



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 30th 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 30th Mar **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
(Mothering Sunday) **Kimberley Rayson** *(theme and reading overleaf)*

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
at St. Giles's Church

We pray... for mothers everywhere

Mon 31st Mar 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

19.30 Concert by Singing Allowed

Wed 2nd Apr 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 3rd Apr 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 6th Apr **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Elsie Salmon

12.15 General Church Meeting *(see overleaf)*

16.00 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Histon

Preacher: Judy Wynn *(see overleaf)*

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

Theme and Bible reading for this morning's service

Theme: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us"

Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35



Circuit Service next Sunday afternoon

Next Sunday (6th April) at 4pm there will be a Circuit Service at Histon Methodist Church, to say farewell to Revd. Hilary Cheng. Hilary is about to go on sabbatical, and then moves to a new circuit in London for the new Connexional year. We hope that Castle Street will be well represented! Note that there will be no 6.30pm service at Castle End Mission.



General Church Meeting

The annual General Church Meeting is to be held next 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. We hope that you'll quickly grab a coffee after the service, and then take your seats for the meeting.



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

The Lent course at Storey's House has its penultimate session this week, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. The theme is "Finding the truth" and it will focus on John 16: 12-24. For more details, see *Castle View*. All are welcome, and tea or coffee and biscuits are served afterwards.



Cambridge Singing Club Spring Concert – tomorrow evening

The Cambridge Singing Club, also known as "Singing Allowed", is one of the choirs which rehearses on our premises. Their Spring Concert takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 31st March) at Castle Street, starting at 7.30pm. The concert is expected to last about fifty minutes, and there will be refreshments afterwards. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection to help offset the cost of putting on the concert.

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 next Saturday (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!



Wildfire production

Our centenary production of the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire*, scheduled for seven weeks' time, has been postponed to a date in November yet to be confirmed – not long after our main centenary weekend – when we hope there will be more people able to take part.

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.



St. Giles' Bake Sale and Coffee Morning – Saturday 5th April

This event takes place next Saturday morning, from 10.30am until noon, at St. Giles' Church. Come and buy something special – homemade cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, quiches, tea breads and scones will be on sale, many of which are suitable for freezing, so come and stock up with our home baked specials! The Bake Sale will take place at the church gate if it is fine, otherwise inside the church, where coffee will be served. Every penny goes to support St. Giles's chosen charities: Namuncha Secondary School, Kenya; The Angel Tree Project; and Cambridge City Foodbank.

Lands of the Bible Cruise – 24th October to 5th November 2014

A reminder about the publicity and information evening for this, which will take place at Wesley Methodist Church tomorrow evening (Monday 31st March) at 7.30pm. The cruise is being led by Revd. Dr. Peter Graves and accompanied by professional guides.

The tour starts in Istanbul and ends in Rome, visiting Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. However, remembering that First Century Israel was deeply influenced by Greek and Roman Culture as well as its own Hebrew Heritage, this trip seeks to see the ministry of Jesus in the wider context of the Biblical world. So, it will also visit Istanbul and Ephesus in Turkey, Malta (where Paul was shipwrecked) and Sicily, to explore the culture and architecture of ancient Greece. Sailing on to Naples, there will be the opportunity to explore the ruins of Pompeii, and so come to a better understanding of the Roman Empire.



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 is now getting even closer, so offers of help are needed in order to make sure that the project can be up and running.



Notice sheets for the next two weeks

Please note that the deadline for receiving items for inclusion on the notice sheets for the next two Sundays is this coming Wednesday evening – 2nd April. Normal service will be resumed for Easter Sunday.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on the next two notice sheets, by Wednesday evening this week.

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