



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 4th June 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 4th Jun** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
including the baptism of Iris May Williams
Rev. Alison Walker
Bible reading: Acts 2: 1-4 (page 113)
- 18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Royston**
Dedication of Easter Offering
We pray... for the message of Pentecost
- Wed 7th Jun** **10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**
 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
 19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk
- Thu 8th Jun** **10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group**
(meets at Shelley Row playground this week)
- Sat 10th Jun** **from 2pm Summer Social – details overleaf**
- Sun 11th Jun** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alan Ashton
 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP **Rev. Barbara Garwood**

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

Circuit service this evening: “Shine like stars”

The circuit service this evening, at Royston Methodist Church (Queen’s Road, just round the corner from the railway station), will look at the work of Methodist Women in Britain. The Easter Offering will also be dedicated during this service, which will be led by Revd. Charity Nzegwu and Lynn Taylor. It starts at 6.30pm, and there will be tea and coffee afterwards.

The tradition of the Easter Offering dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 from “Christmas pennies” at family gatherings on Christmas Day at lunch for Missionary work overseas. In March 1884 the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and just over £100 was collected. From this success, the idea grew and by 1900 the amount totalled £1,655. In 1903 Easter offerings were extended to all country chapels. “Let us bear in mind,” they wrote, “the importance of the ‘Littles’.”



Worship planning meeting – this Tuesday evening

Apologies that this was omitted from last week’s notice sheet, although the invitation to this meeting was given out via the Castle Street Announce Yahoo! group almost two weeks ago.

On Sunday 25th June the evening service will be a “Local Arrangement” – which means that we take responsibility for the service. Such services can take any shape or form, and some churches use them as a forum to experiment with something different from the usual traditional service pattern. It is proposed that we use this opportunity to create an act of evening worship that is reflective and meditative. Then, on 23rd July Rebekah Blyth is leading evening worship, and has indicated that this service can also be an opportunity to create worship in an alternative style – again evening worship lends itself to creative, reflective and meditative opportunities.

If you would like to be part of a group involved in the planning and / or leadership of these two services, please come to a meeting on Tuesday (6th June) at the manse, at 8pm. Not everyone who might be interested in planning will be able to be present at those services, and that is okay. Also, please get in contact with Alison if you would like to be involved but can’t make the planning meeting.

Summer socials – first one this Saturday

Castle View has full details of eight summer socials planned for June, July and August. Their main focus is to meet for conversation and informal fellowship, plus there will also be refreshments. Donations are invited for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

The first one will take place this coming Saturday (10th June), and will be an afternoon garden party at the home of Geoff and Elspeth Blackwell (address in *Castle View* or on printed notice sheet), starting at 2pm. There will be many toys for children, plus a slide and a swing.

The next one will take place on the evening of Wednesday 21st June, at the home of Martin and Ruth in Barton.



Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018

There will be a meeting in the Upper Room at Wesley Methodist Church in Cambridge on Thursday (8th June) at 7.30pm for anyone interested in learning more about the pilgrimage to the Holy Land taking place from 27th May to 3rd June 2018. The two pilgrimage leaders, Revd. Colin Smith and Revd. Bruce Thompson (Chair of the Lincolnshire District), will talk about the visit and answer questions. All are welcome. Contact Revd. Colin Smith for more information.



Christian Aid Austerity Lunch

Thank you to all who supported this event two weeks ago – whether making soups or consuming them. People gave generously, and the sum of £191 was raised for Christian Aid, of which £150 was Gift Aided.



Mission Trip in South Africa

Revd. Charity Nzegwu has recently spent two weeks on a Mission Trip in South Africa. There is a link on the circuit website to the blog that was written about it. Visit www.cambridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk/news.htm if you'd like to know more.



Use of premises as polling station

Our premises will be in use as a polling station for the general election on Thursday – bear that in mind if you need to visit.

Friends of Wesley House annual garden party, Sat 1st July, 3pm to 5pm

All are welcome to come along and enjoy tea and tours of the new buildings. This is a fund-raising event; tickets are now on sale, priced £12.50 (members) and £15 (non-members); contact Mary Rycroft (e-mail: maryrycroft at btinternet dot com). All proceeds will be donated to the Wesley House Bursary Fund. The Garden Party will be followed at 5.15pm by the Annual Service, conducted by Revd. Dr. Paul Glass. The preacher will be the new Chair of the Wesley House Trustees, Revd. Dr. Stuart Jordan.



Prayer walks in Abbey

During the next few weeks, leading up to an evening of Prayer and Praise to pray for the Abbey area of the city, Barnwell Baptist Church is organising prayer walks in East Barnwell. At this stage three dates and times have been planned, and there are three areas on which to focus prayers. The first took place last Sunday afternoon (with a focus on Jack Warren Green and Thorpe Way), but the two others are:

- Wednesday 7th June, 7pm to 8pm: in the lead up to the Abbey People event on 11th June, the focus will be around Howard Road, Keynes Road and ending up on Dudley Road and the rec.
- Sunday 18th June, 1pm to 2pm: in the lead up to the Ekin Road Community day, the focus will be to pray around Ekin Road.

Both start from Barnwell Baptist Church, and all are invited to take part, especially if you live in the area. We are also asked to remember those doing the prayer walks. It is planned to prayer walk the Peverel Road, Whitehill Road and Ditton Fields areas; if you'd like to be kept informed of confirmed dates and times, please contact Revd. Stuart Wood (e-mail: Stuart at barnwellbaptistchurch dot org dot uk).

The prayer walks will culminate in a prayer evening on Sunday 16th July at Barnwell Baptist Church, from 7pm until 8.30pm.

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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