



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 19th April 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 19th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Kimberley Rayson

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for our ministers and local preachers

Wed 22nd Apr 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 23rd Apr 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 "Thursday Table Talk"

Sun 26th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Simon Oliver

12.15 General Church Meeting

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP – DISCUSSION SERVICE
Kimberley Rayson

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

General Church Meeting – next Sunday

This important annual meeting will take place after the morning service next Sunday – we hope that people will quickly grab a coffee and then take a seat in the church hall.

The General Church Meeting is the meeting at which everyone gets the chance to discuss the life of Castle Street Methodist Church. It is also the meeting which appoints representatives to the Church Council and stewards for the next year. If you feel called to either of those roles, then please have a word with one of the stewards, or, failing that, just speak up at the meeting! There is a need for a few new stewards... The General Church Meeting is open to all who come to Castle Street, whether a member or not – do stay.



Easter Offering envelopes

On Easter Sunday, the Easter Offering envelopes were handed out, along with a card explaining this annual appeal for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. There are spare envelopes on the hymnbook trolleys.

Thank you to those who have already made a contribution; anyone else who wishes to do so is asked to place their envelope in the offering plate in the next couple of weeks please – a circuit service to dedicate the offerings will take place at Histon Methodist Church on Saturday 7th June, starting at 6pm.



Preacher swap

The evening services on the next two Sundays have been swapped, and are the opposite way round to that shown in *Castle View* and on the circuit preaching plan. At 6.30pm next Sunday (26th April), Kimberley Rayson will lead a discussion service, while the preacher on 3rd May will be Alec Corio.

The discussion service next Sunday evening will take on the format used successfully on a regular basis at Sturton Street. There will be the usual hymns, prayers and readings, but instead of a sermon the congregation will be split into groups for a time of discussion. Do come along.

Alison on sabbatical

Most will be aware that our minister, Revd. Alison Walker, is now on sabbatical until 6th August. During that time, a message on Alison's answerphone will give contact details for ministers providing cover:

- April: Robert Dolman.
- May: Simon Oliver or Peter Graves.
- June: Chris White or Peter Graves.
- July: Ian Murray.
- First week of August: Chris White or Peter Graves.

Alternatively, contact one of the stewards. Note that during this time it will not be possible to leave a message for Alison, and she will not be checking her e-mails regularly and will be unlikely to reply to them.



Items from the Circuit Diary

- Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May: Spring Celebrations at Toft. To include Maypole dancing, parish walk, well dressing, church ceremonies, and a Sunday tea party.
- Monday 11th May: "Science meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church – Revd. Prof. Alasdair Coles (Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge) will talk about how the experience of epilepsy or Parkinson's disease both enriches and diminishes the religious life... and what this can teach all people of faith.
- Saturday 16th May, 9.30am until noon: Yard Sale at Histon – bric a brac, book, toys, etc. for sale, coffee and cakes served in the hall.



United Service for Christian Aid Week

At St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Trumpington on Sunday 10th May at 6.30pm. More details to follow...

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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