



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 18th January 2015

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 18th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – COVENANT SERVICE
Rev. Alison Walker

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for a new start in our Covenant with God

Mon 19th Jan 19.30 What makes a Methodist (*details overleaf*)

Wed 21st Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

12.15 Lunchtime prayer meeting (*see overleaf*)

Thu 22nd Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 19.45 Thursday Table Talk: John Hardwick
Storytelling course

Sun 25th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Alex Corio and Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Evening worship today

As part of our new pattern of evening worship, there will be no 6.30pm service at Castle Street today. Instead, all are invited to go along to the twice monthly Iona Service at St. Luke's, which starts at 7pm. The Iona Services generally have half an hour of informal worship, music and song following themes such as healing, agape, commitment, justice and communion; this is followed by fellowship and refreshment. All are very welcome!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. Details of mid-week prayer meetings within Church at Castle – one at each of our five churches – are as follows (each is expected to last around thirty minutes):

- Mon 19th Jan, 6.30pm: Compline at St. Peter's
- Tue 20th Jan, 7.30am: Morning Prayer at St Luke's (followed by breakfast)
- Wed 21st Jan, 12.15pm: Lunchtime Prayer at Castle Street
- Thu 22nd Jan, 9.40am: Morning Prayer at St Giles' (followed by the usual communion service)
- Fri 23rd Jan, 8.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Augustine's



Homelessness Sunday event at Zion Baptist

Today is Homelessness Sunday, and to mark the day Cambridge Link-up is holding an event at Zion Baptist Church (home of Jimmy's). The afternoon of music and words begins at 2pm, and will feature Barry Griffiths, Emma Hyde, Greg Orey, Ian Stewart, Jane Heeney, Jane Mann, Lidija Kyle, Revd. Stuart Wood, Street Voices and Toby Peters.



Saturday Nights at St. Luke's

The first of these illustrated talks is on 31st January at 6.30pm, when Margaret Cooper will talk about the National Parks of America. Heather Taplin has tickets, costing £10 each to include a fish and chip supper with dessert and soft drinks – but numbers need to be confirmed by next Sunday (25th January). More information can be found in *Castle View*.

What makes a Methodist?

A spot of Bible study, a smidge of history, a scraping of theology, a pinch of prayer, a shout of singing (naturally – it's about Methodism!), all served with tea / coffee, the obligatory biscuits, and lots of open conversation.

If you have recently been confirmed or made a member, or are thinking about membership (including transfers), would like a refresher, or are just curious, please attend! If you wonder what makes Castle Street Church like, well Castle Street – then come and find out! There are five sessions on Monday evenings in the Aldersgate Room, each starting at 7.30pm and running for about ninety minutes – the first is tomorrow:

- 19th Jan: Introduction to Methodism – history, spirituality, structure
- 26th Jan: Relationship with God – Covenant, Holy Spirit
- 9th Feb: Images of God – images of Jesus and the Methodist Art Collection.
- 23rd Feb: Bible, prayer and the class meeting
- 2nd Mar: Holy Communion

Please sign up. But even if you don't put your name down, you can still attend! For more information, speak to Alison.



Re-vitalising the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee

One-third of our essential church structure has recently slipped quietly away – the M&SR Committee. John Boocock has chaired the group with enthusiasm and energy but now feels that he would prefer to support from the sidelines. Some members of the group are prepared to continue.

So here it is – your chance to re-develop the work of this committee. Previously this group has supported various charities, organised fellowship and fundraising events, facilitated initiatives on social justice and co-ordinated our outreach efforts.

There are many exciting opportunities here to ensure that Castle Street enjoys itself whilst making a real difference through our projects, outreach and charitable support. Would you like to be involved? Please speak to Alison soon, and after church next Sunday morning there will be a brief meeting to establish an evening (or afternoon) to kick-start plans for 2015 (if you can't be at church next Sunday, that's OK – just let Alison know).

Disciple Course

Following the recent success in the Circuit, of the Disciple Bible Study Courses, it has been decided to hold another series. It will take place on Thursday mornings from 10.30am until 1pm at Histon Methodist Church, and starts on 5th March. Full information will be given at two identical publicity and recruitment meetings to be held this week on Monday (19th January) at Histon from 10.30am until noon and on Wednesday at Castle Street from 2pm until 3.30pm. If you wish to know more about this exciting thirty-four week course, this is the meeting for you!



Church at Castle weekend at High Leigh

Details of the third Church at Castle weekend away, from Friday evening 22nd to Sunday afternoon 24th May, were published in *Castle View* some months ago, and there's a brief mention in the current issue. Final numbers are needed by Margaret Cooper before the end of January – please speak to Mike Sharpe for full details and a booking form.



***Singing the Faith Day* – Saturday 21st February**

This circuit workshop, about our new hymnbook, is being led by Robin Walker. Full details can be found on the flier – please take one.



From Anne Littlefair

Anne Littlefair tells us that her husband, Peter, is now making good progress with his knee, after several months of physiotherapy and painful, daily exercises at home. He is beginning to pick up strands of his normal life again. Anne says thank you very much to all the kind people who prayed for his recovery, prayers are being answered!



Items for the February *Castle View*...

... should be with Colin Moule or Anna Williams by next Sunday 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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