



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Easter Sunday – 20th 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 20th Apr** **05.00** **SUNRISE SERVICE** *at St. Peter's*
08.00 **OPEN-AIR SERVICE** *on Castle Mound*
09.00 Easter Breakfast
10.45 **MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alison Walker
18.30 **UNITED EVENING WORSHIP** *at C.E.M.*
Rev. Dr. Lance Stone

We pray... for the joy of Easter Day

- Wed 23rd Apr** **10.00** *"Time To Be" prayer and fellowship*
10.30-12.00 *Coffee morning*
12.00-13.00 *"Forever Active" exercise class*
19.30 *Wildfire rehearsal (see overleaf)*

Thu 24th Apr **10.00-12.00** *Castle Street Tots*

- Sun 27th Apr** **10.45** **UNITED MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Stephen Burgess *(also see overleaf)*
18.30 **UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**
John Boocock

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

Bible readings for this morning's service

Acts 10: 34-43 (page 123)

Psalms 118: 14-24 (page 524)

Colossians 3: 1-4 (page 191)

John 20: 1-18 (page 110)



Next Sunday morning

Next Sunday morning is the second of our special Centenary services, and sees the return of Revd. Stephen Burgess – minister at Castle Street (and Cambridge Circuit Superintendent) over a decade ago having been Chaplain at the Leys School prior to that; Stephen moved on from Cambridge to become Chair of the York and Hull District.

As has become the custom within Church at Castle for the Sunday immediately after Easter, it will be a United Family Service for Castle Street, St. Giles', St. Luke's and St. Augustine's Churches, during which Holy Communion will be celebrated.



***Wildfire* rehearsals**

After a short break, rehearsals for the postponed production of the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire* recommence this Wednesday evening (23rd April), starting at 7.30pm and finishing at around 9pm. They will then take place fortnightly until at least the end of May before taking a break (while the director is busy with another show!) and restarting in mid-August or early September. The dates for the performances have yet to be finalised, but will be a Saturday and Sunday evening in November. If you'd like to be involved, please come along, or have a word with Brian Carter if you'd like to know more – all who enjoy singing will be very welcome.



Church at Castle Easter Egg Hunt at St. Giles' – 2pm to 4pm tomorrow

There will be activities for all the family and every child will receive an Easter activities book. Refreshments will be available, for which there will be a modest charge. Everyone is welcome. The programme is:

2.00-3.00pm – decorating cupcakes and making Easter bonnets;

3.00-3.30 pm – Easter egg hunt in the garden;

3.40-4.00pm – Parade of Easter bonnets, with prizes.

“A Faith to Live By” – Haslingfield, Sunday 27th April at 6.30pm

The next in this series at Haslingfield Methodist Church takes place next Sunday evening. Dan Woodhouse – Castle Street’s student on attachment from Wesley House – will talk on the subject “Let justice roll on like a river: non-violent direct action”. As usual, the evening will include a short time of worship and the presentation, followed by refreshments and discussion.

Before answering a call to the presbyteral Ministry, Dan was the lay Methodist Chaplain at the University of Nottingham as well as a student worker in the university’s local Trent Valley Circuit. It was during this time that he became a part of SPEAK, a prayer and campaigns network, on the back of a passion for justice. Dan will talk about his experience of activism – from writing letters, to his recent arrest for blockading DSEi, the world’s largest arms fair held in London’s ExCel Centre every two years. He will also reflect on some of the theological and practical implications of such activities.



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

Some details of this event have already been publicised, and more can be found on posters. 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 – the latest update is that these workshops will be led by Fiona Castle herself, Julia Chamberlain (Ely Diocese Officer), Angela Chipper (from the High Street Church in Isleham), and Elle De Vaux (a local teacher).



Christian Aid event on Saturday 10th May

Regretfully, this event, scheduled to take place at St. Luke’s, has been cancelled (as previously reported).

District “Big Pray” – Saturday 10th May at Red Lodge

Some details of this event, part of the East Anglia District’s Discipleship programme “Journey into Faith”, can be found in the April *Castle View* – it takes place at St. Christopher’s School, Red Lodge (just the other side of Newmarket), starting at 10.30am (doors open at 9.45am) and finishing at 3.30pm. The programme for the day includes a choice of two workshops, as well as a third session in what is described as the “Market Place”. Workshops should be chosen in advance, and this can be done by registering at www.eamethodist.org.uk.

There is a coach going from Cambridge – parking is limited at the venue – but numbers need to be given to Jim Taylor urgently. If you are planning to go, please speak to Alison Walker as soon as possible.



“An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan” at Royston Methodist Church

This event, brought to us by the Hitchin Thespians, takes place next Saturday (26th April) at 7.45pm at Royston Methodist Church. Tickets cost £8 – contact Brian on (01763) 241 066. Proceeds are to be shared between church funds and the Royston Food Bank.



Centenary Bunting Construction Team(s)

Many will have noticed the bunting which appeared for our Centenary Launch weekend last month, 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 at home in their own time. Anyone interested should speak to Heather Taplin.



Items for the May *Castle View*...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, today please.

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

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