



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sunday 24th July 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 24th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Gillian Slaymaker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

*We pray... for those with disabilities and the charities
that support them*

Wed 27th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 28th Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 31st Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Jim Taylor

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Psalm 138 (*page 534*); Luke 11: 1-13 (*page 69*)

6.30pm: Psalm 138; Colossians 2: 6-15 (*page 190*); Luke 11: 1-13



Summer social events

Two more social get-togethers are now confirmed:

- Sat 6th Aug, 3-6pm at the home of John and Sheila Boocock in Barton: as well as "in garden" refreshments, John suggests an excursion to the Woodland Cemetery via some child friendly sites.
- Thu 18th Aug, 6.45-9pm in Joanna's first-floor flat (note there is no lift – it's stairs only): there will be desserts and a quiz.

These events are partly to raise money for mission projects at home and abroad, but also as a way of getting to know one another better. We're still looking for people to host a few more – any day of the week, any time (up to 9pm): there's a sign-up list on the notice board, or speak to Joanna.



I wonder...

- is a place of imagination and creativity where children explore three famous Bible stories in a style called "Godly Play".
- is a place of openness and listening which encourages each child to find their own meaning and respond to stories through words, art and play.
- is a place of friendship and caring, open to those of all faiths or none.

This summer holiday club will run over three weekly sessions (on Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th August, starting at 10.30am), offering two groups for children aged 3-6 and 7-11. Two to three adults will be present in each session which will last for around 60 minutes for the younger children and up to 90 minutes for the older group. Parents and younger children are welcome to stay and play in our coffee morning.

A cost of £2 per session covers children's art materials and refreshments. To register, visit www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder. Paper booking forms are also available.

Please spread the word – flyers are available – and support our new initiative by wrapping it in prayer.

MWiB contact wanted

A request has been made for someone to act as Castle Street's contact for Methodist Women in Britain. If you can help, please have a word with one of the stewards or Mike Sharpe.



Rotas – volunteers needed

A reminder about the gaps on the rota sheets: if you're able to help out with one of the several tasks associated with our worship and fellowship on Sundays (mornings especially), please add your name. The rota sheets can be found on the portable notice boards which should appear in the hall after each service.



Action for Children "lantern" boxes

Another reminder for people with these home collection boxes to bring them in for emptying – please hand them to Joyce or Mike Sharpe, or a steward. If anyone else would like one, please speak to Joyce.



Methodist Conference statement about racism and discrimination

Following the EU referendum last month, the recent Annual Conference of the Methodist Church passed a resolution about racism and discrimination, and asks for Methodists to contact their MPs about this matter.

The resolution can be read on the Methodist Church website: visit www.methodist.org.uk/mission/public-issues/national-life where you can also find an easy way to contact your MP.



Weekly notice sheet over the summer

Advanced notice that the deadline for items for the notice sheet for Sunday 6th August will be the preceding Wednesday evening.

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

Tel: (01954) 782 762

E-mail: [notices at castlestreet dot org dot uk](mailto:notices@castlestreet.org.uk)