



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 16th July 2017

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 16th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Joy Levine

Bible readings: Isaiah 55: 10-13 (page 628)

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (page 13)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for our circuit's rural churches

Wed 19th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

from 19.00 Summer Social (*details overleaf*)

Thu 20th Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**Sun 23rd Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Elsie Salmon**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rebekah Blyth**

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

Questionnaire about Sunday evening services

The stewards are trying to survey everyone at Castle Street about their views on our Sunday evening worship. We would like responses from as many people as possible, including those who do not attend evening services here. Responses are anonymous.

A questionnaire has been produced – if you haven't yet been given one, please pick one up, take it away, fill it in, and bring it back (there's a box for them at the back of the church). It will also be available over the next few weeks, and can also be obtained electronically by e-mailing Brian (e-mail address at bottom of last page). We'd appreciate forms being returned by the end of July. Thank you.



Summer Social on Wednesday evening

Thank you in advance to Joy and Geoff Levine for hosting "tea, coffee and cake" at their home (address on printed notices and in *Castle View*) from 7pm this coming Wednesday evening. Donations are in aid of the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. All are welcome

The next Summer Social will be at the Manse in Haslingfield, on Saturday 29th July from midday until 3pm. It will be a barbeque – bring your own items to cook on the barbeque, and Alison and Robin will provide salads, buns and sauces. There are then three Summer Socials in August, details of which are listed in *Castle View*.



Action for Children collection boxes – final call

This is the final call for holders of Action for Children collection boxes to pass them to Joyce (or Mike) Sharpe for emptying. If anyone else would like to have one, please have a word with Joyce.



Singing Allowed concert

Singing Allowed is the choir which has been rehearsing in our church hall on Monday evenings for the last five years. They are holding their Summer Concert of songs from their varied repertoire in our church tomorrow evening (Monday 17th July), starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free, but there will be a collection in aid of The Rainbow Trust children's charity. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Strawberry Fayre at Haslingfield – this Friday (21st July)

This is organised by Haslingfield Methodist Church and the Little Owls playgroup, and is raising money for Parkinson's UK. It will take place in the gardens of Haslingfield Methodist Church (or inside if it's wet), and runs from 5pm until 7pm. There will be a delicious buffet, a barbecue, strawberries and cream (of course!), ice cream, fun and games, and various stalls. Admission is by a voluntary contribution to the foodbank.



St. Luke's Open Day – next Saturday (22nd July) afternoon, 2pm to 4pm

St. Luke's Church (Victoria Road) invites everyone to come and see the improved facilities and the numerous activities which take place in the building. There will be displays by the regular community users as well as an exhibition of art by members of the congregation, music from the historic organ, and a display associated with its War Memorial and its relationship with people commemorated in the nearby Histon Road Cemetery. The history of the United Reformed Church in Victoria Road will also be illustrated, as well as the early days of St. Luke's School on its old site next to the church. Refreshments will be available.



Reimagine East of England – Saturday 7th October, 9.30am to 4pm

Reimagine is a conference for Methodists who want to think differently about the future of their church. The day is intended for anyone interested in or doing mission in their local church – coffee mornings, café church, parents' groups, etc.. Hosted at St. Ives Methodist Church, we'll spend a day being inspired about what's possible. An expert panel of practitioners and pioneers will share what's worked in their contexts, and, more importantly, what's not worked. The event is free. If you'd like to go, please contact Alison urgently – tickets are limited in number. For more information, visit reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com.



Church Council dates

Advance notice that the Church Council will next meet on Tuesday 7th November 2017 and Thursday 8th February 2018, while the 2018 General Church Meeting will be on Sunday 29th April. Minutes of the recent Church Council meeting are now available – if you'd like to read them (they're not confidential), please speak to Gilbert.

Children and Families Worker for the Fens Circuit

The Fens Circuit requires a Children and Families Worker from 1st September. It's a part-time position, working 16 hours per week including some evening and weekend work. Pay will be in the range £8.45 to £10 per hour. For an application pack, please contact the Lay Pastor, Sarah Eastol (e-mail: sarah *dot* eastol3436 *at* gmail *dot* com). Closing date is Monday 24th July, with interviews on Thursday 27th July.



Vacancies at Living Stones Café (at St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church)

Closing date for applications is 31st July. Full details can be obtained from Fiona Philips (e-mail: tripletmum *at* ntlworld *dot* com):

- Café Manager: 37.5 hours per week, salary from £18,000 per annum (depending on experience). The Café Manager will contribute to the development of the Café as a tool for mission and evangelism alongside the Minister, Leadership Team and Church Community, working alongside the church fellowship volunteers and staff preparing and serving food. The role will include training and support of volunteers and staff. A knowledge of Health and Safety within a catering environment is essential.
- Café Assistants: hours negotiable, salary £7.50 per hour (depending on experience and qualifications). The Café Assistants will work alongside church fellowship volunteers preparing and serving food and spending time sharing God's love with the customers being served.



Alison away

Revd. Alison Walker is currently on study leave and then annual leave until Friday 28th July. If you need to speak to a Methodist minister during this time, please contact Revd. Charity Nzegwu (e-mail: charity *dot* nzegwu *at* methodist *dot* org *dot* uk).

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

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