



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 13th May 2018

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 13th May 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Kimberley Rayson

Bible readings: John 17: 6-19 (page 106)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Stephen Burgess

Bible readings: Isaiah 61: 1-11 (page 633); Luke 4: 14-21 (page 58)

We pray... for the work of Christian Aid

Wed 16th May 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 17th May 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 18th May 18.30 for 19.30 "Table Talk"

Sun 20th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Carole Irwin

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Wesley

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

Christian Aid Week – bake sale today

Today we are marking Christian Aid Week. We hope that there will be cakes available after the service, for you to eat with your tea or coffee, or for you to take away (there should be cling film available). This is a fund-raising activity for Christian Aid Week, instead of members of the church carrying out house-to-house collections, and the suggested donation per piece of cake is £1. Please give generously – and thank you in advance. There is more about the work of Christian Aid in the *May Castle View*.



Easter Offering – Circuit Service next Sunday evening

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter Offering; Castle Street collected a total of £160 to support the Methodist Fund for World Missions. This will be “brought forward” at a Circuit Service next Sunday evening (20th May), which will take place at Wesley Church at 6.30pm. The theme of the service will be “Seek peace and pursue it”, and it will use materials prepared by Methodist Women in Britain. Refreshments will be served before the service, from 5.30pm.



“Science Meets Faith” – tomorrow evening (14th May) at Wesley

In the next of this series of monthly lectures at Wesley Church, Dr. Geoff Levine (one of our congregation at Castle Street) will talk about “Managing Type 2 Diabetes in India: the challenge of providing healthcare in a developing country.” More details can be found in the *May Castle View*. It starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.



Message from Janet Allen

There’s a message from Janet Allen about her mother on the printed notices, which is not reproduced on the on-line version for privacy reasons. If you want to know the message and can’t access a printed copy at church, please contact the editor.

ReImagine: the next step – meeting on Tuesday 22nd May

All are reminded about the meeting to discuss our response to the ReImagine forum – see the article in *Castle View* and respond!



New house group

The new house group being organised by Joy Levine, advertised on recent notice sheets and in the May *Castle View*, will start on Friday 25th May. The venue will be 1 Storey's Way (not church), and will start at 7.30pm. It will finish at about 9pm, but people are welcome to stay for tea or coffee. The group will meet again on Fridays 8th, 22nd and 29th June (note there is only one week between the third and fourth sessions). This is an open group, but only suitable for adults.

The group will be thinking about “call” in relation to Exodus. It is a fascinating story and, in one way or another, impacts on us all. All are welcome, although Joy says it would be helpful to know who to expect – but you can go along to any of the sessions you can make, and don't need to attend them all.



Morning rotas – June, July and August

Chris Rayson is currently putting together the rotas for various duties on Sunday mornings, for the next three months – and needs to sort out June before the deadline for the next *Castle View* (which is this week). There's always space for more volunteers to join the Welcome Team, to serve tea and coffee after the service, and as a Reader during the service.

If you would like to get involved, or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Chris (or one of the other stewards). There's a Doodle Poll at <https://bit.ly/2FN6T0D> to indicate your availability, plus a paper sign-up sheet at church. Thank you to those who have already signed up.



Action for Children coffee morning – Saturday 19th May, from 10.30am

For more details (including its location), contact Susan Schofield or the Circuit Office (tel.: 352 115).

Events elsewhere, listed in the *May Castle View*

- Mon 14th May: “William Blake, Biblical Prophecy and Jesus” – an evening with Prof. Christopher Rowland and Revd. Malcolm Guite at St. James’s Church, Wulfstan Way. Tickets cost £5 (£3 concessions).
- Wed 23rd May: “Leaving Prison in Faith” – three short films about four people of faith and their journeys out of prison. Old Divinity School, St. John’s College. Organised in part by Jane Dominey.
- Mon 21st May: “Faith in the Arts” at Wesley Church – “Poetic Faith: Sounding the depths with Samuel Taylor Coleridge” with Revd. Malcolm Guite. 7.45pm start (refreshments from 7.15pm).
- Thu 24th May: Testimony Service for Revd. Charity Nzegwu, at Royston Methodist Church, starting at 7pm.



Making Sense of Islam – tonight (Sunday 13th May)

The next in this “Making Sense” series in the Church Room at St. John’s, Waterbeach will be given by Revd. Colin Chapman. Colin lived in the Middle East for many years and was a tutor in Islamic Studies at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut.



Green Christian “On the road together” event – Saturday 2nd June

This event is taking place at St. Barnabas Church, Mill Road. It is open to all who are interested in looking after the natural environment and living a lifestyle that honours God. The event showcases the range of activities that Green Christian sponsors and arranges, supporting the view that the way we live affects the natural environment.

To reserve a place, visit www.greenchristian.org.uk and book via Eventbrite, or contact Howard Gardner (e-mail: howardgardner@greenchristian.org.uk). The event is free, although donations are welcome.

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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