



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 9th July 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 9th Jul

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

John Boocock: "My yoke is easy?"

Bible readings: Romans 7: 15-25a (page 148)

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (page 11)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Charity Nzegwu: "Praying with a Prayer Shawl"

Bible readings: Psalm 104: 2 (page 515); Matthew 6: 6 (page 5);

Psalm 91 (page 510)

We pray... for the work of Action for Children

Wed 12th Jul

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 13th Jul

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 16th Jul

**10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Joy Levine

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

Questionnaire about Sunday evening services

The stewards are trying to survey everyone at Castle Street about their views on our Sunday evening worship. We would like responses from as many people as possible, including those who do not attend evening services here. Responses are anonymous.

A questionnaire has been produced, and was first given out last Sunday – if you haven't yet been given one, please pick one up. It will also be available over the next few weeks, and can also be obtained electronically by e-mailing Brian (e-mail address overleaf). We'd appreciate forms being returned by the end of July. Thank you.



Action for Children collection boxes

Today is Action for Children (AfC) Sunday. This is the time when we round up the Black Lantern Boxes from our lovely collectors and pool the donations to make a single monetary gift to AfC.

Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church, and was originally known as the National Children's Home (NCH), later using the name "NCH – Action for Children".

In 2016 AfC worked with 390,000 babies, children and families throughout the UK. The impact of this work by AfC has been measured as:

- 71% of children we work with improved their mental health;
- 77% of children and young people are more able to achieve their educational potential;
- 72% of children under 5 we work with are now reaching their developmental milestones;
- 73% of children at risk of neglect have warmer more supportive relationships with their parent or carer(s);
- 74% of children at risk of neglect who we work with experience an improvement in family life due to improved routines.

Could box holders please lend them to Joyce Sharpe for emptying, or hand them to a steward.

If anyone would like to have a coveted AfC Collection Box, then please have a word with Joyce who has a group of boxes just longing for a friendly home.

Singing Allowed concert

Singing Allowed is the choir which has been rehearsing in our church hall on Monday evenings for the last five years. They are holding their Summer Concert of songs from their varied repertoire in our church next Monday evening (17th July), starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free, but there will be a collection in aid of The Rainbow Trust children's charity. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



"Making Sense of the Psalms" – tomorrow at St. John's, Waterbeach

The fourth and final session in the "Making Sense of the Old Testament" series of lectures at St. John's, Waterbeach (in the Church Room) takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 10th July), starting at 7pm. Dr. Alison Gray, Tutor in Old Testament Language, Literature and Theology at Westminster College and Director of Studies at Selwyn College, will lead a session on the Psalms. As is the usual custom, there will be an opportunity for group conversations and engagement with the speaker. Refreshments will also be available.



Sommerfest in der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche, diesen Nachmittag

Today the German-speaking Lutheran Church at 4 Shaftsbury Road is celebrating the completion of its building project to make German Church House fully accessible. After open-air morning worship in the garden, the opening ceremony will be at 2.30pm and the summer fete continues until 4pm with activities and games for children and adults, Bratwurst from the barbeque, and home-baked German cakes. All are warmly invited.



Reminder of events listed in the July / August Castle View

- *Daddy's Diaries* play (by Jane Bower from Emmanuel URC) – this week: Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th July, 7pm at the Corpus Playroom. See *Castle View* for more details, and how to book tickets.
- Toft Charity Sale – Saturday 15th July, 10am to 12 noon.
- Quiet Day at St. Giles' – Saturday 15th July, 10am to 4pm: cost £15 (including two-course lunch), to book a place contact Sheila in the parish office (e-mail: office *at* churchatcastle *dot* org).
- Strawberry Fayre at Haslingfield – Friday 21st July, 5pm to 7pm.
- St. Luke's Open Day – Saturday 22nd July, 2pm to 4pm.

Lesslie Newbigin Summer Institute open lectures – this week

There are two lectures, in the Cripps Auditorium at Magdalene College, both starting at 4pm and lasting an hour and a half:

- Wed 12th Jul: “Reformation and the end of Christendom” – Prof. Eamon Duffy, Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity, University of Cambridge.
- Thu 13th Jul: “Rethinking the Church: Lesslie Newbigin and the Household of God” – Dr. Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge and former Archbishop of Canterbury.

To book a (free) place at one or both of these lectures, please e-mail newbigincentre at gmail dot com.



Reimagine East of England – Saturday 7th October, 9.30am to 4pm

Reimagine is a conference for Methodists who want to think differently about the future of their church. The day is intended for anyone interested in or doing mission in their local church – coffee mornings, café church, parents’ groups, etc.. Hosted at St. Ives Methodist Church, we’ll spend a day being inspired about what’s possible. An expert panel of practitioners and pioneers will share what’s worked in their contexts, and, more importantly, what’s not worked.

Alison has booked fifteen tickets so far (the event is free), most of which have already been allocated to people, but she will book more if needed. If you’d like to go, contact Alison urgently – tickets are limited in number. For more information, visit reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com.



Alison away

Revd. Alison Walker will be on study leave and then annual leave from this Tuesday (11th July) until Friday 28th July. If you need to speak to a Methodist minister in this time, please contact Revd. Charity Nzegwu (e-mail: [charity_dot_nzegwu at methodist_dot_org_dot_uk](mailto:charity_dot_nzegwu_at_methodist_dot_org_dot_uk)).

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

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