



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 25th January 2015

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 25th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Alex Corio and Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

We pray... for the homeless

Mon 26th Jan 19.30 What makes a Methodist (*details overleaf*)

Wed 28th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 29th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 19.45 Thursday Table Talk: John Hardwick
Storytelling course

Sun 1st Feb 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Deacon Ian Murray

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Psalm 42 (*page 481*); John 4: 5-30, 39-42 (*page 90*)

6.30pm: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (*page 160*); Corinthians 7: 29-31 (*page 161*);
Mark 1: 14-20 (*page 33*)



Saturday Nights at St. Luke's

The first of these three illustrated talks takes place next Saturday (31st January) at 6.30pm, when Margaret Cooper will talk about the National Parks of America. Heather Taplin has tickets, costing £10 each to include a fish and chip supper with dessert and soft drinks – but numbers need to be confirmed today. Details of the two remaining talks can be found in *Castle View*. Profits will go towards the purchase of a digital projector.



What makes a Methodist?

This series of five Monday evening sessions started last week, and it continues tomorrow. Full details have appeared on previous notice sheets, but the remaining sessions are listed below (note that it's not every Monday). All start at 7.30pm, and aim to finish at about 9pm.

- 26th Jan: Relationship with God – Covenant, Holy Spirit
- 9th Feb: Images of God – images of Jesus and the Methodist Art Collection
- 23rd Feb: Bible, prayer and the class meeting
- 2nd Mar: Holy Communion



Re-vitalising the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee

Anyone interested in being involved in this important aspect of our church life is reminded of the short meeting after the morning service today to establish a time when everyone can meet to kick-start plans for 2015. If you can't stay, please have a quick word with Alison.

There are many exciting opportunities here to ensure that Castle Street enjoys itself whilst making a real difference through our projects, outreach and charitable support. Previously the group has supported various charities, organised fellowship and fundraising events, facilitated initiatives on social justice and co-ordinated our outreach efforts.

Coffee rota – more help needed, urgently!

Having the chance to chat over a cup of tea or coffee after Sunday worship is an important part of our fellowship, and is one of the things which makes Castle Street so welcoming. We are all very grateful to those who have volunteered to be on the rota for Sunday mornings – setting up before the service, serving the tea and coffee, and then clearing away and washing up afterwards.

Unfortunately, one of the teams has suddenly had to withdraw from the rota, leaving some gaps. The first of those gaps is next Sunday. One person has already volunteered to help, but we need at least one other person. This is therefore an appeal for additional people to volunteer their services – and not people who are already on the rota doing an extra week. If you can help or want to know more, please speak to one of the stewards today. But, sadly, if no-one comes forward there will be no tea and coffee served next week...



Church at Castle weekend at High Leigh

Details of the third Church at Castle weekend away, from Friday evening 22nd to Sunday afternoon 24th May, were published in *Castle View* some months ago, and there's a brief mention in the current issue. Final numbers are needed by Margaret Cooper before the end of January – please speak to Mike Sharpe for full details and a booking form.



***Singing the Faith Day* – Saturday 21st February**

This circuit workshop, about our new hymnbook, is being led by Robin Walker. Full details can be found on the flier – please take one and book your place.



Items for the February *Castle View*...

... should be with Colin Moule or Anna Williams today 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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