



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 23rd March 2014

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 23rd Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP: CENTENARY LAUNCH
Rev. Jacqui Horton

Bible reading: John 4: 3-28

12.30 Bring and share lunch, followed by talk

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Hilary Cheng

We pray... for our centenary year

Mon 24th Mar 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

Wed 26th Mar 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

14.30 Lent at Storey's House (*see overleaf*)

Thu 27th Mar 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 30th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
(Mothering Sunday) Kimberley Rayson

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
at St. Giles's Church

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

Centenary Launch – today!

Today is the start of our seven months of celebrating the 1914 construction of our present buildings. We're very pleased to welcome Revd. Jacqui Horton from Wymondham in Norfolk to lead our morning worship, and this is followed by a Bring and Share Launch Lunch – but don't worry if you've forgotten to "bring" as there's bound to be plenty to "share". There is a display of interesting archives in the church hall.

After lunch Jacqui will give a well illustrated talk entitled "A. F. Scott (the architect). Why Plan B?". Previews suggest this will be an intriguing and far from dry presentation. Jacqui has put a lot of effort into it, including visiting Cambridge three times in the last two months to obtain relevant information and photos. This is a "not-to-be-missed" opportunity.

The service this evening is led by Revd. Hilary Cheng, a former Castle Street minister who is still in the Cambridge Circuit; Hilary will shortly go on sabbatical so this will be her last time here before she moves on to London.



Lent at Storey's House: "With Jesus in the Upper Room"

The Church at Castle-run Lent course at Storey's House continues on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. This week's theme is "True Peace" and focuses on John 15: 1-7. For more details, see *Castle View*. All are welcome, and tea or coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.



Wildfire production

Our centenary production of the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire*, scheduled for eight weeks' time, has been postponed to a date in November yet to be confirmed – not long after our main centenary weekend. The reason for the postponement is a shortage of singers to make a good job of the production, and more people will be available to take part in the autumn.

Rehearsals for the next few weeks have been cancelled, but they will resume again after Easter and take place every fortnight on Wednesday evenings for at least a couple of months, starting on Wednesday 23rd April. It is then planned they will take place every week from the start of September as the production date gets closer.

General Church Meeting

The annual General Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 6th April at 12.15pm in the church hall. This is an important meeting which is open to all who come along to Castle Street. Reports of various activities during the last year will be given. It is also the meeting which appoints the stewards for the next year (starting in May) and the representatives from the membership of the church to the Church Council.



Big Pray – Saturday 10th May 2014

Big Pray is the East Anglia District's event on exploring prayer, in a wide variety of ways. It's on Saturday 10th May from 10.30am until 3.30pm at St. Christopher's School, Red Lodge (just the other side of Newmarket). There will be bookable options to explore prayer, including some old, some new, and several artistic and creative, as well as times of worship, and "In the Market Place".

As parking on the site is limited, there is the possibility of a subsidised coach going from the Circuit – if you're interested in this, please let Revd. Alison Walker know before 5th April. If coach travel isn't suitable for you, there is a car-sharing plan – please sign up on the list on the church notice board. The event looks great: let's have a large contingent there from Castle Street!



"The Big Issues" – Can you hear the words?

The next in this twice-monthly series at Histon Methodist Church takes place on Thursday (27th March). The speaker is Frances Dewhurst of CAMTAD. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



MRDF – future plans and new identity

The Chief Executive of MRDF (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund), and a Director from one of its Partner Organisations, will launch the future plans of MRDF and preview its new identity at Methodist Central Hall, London, on Tuesday 8th April at 5pm. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving commencing at 4pm. If you are interested in attending, please ring Rebecca Branch on (020) 7467 5132.

New Foodbank Distribution Centre in Chesterton

In May 2014, the Cambridge City Foodbank will be opening a new distribution centre in Chesterton. Supported by local churches, it will be open every Tuesday morning at Chesterton Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to staff the foodbank when it is open, and especially potential team leaders – if you think you can help, please contact Deacon Ian Murray (e-mail: deacon.cmc@gmail.com, office tel.: (01223) 424 428, manse tel.: (01223) 240 360). May might be several weeks away, but offers of help are needed now in order to make sure that the project can be up and running.



Future dates

- Monday 31st March at 7.30pm: concert by “Singing Allowed” (one of the regular users of our hall) – see poster for details.
- Monday 31st March at 7.30pm at Wesley: “Lands of the Bible” cruise information evening (see notice sheet for 23rd February, or the poster).
- Sunday 6th April at 4pm at Histon Methodist Church: circuit service to say farewell to Revd. Hilary Cheng.



Notice sheets for the next three weeks

Please note the revised deadlines for receiving items for inclusion on the notice sheets for the next three Sundays:

- Sunday 30th March – Wednesday 26th March.
- Sunday 6th April – Wednesday 4th April.
- Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday) – Wednesday 4th April (over a week early).

Normal service will be resumed for Easter Sunday.



Items for the April *Castle View*...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, today please.

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

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