



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 17th April 2016

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 17th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Acts 9: 36-43 (page 122)

Revelation 7: 9-17 (page 238)

John 10: 22-30 (page 99)

12.00 General Church Meeting (*see overleaf*)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for our calling to discipleship

Wed 20th Apr 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 21st Apr 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 24th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Toft

"Pilgrims on a Journey" (*see overleaf*)

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

Ron Seaton, RIP

The funeral of Ron Seaton, who died on Easter Monday, will take place at Castle Street on Monday 25th April at 1.30pm. We remember David, Richard and the rest of the Seaton family in our prayers.



General Church Meeting – today

The annual General Church Meeting takes place after the service this morning, with the hope we can start at about midday. It would be great if the entire congregation stayed for this meeting – please grab a quick tea or coffee, and then take your seats in the church hall. The meeting will be kept as short as possible.

The General Church Meeting is the church's AGM, and is charged with certain decision-making tasks – such as appointing church stewards and representatives to the Church Council. There will also be reports about church life over the last year, discussion about the new Mission Statement, a special focus on Outreach, and some suggestions about restructuring committee meetings. Do come along and make your contribution.



Circuit Service at Toft, 6.30pm next Sunday – “Pilgrims on a Journey”

We hope Castle Street folk will support next week's circuit service. From the current needs of migrants and responses as Christians (theological, spiritual and practical), via Jesus, and John Bunyan, to thinking about our own spiritual pilgrimages – come to be inspired, deepen your thinking, and broaden your prayerful and practical responses.

There are a few requests for help in the service – a volunteer or two from each church to help with something artistic or crafty; someone who is good at and really enjoys reading Bible stories or poems; and instrumentalists (of any ability) to play in a music group, and singers. In addition, each church is requested to write on a card “shell” all the things that it has done or is doing, as a church or as individuals, to help with the current needs of migrants – our “shell” will be available after this morning's service (and probably next week) for people to write on. There will be a tea before the service from 5.30pm; a request is therefore also made for sandwiches, cakes, nibbles, etc. for the tea.

Easter Offering envelopes

The Easter Offering is an annual appeal within the Methodist Church, to support mission and outreach work – key parts of “Our Calling”. This year’s envelopes have been distributed over the last couple of weeks, and this is a final appeal for them to be returned. If you feel able to make a contribution, please put your envelope in the offering plate either today or next Sunday. Thank you in advance!



Showtime Concert at Royston

The Holy Saviour Church Choir and Radcliffe Singers from Hitchin will give a concert at Royston Methodist Church next Saturday evening (23rd April) at 7.30pm, in aid of UNCLE (Uplifting Nepal’s Children with Love and Education). Tickets cost £10 – telephone number in April *Castle View*.

UNCLE is a charity run by members at Royston Methodist Church, and supports two orphanages in Nepal. An article about its latest appeal – to raise money to rebuild the Glorious Mission orphanage (which was damaged in earthquakes a year ago), at an estimated cost of £50,000 – appeared in the March *Castle View*, but the important thing is that any monies raised until the end of May will be matched pound for pound (up to £10,000) by another anonymous small Christian charity. So donations and support of fundraising events *now* are important to UNCLE.



Accommodation wanted

Hope Cambridge, in support of the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project, is trying to find accommodation for a young lady, a Cambridge resident. If you have a spare room you can offer in your home, or access to a shared rental property, please contact Chris Jenkin at Hope Cambridge (e-mail: [chris at hopecambridge dot com](mailto:chris@hopecambridge.com)). The rent must be no more than around £350 a month. The lady has a small income but will be claiming Housing Benefit to help pay the rent for the time being.

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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