



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Palm Sunday – 13th April 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 13th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
**John Boocock: "For Yours is the Kingdom,
the Power and the Glory"**

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker

We pray... for the season of Easter

Mon 14th Apr 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

**Tue 15th Apr 18.30 Christian Seder Meal at St. Augustine's
(see overleaf)**

Wed 16th Apr 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 17th Apr 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

19.00 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
at St. Giles's Church
including the rite of foot washing

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Lent Passover Meal – Tuesday at St. Augustine’s

The Christian Seder Meal interprets the symbolism of Passover in the context of our Christian faith. As usual, a Christian Seder Meal will be celebrated at St. Augustine’s, Richmond Road, on Tuesday (15th April) starting at 6.30pm. A meal of roast lamb with wine or grape juice will be served, while remembering the four-fold promises of God to the Children of Israel in Egypt. Following the meal will be an informal celebration of Holy Communion when, as Christians, we remember the ultimate sacrifice made for everyone by Jesus.

All are welcome, but pre-booking is necessary: tickets (£4 for adults, £2 for children) are available from Margaret on (01223) 354 561 or from the Parish Office; there may also be some available at Castle Street.



Easter Breakfast

A reminder that Heather Taplin and Anne Littlefair are organising an Easter Breakfast next Sunday, and, as in recent years, all at Church at Castle (and any visitors and passers-by) are invited. Tea and coffee will be served immediately following the 8am service on Castle Mound, and this will segue into a fuller (but simple) breakfast at about 9am.

Offers of help preparing, serving and clearing up on the day would be very gratefully received. Also required are electric toasters – have you got one which is safe that you’re willing to lend? Please speak to Heather or Anne.



Centenary Bunting Construction Team(s)

Many will have noticed the bunting which appeared for our Centenary Launch weekend three weeks ago, but we want some more so that people might ask what’s going on! We are aiming to cut out and construct a further 250 metres of bunting, and to do this there could be Bunting Construction Parties at church or in people’s homes, or people could work on their own at home in their own time. Anyone interested in helping should speak to Heather Taplin.

“A Faith to Live By” – Haslingfield, Sunday 27th April at 6.30pm

The next in this series at Haslingfield Methodist Church takes place in two weeks' time. Dan Woodhouse – Castle Street's student on attachment from Wesley House – will talk on the subject “Let justice roll on like a river: non-violent direct action”. As usual, the evening will include a short time of worship and the presentation, followed by refreshments and discussion.

Before answering a call to the presbyteral Ministry, Dan was the lay Methodist Chaplain at the University of Nottingham as well as a student worker in the university's local Trent Valley Circuit. It was during this time that he became a part of SPEAK, a prayer and campaigns network, on the back of a passion for justice. Dan will talk about his experience of activism – from writing letters, to his recent arrest for blockading DSEi, the world's largest arms fair held in London's ExCel Centre every two years. He will also reflect on some of the theological and practical implications of such activities.



Christian Aid event on Saturday 10th May

Regretfully, this event, scheduled to take place at St. Luke's, has been cancelled. Of course, that now means that are fewer excuses for not going to the District “Big Pray” in Red Lodge (details in *Castle View*)!



Festival of Crosses at Royston Methodist Church

This finishes today (Sunday 13th), and is open between 3pm and 6pm this afternoon. Refreshments will be available.



Items for the May *Castle View*...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, next Sunday (20th April) please.

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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