises of God to the Children of Israel in Egypt. Following the meal will be an informal celebration of Holy Communion when, as Christians, we remember the ultimate sacrifice made for everyone by Jesus.

All are welcome, but pre-booking is necessary: tickets (£4 for adults, £2 for children) are available from Margaret on (01223) 354 561 or from the Parish Office; there may also be some available at Castle Street.



Festival of Crosses at Royston Methodist Church

Our friends at Royston Methodist Church are holding a Festival of Crosses next weekend. Refreshments will be served throughout. Times are:

- Friday 11th April: 3pm to 5pm
- Saturday 12th April: 10am to 5pm
- Sunday 13th April: 3pm to 6pm

On Saturday there will be a children’s activity morning. For more information, contact Jennie Harris on (01763) 230 021.



Next week’s notice sheet

The notice sheet for next Sunday (13th April) has already been prepared for printing. However, if there is anything very urgent which has not already been submitted, it may be possible to add it. Please telephone (or text) Brian Carter on 0771 887 1244 and e-mail the details (if possible) to j.b.carter@btinternet.com (this isn’t the usual e-mail address, and isn’t checked regularly). If a text or e-mail is not acknowledged, it probably hasn’t been read.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on the notice sheet for 20th April, ideally by Friday evening.

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