



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 10th May 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 10th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alan Ashton

*Bible readings: Acts 10: 44-48 (page 123); 1 John 5: 1-6 (page 230);
John 15: 9-17 (page 105)*

12.30 Lunch in support of Christian Aid

18.00 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Royston *(see overleaf)*

We pray... for the work of Christian Aid

Wed 13th May 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.00 Mission and Social Responsibility Committee

Thu 14th May 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

18.30 "Thursday Table Talk" – see overleaf

Sun 17th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Dr. Alec Corio

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

Maude Wyatt, RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Maude Wyatt on Tuesday evening in Cottenham Court. Although members at Dry Drayton Methodist Church, Maude and husband David were keen supporters of events at Castle Street, and were never slow to offer hospitality in their home. A service of thanksgiving will take place at Dry Drayton Parish Church at 2.30pm on Friday 15th May, and will be followed by “a party” (Maude’s direction) in the village hall. We remember David and their family and friends in our prayers.



Circuit Service tonight

This evening’s service is a circuit event at Royston Methodist Church (Queen’s Road), starting at 6pm. This will be a local preacher accreditation service for Joyce Goodall – a familiar face to us at Castle Street. Do go along and support Joyce. The service will be led by Revd. Chris White and Revd. Ian Smart.



Christian Aid Week

Today is the start of Christian Aid Week, but two events were accidentally omitted from last week’s notice sheet – although details of both do appear in the *May Castle View*, where there is also a short article about the main focus of this year’s appeal. More information about the work of Christian Aid can also be found at www.christianaid.org.uk.

First, we hope that folk will stay for lunch after today’s morning service – a hot meal organised by Heather and Pam (many thanks to both for their work, and to others who are helping). Don’t worry if you’ve not signed up, as it’s usual on these occasions for there to be plenty to go round. But also remember to give generously – we’ve been organising a lunch instead of carrying out a house-to-house collection for several years.

Second, a service to mark the start of Christian Aid Week will take place this evening (Sunday 10th May) at St. Mary and St. Michael Church, Trumpington, starting at 6.30pm. The preacher will be John Ellis, Lay Moderator of the United Reformed Church. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal – thank you

We were able to send a cheque for £663 to “All We Can” (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund) to support the work which it is doing, in conjunction with its trusted partners, in some of the most badly affected communities within Nepal. The work is directed at helping to address both immediate and longer-term needs. This sum was made up of your kind donations of £277 from two services and a coffee morning, £54 from anticipated gift aid on these donations, and a doubling of the fruits of your generosity from Church Funds. Thank you for your spontaneous help.



Monday Workers’ Breakfasts

The fourth year of our outreach work to offer the ministry of hospitality and friendship to workers, language students and others in the shape of a modest breakfast at the gates to St. Giles’ Church (by the traffic lights) on eleven Mondays up to the end of July, starts tomorrow. Castle Street will provide three of the team of eleven volunteers from Church at Castle. It costs £10 to buy the food and beverage for each Monday morning session. If you would like to sponsor a Monday breakfast, please add your name to the “Green List” on the noticeboard. Thank you.



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church – tomorrow

In the next of this series of lectures at Wesley Methodist Church, Revd. Prof. Alasdair Coles (Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge) will give a talk entitled “Broken brains and God: what neurological disease teaches us about the religious human”. Prof. Coles is a neurologist working at Addenbrooke’s Hospital and Professor of Neuroimmunology. He carries out research into the treatment of multiple sclerosis, and has a small research programme looking at the effects of neurological diseases on faith. He was ordained a priest in the Church of England in 2009. The talk will be 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.

The event is tomorrow evening (Monday 11th May), and doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. All are welcome.

This week's "Thursday Table Talk"

Thursday 14th May is Ascension Day, so this week the "Thursday Table Talk" group will attend the Ascension Day service at St. Giles' Church (which is, of course, in the Parish of the Ascension); the service begins at 6.30pm. Afterwards, there will be a "bring-and-share" meal in the church hall at Castle Street (with the St. Giles' congregation invited). If anyone wants to drop off food before the service, Sarah will be at Castle Street from 6pm.



Yard Sale at Histon – Saturday

On Saturday (16th May) there will be a Yard Sale at Histon Methodist Church, with bric-a-brac, books, toys, etc. available for sale, along with some delicious refreshments. Proceeds are in aid of Histon Methodist Church's Development Fund.



Circuit Service – Sunday 5th July

It might be almost two months away, but advance notice is being given of a special service at Wesley Methodist Church on the evening of Sunday 5th July to say thank you to several of the present ministerial team who are stepping down this summer. A choir is being organised for the event to lead the singing and to sing a few items on their own, and there will be a rehearsal for this at 5pm on the day. If you're interested in joining the choir, please contact Geoff Batty (e-mail: gandkbatty at greenbee dot net, or via Brian Carter), and details of the music will be sent out in advance.

Looking further ahead, something different musically is planned for the Welcome Service in September for our new superintendent minister, organised in part by Robin Walker – see *Castle View* for more details, or speak to Brian Carter.

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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