



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 3rd May 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 3rd May 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Chris White

Bible readings: Acts 8: 26-40 (page 120); John 15: 1-8 (page 105)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Dr. Alec Corio

Bible readings: Daniel 3: 16-28 (page 754)

Hebrews 11: 32 - 12: 2 (page 215)

We pray... for all those preparing for examinations

Wed 6th May 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.00 Mission and Social Responsibility Committee

Thu 7th May 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 "Thursday Table Talk"

Sun 10th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alan Ashton

18.00 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Royston (see overleaf)

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

Circuit Service next Sunday evening

Next Sunday evening there will be a circuit service at Royston Methodist Church (Queen's Road), starting at 6pm. This will be a local preacher accreditation service for Joyce Goodall – a familiar face to us at Castle Street. Do go along and support Joyce. The service will be led by Revd. Chris White and Revd. Ian Smart. There will be no evening worship at Castle Street.



Nepal Earthquake Appeal

You will all have seen lots of pictures of the aftermath of the earthquake which has caused much devastation in Kathmandu and in isolated mountainous areas of Nepal. The Methodist charity All We Can (formerly MRDF) has been supporting partners working in Nepal for many years, and is responding to the current humanitarian crisis through them. It has given £5,000 to a partner organisation for trauma counselling.

There are immediate needs for shelter, food, safe water and sanitation facilities. If you would like to help All We Can in responding to this disaster then please place a donation in the wooden plates located at the front and rear of the church, and in the hall. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Castle Street will double the money collected at the today's two services and at last Wednesday's coffee morning.



M&SR Committee

The revitalised Mission and Social Responsibility Committee will meet on Wednesday (6th May), at 7.00pm in the Aldersgate Room. If there are any issues you would like discussed, please contact either Anne Littlefair (e-mail: *anne dot littlefair at ntlworld dot com*) or Rebekah Blyth (e-mail: *rebekahblyth111 at gmail dot com*).



Ministerial cover for May

A reminder that if anyone requires a minister this month they should contact either Revd. Simon Oliver or Revd. Dr. Peter Graves. Their contact details are available on Alison's answerphone. Alternatively, contact one of the stewards.

Evening Concert in support of Christian Aid

Next Saturday evening (9th May) there will be a musical evening at Wesley Methodist Church. Admission is free, but donations will be collected in support of Christian Aid. It starts at 7.30pm.



“The God of Small Things: Nanotechnology, Creation and God”

Prof. Russell Cowburn of the University of Cambridge will give this Faraday Institute for Science and Religion lecture, on Thursday (7th May) at the Buckingham House Lecture Theatre, Murray Edwards College (formerly New Hall), starting at 5.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments, and there will also be a bookstall. It’s a public lecture – all are welcome. See www.faraday-institute.org for more information.



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church – Monday 11th May

In the next of this series, Revd. Prof. Alasdair Coles (Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge) will give a talk entitled “Broken brains and God: what neurological disease teaches us about the religious human”. Prof. Coles is a neurologist working at Addenbrooke’s Hospital and Professor of Neuroimmunology. He carries out research into the treatment of multiple sclerosis, and has a small research programme looking at the effects of neurological diseases on faith. He was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 2009. The talk will be 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.



East Anglia District Ordinand’s Testimony Service

Advance notice of this event, on Saturday 23rd May at London Road Methodist Church, King’s Lynn, starting at 3pm. The preacher will be Revd. Dr. Malcolm Guite, while the Ordinand is Revd. Catherine Dixon – no stranger to those at Castle Street or Haslingfield.

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

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