



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 26th April 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 26th Apr** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Simon Oliver
- 12.15 General Church Meeting
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP – DISCUSSION SERVICE**
Kimberley Rayson

We pray... for all who serve our church

- Wed 29th Apr** 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- Thu 30th Apr** 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group
- 19.00 "Thursday Table Talk"
- Sun 3rd May** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Chris White
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**
Alec Corio

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Acts 4: 5-12 (*page 115*) John 10: 11-18 (*page 99*)

6.30pm: John 6: 30-40 (*page 94*)



General Church Meeting

This important annual meeting is taking place after the service this morning – we hope that as many people as possible will quickly grab a coffee and then take a seat in the church hall. The meeting is open to all who worship at Castle Street, not just those who are members.

The General Church Meeting is the meeting at which everyone gets the chance to discuss the life of Castle Street Methodist Church – and reports are given about what's been going on both visibly and behind the scenes. It is also the meeting which appoints representatives to the Church Council and stewards for the next year. If you feel called to either of those roles, then please have a word with one of the stewards, or, failing that, just speak up at the meeting! There is a need for a few new stewards...

Please do stay – it's your meeting!



Discussion service this evening

This evening's service is the first to take the form of a discussion service, a format used successfully on a regular basis at Sturton Street. There will be the usual hymns, prayers and readings, but instead of a sermon the congregation will be split into groups for a time of discussion. It will be led by Kimberley Rayson. Do come along.



Easter Offering envelopes

On Easter Sunday, the Easter Offering envelopes were handed out, along with a card explaining this annual appeal for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. There are spare envelopes on the hymnbook trolleys.

Thank you to those who have already made a contribution; anyone else who wishes to do so is asked to place their envelope in the offering plate very soon please – a circuit service to dedicate the offerings will take place at Histon Methodist Church on Saturday 7th June, starting at 6pm.

Alison on sabbatical

There's a slight revision to the ministerial cover rota while Alison is on sabbatical as Revd. Alan Ashton is available for some of the time (for Castle Street only). There is a message on Alison's answerphone giving contact details, which will be changed as the time progresses.

- April – Robert Dolman
- May – Simon Oliver or Peter Graves
- June – Chris White or Peter Graves
- 1st to 3rd July – Ian Murray
- 4th to 31st July – Alan Ashton or Ian Murray
- 1st to 6th August – Alan Ashton, Chris White or Peter Graves

Alternatively, contact one of the stewards. Note that during this time it will not be possible to leave a message for Alison, and she will not be checking her e-mails regularly and will be unlikely to reply to them.



Items from the Circuit Diary

- Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May: Spring Celebrations at Toft. To include Maypole dancing, parish walk, well dressing, church ceremonies, and a Sunday tea party.
- Monday 11th May: "Science meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church – Revd. Prof. Alasdair Coles (Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge) will talk about how the experience of epilepsy or Parkinson's disease both enriches and diminishes the religious life... and what this can teach all people of faith.
- Saturday 16th May, 9.30am until noon: Yard Sale at Histon – bric a brac, book, toys, etc. for sale, coffee and cakes served in the hall.



Items for the May Castle View...

... should be with Anna Williams or Cassandra Morris today please.

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

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