



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 28th June 2015

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 28th Jun

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Lynn Taylor

Bible readings: Romans 4: 1-3, 16-25 (p. 146); Mark 5: 21-43 (p. 38)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

John Boocock *(see also overleaf)*

Bible readings: Romans 13: 1-10 (p. 153); Luke 9: 51-62 (p. 67)

We pray... for the joy of church music

Wed 1st Jul

10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 2nd Jul

10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sat 4th Jul

15.00-17.00 Summer Social *(see overleaf)*

Sun 5th Jul

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Kimberley Rayson

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE

at Wesley Methodist Church (see also overleaf)

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

Evening service today

This evening's service, conducted by John Boocock, will be a discussion service "of sorts", and much of it will be put together on the spot based on the lectionary readings (listed overleaf). Do come along and make a contribution if you're able.



Evening service next Sunday, 6.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church

Next Sunday evening's service will be a Circuit Service of Appreciation to say thank you to Revds. Dr. John Barratt, Robert Dolman, Dr. Peter Graves and Chris White – John Robert and Peter are "sitting down" for a second time, having come back to help out, while Chris is stepping down from the role of circuit superintendent. If you're interested in joining the choir for the event, please go along for a rehearsal at 5pm.



"Thursday Table Talk"

The series on "Lectio Divina" (Christian Meditation) finished last week, so "Table Talk" is now taking a break for the summer – but plans to start again in the autumn (date to be confirmed – watch this space). If you've any ideas for future sessions, please feed them to Sarah Creeke or Revd. Alison Walker when she returns from sabbatical.



Ordinations at the Methodist Conference

The Methodist Conference is meeting this week in Southport. Please pray for the work of the Conference and for all this year's ordinands. They will be received into full Connexion during Conference Sunday Worship this morning before being ordained at services in local places of worship later in the day. Many of this year's ordinands were part of the church family here at Castle Street or attached to local churches whilst in training at Wesley House: Dawn Canham and Annette Sharp will be ordained as deacons, while Audrey Browne, Hannah Bucke, Vicci Davidson, Catherine Dixon, Simon Edwards, Nathan Falla, Katie Leonowicz, Tim Nicholls, Katherine Pickering, Jarel Robinson-Brown, Michael Simpson, Ruth Simpson, Eleanor Smith and Sharon Thraves-Pennington will all be ordained as presbyters. We rejoice with them and pray for their ongoing ministries.

Summer Socials

Inspired by many years of get-togethers raising money for mission projects at home and abroad (remember the mid-week coffee evenings, enjoying lovely evening sunshine in people's gardens?), the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee is planning a series of social events over the summer.

The first is this coming Saturday (4th July) at 172 Green End Road, Chesterton, from 3pm until 5pm – join Matt, Anna and family for tea and cake. The event is as much about getting to know each other better as it is about fundraising, so do join us if you can – the long-range forecast is currently predicting a gloriously sunny afternoon!

We are looking for more hosts for summer fundraising and social events – the rest of July and August stretch out before us, so please suggest a time and date to suit you. Plenty of support is available if you feel you can provide the venue only, but would like some help with providing and serving refreshments. Speak to Anna Williams if you would like to host one. Events will be announced as they are arranged.



Haslingfield Strawberry Fayre – this Friday

Haslingfield Methodist Church and the Little Owls Preschool are once again holding a Strawberry Fayre, on Friday (3rd July) from 5.30pm until 7pm. It will be held in the gardens of Haslingfield Methodist Church, or, if wet, inside. There will be a delicious barbeque, a cold buffet, strawberries and cream, and ice cream, plus a cake stall and various other stalls, and fun and games.

Admission is by a voluntary donation of non-perishable food for the food bank. Money raised will be split between the Guide Dogs for the Blind, Little Owls Preschool, and Haslingfield Methodist Church. Do go along and support this annual event.



Change to advertised evening service on 16th August

There will not be an Iona service at St. Luke's on the evening of 16th August. Discussions are taking place about holding a 6.30pm service at Castle Street instead – watch this space for more details.

“Christian Believer” course

A reminder about this forthcoming course organised by the circuit, details of which have appeared several times on the weekly notice sheet and also now in the July / August *Castle View*. It actually starts on 8th September, and runs for thirty sessions, but there will be a full launch on 21st July.

The first of the preliminary meetings took place last week, but will be repeated on Tuesday 14th July, here at Castle Street and starting at 7.15pm. See *Castle View* for more information, or contact either Peter Graves (e-mail: pcgcam at yahoo dot com) or Derek Nicholls (e-mail: dereknicholls at btinternet dot com).



Concert by Singing Allowed – 20th July

Singing Allowed, a choir which has been using our premises weekly for three years, will perform a concert in the church on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm. There is no charge but donations will be given to Jimmy’s Night Shelter. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Do come along to support a choir which supports us. You’ll enjoy the evening.



Some reminders (more detail in the July / August *Castle View*)

- Circuit welcome service – Sunday 6th September: contact Phil Howie (e-mail: prh33 at cam dot ac dot uk) or Robin Walker if you’d like to be involved in the music side of things (singing or playing an instrument).
- Appeal for helpers for First Friends on the mornings of Thursdays 20th and 27th August – see the June *Castle View* for details, and speak to Jane, Kimberley or Nicola if you can help. A decision as to whether these go ahead needs to be taken in the next few days – at least six volunteers are needed on each occasion.

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

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