



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 19th March 2017

*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 19th Mar            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Colin Smith**

*Bible readings: John 4: 5-26 (page 90); John 4: 27-42 (page 91)*

**19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**

*We pray... for our ecumenical partnership*

Wed 22nd Mar        10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 23rd Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk: Lent Course

**Sun 26th Mar        10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**

***(Mothering Sunday)***

**Rev. Alison Walker**

***including baptism of Gabriel Mensah***

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Maureen Kendall**

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

## **Next Sunday morning – Baptism of Gabriel Mensah**

The morning service next Sunday will include the baptism of Gabriel Mensah, one of the youngest members of our church family. Gilbert and Marie would like to invite the congregation to join them and their family for lunch afterwards in the church hall. The majority of the food will be provided, but any contributions of dessert would be very welcome. We hope that you will stay and join the family in their celebration and fellowship.

In addition, for the first time at Castle Street, we shall have “Messy Church”. This will be set up in the hall, and those who wish will be able to go and do these activities for about 20 or 30 minutes during part of the service.



## **East Africa Famine Appeal**

A series of food crises, brought about by a combination of droughts, civil conflict and economic problems, have pushed many East African countries to the brink of catastrophe. The United Nations has issued a stark warning that several countries in East Africa face severe food shortages. South Sudan is the first nation in six years to declare a famine.

All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church have issued an urgent appeal to respond to immediate needs in South Sudan, and to help avert famine in other countries which are on the verge of disaster. Castle Street would like to respond by donating all the “loose” money (cash and cheques excluding that in the white envelopes) from today’s collection to All We Can for its East Africa Famine Appeal. This sum will be doubled from general Church Funds.

Please give generously. Thank you.



## **Travel Talks at St. Luke’s: Iceland – the land of ice and fire**

The third and final of this year’s travel talks at St. Luke’s takes place next Saturday evening (25th March), starting at 7pm. Paul and Sylvia Custerson will give an illustrate talk on the country of Iceland. Tickets cost £10, including supper (main course, dessert, soft drinks and tea / coffee), and can be obtained from Heather.

## **Church at Castle weekend away at High Leigh**

There's a piece in *Castle View* about this, and your attention is drawn to it. It's at the High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and is taking place from the evening of Friday 30th June until late afternoon on Sunday 2nd July. The theme of the weekend will be "God deepen your life in me – exploring our faith in changing times", and it will be led by Revd. Bob Fyffe, General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. If you'd like to reserve a place or find out more, please have a word with Mike (mike dot sharpe at btclick dot com).



## **District Synod, Saturday 1st April**

The Cambridge Circuit is hosting the East Anglia District Synod at Wesley Church on Saturday 1st April, and help is needed during the day in several ways.

Volunteers are needed to help at several times:

- 8.30am - 10.30am: stewarding; registration; setting up, serving refreshments and washing up; directing people to car parks and welcoming inside and outside the building.
- 11.45am - 2.15pm – setting up and serving lunchtime drinks and clearing up (Synod member bring their own lunch).
- 1.30pm - 4.30pm setting up, serving and clearing of farewell drinks and tea; clearing and tidying.

The circuit has been asked to provide tea and coffee on arrival (from 9.30am), lunchtime beverages, and afternoon tea (prior to departure), for about two hundred people. Offers of home-baked food would be much appreciated (tray bakes and biscuits are suggested, and recipes and foil trays can be provided if required); they can be brought on the day, or dropped off at Wesley between 9am and 12.30pm on Friday morning.

It is going to be a busy day, so any offers of help will be much appreciated. Please contact the Circuit Administrator Miriam Webb (e-mail: office at cambridgemethodistcircuit dot org dot uk) if you can help with any stewarding-related task, or if you can help with catering please contact Lynda Meharry (e-mail: lmeharry at hotmail dot com) or Tricia Graves (e-mail: gravestricia at gmail dot com). Thank you.

## Food Safety Course

The Haslingfield and Harlton Luncheon Club is organising a Food Safety Course on Thursday 20th April from 9am to 1pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church. They are offering twenty spare places to voluntary groups. If anyone would like to attend on Castle Street's behalf, the charge is £20 (instead of £65) – and we would be able to meet that cost. If you're interested, contact Christine Kipping (e-mail: [grahamkippping at aol dot com](mailto:grahamkippping@aol.com)) as soon as possible, as it is expected that places will fill quickly.



## Accommodation sought for refugee family

A professional family with three children have just received their leave to remain in the UK, and are urgently seeking a three-bedroom property in or near the city; it's needed within the next two or three months. They have been living in Cambridge during the last year while claiming asylum, so are familiar with the area, and the children are well established in local schools. They will probably need to start renting at Local Housing Allowance rate or similar (see [www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-housing-allowance-and-rates-we-pay](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-housing-allowance-and-rates-we-pay)) but hope to get into employment as speedily as possible. If you know of a property they could rent on either a short-term basis while they get their income established, or for the longer term, please contact Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign (e-mail: [contactcrrc at gmail dot com](mailto:contactcrrc@gmail.com)).



## Safeguarding training

There will be Creating Safer Space Foundation Training (for those who have never attended) on Thursday 11th May from 7pm to 9.30pm at Castle Street. The Refresher / Update training (for those who attended the Foundation Training course before 2017), run a few weeks ago, will be repeated on Saturday 20th May from 10am until noon at Haslingfield Methodist Church. Please contact the Circuit Administrator Miriam Webb (e-mail: [office at cambridgemethodistcircuit dot org dot uk](mailto:office@cambridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk)) to book a place.

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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