



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 9th April 2017 – 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 9th Apr **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP** **Judy Wynn**
 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP **Rev. Alison Walker**

We pray... for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Wed 12th Apr **10.00** "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
 10.15 "I Wonder" Easter storytelling session
10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Fri 14th Apr **10.45 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 Rev. Alan Ashton: "Hope in death"

Sun 16th Apr **05.00 DAWN SERVICE at St Peter's**
(Easter Day) **"Lighting the Easter Fire"**
08.00 OPEN-AIR EASTER CELEBRATION IN
 WORD AND SONG *on Castle Mound*
09.00 Easter Breakfast *(see overleaf)*
10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
 Rev. Clifford Meharry
19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

Bible reading for this morning's service

Matthew 21: 1-11 (*page 22*)



Maundy Thursday services

Castle Street does not have a service on Maundy Thursday, but the following will take place elsewhere in Church at Castle and the circuit:

- 19.00 at St. Giles' Church
- 19.00 at Haslingfield Methodist Church
- 19.30 at Royston Methodist Church
- 19.30 at Wesley Methodist Church
- 20.00 at Histon Methodist Church



Other Good Friday services

In addition to our own service at 10.45am, led by Revd. Alan Ashton, the following will take place elsewhere in Church at Castle and the circuit:

- 09.30 at Royston Methodist Church
- 10.00 at St. Augustine's Church: "The Faces of the Journey"
- 10.00 at Haslingfield Methodist Church
- 11.00 at St. Andrew's Church, Toft
- 12.00 at St. Luke's Church: "Good Friday Meditation"
- 14.00 at St. Giles' Church: "Liturgy of Good Friday"
- 14.00 at Toft Methodist Church
- 16.00 at Orwell Methodist Church



Christian Seder Meal – Tuesday at 6.30pm at St. Augustine's

A Christian Passover celebration, remembering the Last Supper using the symbolic Jewish foods, followed by Holy Communion. Tickets cost £4 (£2 for children), and must be booked in advance – see Heather or contact Margaret Cooper (e-mail: mc.golly *at* tesco *dot* net).



"I Wonder" Easter storytelling session – Wednesday morning

This is aimed at children aged 3-10, who will explore the Easter story through "Godly play". It starts at 10.30am (registration from 10.15am), and lasts about an hour. There is a charge of £2 to cover children's art materials and refreshments. To book places, please contact Alison. A booking and consent form can be downloaded from the church website.

Castle Street Easter Breakfast

There's a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard for anyone who plans to come to the Easter Breakfast at 9am next Sunday (see *Castle View*), so we can get a rough idea of numbers – or let Chris Rayson know. There is no fixed charge, but there will be a plate for donations. We hope you will come along – and it is timed to follow the short open-air service on the Mound (with tea and coffee served from 8.30am).



Easter Egg Hunt at St. Giles' Church, Easter Monday from 2pm to 4pm

There will be activities for all the family, and every child will receive an Easter activities book. The programme of events will include: craft activities – decorating cupcakes and making Easter bonnets; an Easter egg hunt in the garden; and a parade of Easter bonnets (with prizes). Refreshments will be available (for which there will be a modest charge). All are welcome, and admission is free.



Korean Presbyterian Church – important notice

Last Sunday we welcomed the Korean Presbyterian Church, who are now using our premises for worship and fellowship every Sunday afternoon. They begin to arrive from about 1pm (we need to vacate the building by about 1.30pm) and leave by about 6pm (in time for our evening service). During that time they have use of the entire building, and this includes using the kitchen to prepare and serve a meal.

They also have use of the car park – and there may be cars parked down the centre. Any Castle Street cars left in the car park after about 1.30pm are at risk of being blocked in, although we still have priority. It is therefore suggested that any cars being left over lunch are parked as close to the gate end as possible; there are also a number of "Please do not block in" notices available for you to display in your windscreen.



Morning service in two weeks' time

As is our usual custom on the Sunday immediately after Easter, on Sunday 23rd April we shall join with the other Church at Castle congregations for a United Service. The service is at St. Augustine's, Richmond Road; it begins at 9.30am, and will include Holy Communion.

“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series is tomorrow evening (Monday 10th April), when the speaker is Professor Ian McFarland, Regius Professor at the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. His topic is “Why did things happen? Science, faith and how we explain things.” It starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there is a retiring collection.



Sunday morning Rotas

A reminder about the board with the various rotas on it, which is displayed during coffee after morning worship on Sundays. Please sign up to be door steward, reader, organise the flowers, operate the laptop, operate the sound system, or organise tea and coffee after the service. Thanks to those who have already volunteered their services.



Job vacancy – District Safeguarding Officer

The East Anglia District of the Methodist Church is looking to recruit a District Safeguarding Officer to work from home. The appointment would be for fifteen hours per week worked flexibly, including evenings and occasional weekends, with a probationary period of six months. The salary is £17.00 per hour. Further details and an application form are available at <http://eangliamethodist.org.uk/events-news/job-vacancies>. Alternatively, please contact the District Administrator, Mrs. Alison Travis (tel.: (01603) 625 765 or e-mail: eadistrict14 *dot* office *at* btinternet *dot* com). The closing date for applications is Tuesday 2nd May 2017, with interviews in Norwich on Wednesday 24th May.



And finally...

Congratulations to Rebekah, who has been accepted for pre-ordination training.

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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