



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

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 25th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (page 524)

Mark 11: 1-11 (page 45)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Geoff Ling

Bible readings: Mark 12: 1-12 (page 46); Isaiah 5: 1-7 (page 582)

We pray... for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Wed 28th Mar 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 29th Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Details of Maundy Thursday services at other churches can be found overleaf

Fri 30th Mar 10.45 GOOD FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP

(Good Friday) Rev. Alison Walker

10.00-19.30 Open church with prayer stations (*see overleaf*)

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Sun 1st Apr
(Easter Day)

05.00 DAWN SERVICE *at St. Peter's Church*
"Lighting the Easter Fire"

08.00 EASTER CELEBRATION IN WORD AND SONG
on Castle Mound

09.00 Easter Breakfast (*please sign up*)

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
John Boocock and Elliot Harris

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

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



Holy Week Seder Meal, Tuesday 27th March

A reminder of this annual Church at Castle event, which this year will take place at St. Luke's Church and start at 6pm. It's a Christian celebration of the Jewish Passover meal – more background and detail can be found in the article in *Castle View*. Tickets cost £4, and can be obtained from Heather (or Margaret Cooper).



"Making Refuge: Creative Responses to the Refugee Crisis"

The last of these Monday lunchtime talks at the Michaelhouse Centre takes place at 1pm tomorrow (26th March). The speaker is Issam Kourbaj, Artist in Residence at Christ's College, whose work *Another Day Lost* was inspired by and based on the Syrian refugee crisis.



Maundy Thursday services

Castle Street does not have a Maundy Thursday Communion service of its own, but members will be very welcome at services elsewhere in the circuit or Church at Castle: at St. Luke's at 7pm; at Haslingfield, Royston and Wesley at 7.30pm; and at Histon at 8pm. The service at St. Luke's will also include the washing of feet, and will be followed by a Watch of Prayer until midnight (you don't have to stay for the whole time).

Good Friday services and events

Our church will be open between 10am and 7.30pm on Good Friday, with the opportunity to explore “Stations of the Gospel through the eyes of Mark” – a self-guided “pilgrimage” around ten prayer stations, with material for reflection. We still need volunteers to be present during that time – the sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

During that time, from 10.45am, there will be a short (roughly half-hour) reflective service, led by Revd. Alison Walker.

Good Friday services elsewhere in the circuit will take place at Royston at 9.30am, at Wesley and Haslingfield at 10am, and at Orwell at 4pm (followed by a tea), while Revd. Robert Dolman will lead a meditation (“My song is love unknown”) at Toft at 2pm. In Church at Castle, St. Augustine’s has a Good Friday Meditation using readings, music and images at midday, while the Liturgy of Good Friday will be used in the service at St. Giles’ at 2pm.

There are ecumenical events at the various churches in Chesterton, with processions between them: a Meditation on the Passion at St. George’s at 10.30am; drinks and hot cross buns at Chesterton Methodist at 11.30am, followed by an outdoor service at 11.50am; All-age Worship and Prayer Stations at St. Andrew’s at 12.20pm; and children’s crafts in St. Andrew’s Hall at 1.15pm.



“The Faces of the Journey” – children’s Good Friday event

This is a Good Friday workshop for children with their parents and carers, with activities lasting a total of an hour and a half. Come and hear about the first Good Friday: meet the story, taste the food, sing the songs, and make a cross. It’s at St. Luke’s, and starts at 10am. All are welcome.



Easter Breakfast

Please sign up if you are planning to come along to the Easter Breakfast, at 9am next Sunday. Please note that, while tea and coffee will be available from 8.30am for those who have been to the open air service on the Mound, we will all sit down together for breakfast at 9am. There is no fixed charge for the breakfast, but we will ask for charity donations.

“Walk through Holy Week” prayer stations at Royston

Royston Methodist Church will be open between 1pm and 8pm on Tuesday and Wednesday this week (27th and 28th March) for people to visit these prayer stations. Their aim is to enable people to engage with the last week of Jesus’ life on earth in a multi-sensory way.



Easter “I wonder...” – Wednesday 11th April, from 10.30am

Following the success of previous “I wonder...” Godly Play sessions for children aged 3 to 10, we’re organising another one during the second week of the forthcoming school Easter holidays. The cost is £2 per child, and booking is essential – visit www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder, or contact Alison. Parents are invited to stay at our coffee morning, so offers of extra cakes for that coffee morning would be gratefully received.



District Celebration: “Day by Day in Worship and Mission”

This special service is taking place in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral (Bury St. Edmunds) on Saturday 5th May, starting at 6.30pm (with tea, coffee and cakes from 5pm). The guest speaker will be Revd. Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference. The Cambridge Circuit is looking to organise a coach if there is sufficient interest. So, if you are interested in going, please speak to Chris Rayson as soon as possible – the coach will be funded entirely by the district and circuit, so would be free to those going.



MWiB Spring District Day in Ipswich, Thursday 26th April

Anyone going to this event who would like transport is asked to contact Lynn and Jim Taylor (e-mail: [lynngtaylor at btinternet dot com](mailto:lynngtaylor@btinternet.com)). Transport will be by car, as the minibus Jim previously used is no longer available.



Church at Castle united morning service on Sunday 8th April

This will be at St. Giles’, starting at 11am.

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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