



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 15th July 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 15th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Craig Shepherd

Bible readings: Amos 7: 7-15 (page 784)

Mark 6: 14-29 (page 39)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for those with disabilities and the charities that support them

Wed 18th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 19th Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 22nd Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brian Beck

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Deacon Ian Murray

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

Castle Hill Open Day – next Saturday (21st July)

Next Saturday is the Castle Hill Open Day, and the church will be open to visitors from midday until 5pm. There will be some talks in Aldersgate, a performance by the choir ReSound in the church at 1.15pm with background music at other times, and Wednesday coffee morning-style refreshments in the hall. There will also be a display about our church, and prayer stations about the Beatitudes.

Help is needed with setting up during the morning, serving refreshments in the hall and kitchen, and stewarding / showing people around, while offers of cake would also be gratefully received. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet that appeared last week, or speak to John Boocock. Please note that only part of our car park will be available for use, with priority being given to those helping with the event.



Action for Children collection boxes

A reminder to those who hold Action for Children “lantern” collection boxes to bring them in for emptying before the end of the month. Please hand them to a steward who will pass them to Joyce Sharpe.

If anyone would like to make a single donation to AfC then please place this in an envelope with AfC on the front (any cheques payable to Castle Street Methodist Church), and put it in the normal offering plate. Joyce also has some spare collecting boxes if anyone would like to have one.



Summer socials – manse barbecue

The next summer social is the manse barbecue on Saturday 28th July – coffee from 11am, and then the barbecue will get going at midday. Please bring and share items to go on the barbecue and other bits – but not too much (last year there was enough left over for another party!). Bringing your own chairs or picnic blankets might be helpful if you have any (Alison and Robin have only a limited number), as might bringing your own picnic crockery to avoid plastic waste. It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could let Alison know if you are planning to go along.

If anyone else would like to host a summer social, please sign up on the notice board or speak to Anna.

End Hunger UK – petition

End Hunger UK is built on a vision of a society where everyone has access to good food, and no one has to go to bed hungry. It calls on Government to fix Universal Credit to prevent more people going hungry.

We all rely on the welfare safety net being there for us in times of financial stress or hardship. But Universal Credit is currently failing in that task. In areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out, foodbanks and other food aid providers report a surge in the numbers of people pushed into greater debt, destitution and hunger as a result of delays, errors, a lack of flexibility, and inadequate support. As a matter of urgency, End Hunger UK is calling on the government to:

- Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.
- Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.
- Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.

The petition will be delivered to 10 Downing Street in the lead-up to the Autumn Budget in mid-November.

The campaign is being supported by a range of national food and poverty charities including Child Poverty Action Group; Church Action on Poverty; the Church of England; the Food Foundation; the Independent Food Aid Network; Sustain: the alliance for food and farming and the Trussell Trust. You are invited to join them.

The petition can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/2LgRX1G> and then printed, or to sign it on-line visit <https://bit.ly/2zOUwn9>.



“Praying the Beatitudes”

For those who missed the recent interactive prayer-themed service, it will be repeated as part of our Holy Communion service on the morning of 29th July. There will be five prayer stations to visit: four in the church hall about the Beatitudes, with the fifth being Holy Communion in the church. Help will be available to any with mobility problems.

Messy Church at Royston Methodist Churchy – this afternoon

Come and explore the theme of the “Good Samaritan” through craft, play and stories. For accompanied children and adults. A meal will be provided. It starts at 3.30pm and lasts for two hours.



Friends of Wesley House Garden Party – next Saturday

This annual event is taking place next Saturday afternoon, from 3pm in the grounds of Wesley House, and is followed by a service in the college chapel at 5.15pm. Tickets for the garden party (which include a bowl of delicious strawberries and cream) cost £12.50 for members or £15 for non-members. They can be obtained in college or via the Eventbrite website, although it is thought they may also be available on the gate – speak to Mike or Sarah if you’d like to know more.



“I Wonder” summer special

Details of this event for children aged five and over can be found in the July / August *Castle View*. It’s taking place on Thursday 30th August from 10.30am until 3.30pm. For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder, or speak to Alison or Kimberley.



Weekly Notice Sheet over the summer

A reminder that the deadline for receiving items for the weekly notice sheet will temporarily be brought forward to Wednesday evenings after next week’s issue, until the start of September. Please keep the items coming in.



Alison on leave

Alison is on leave until 28th July. If you need to speak to a Methodist Minister, please contact Revd. Charity Nzegwu.

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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