



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 14th June 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 14th Jun 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Dr. Alec Corio

Bible readings: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 (p. 717); Mark 4: 26-34 (p. 37)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Jean Simmonds

Bible reading: Luke 7: 36-50 (p. 63)

We pray... for the work of MHA

Wed 17th Jun 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 18th Jun 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Thursday Table Talk" – Lectio Divina

Sat 20th Jun 12.00-17.00 Castle Hill Open Day (*see overleaf*)

Sun 21st Jun 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Peter Graves

10.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

Farewells

This morning's service is the last to be led by Alec Corio, our student attachment, at least as far as this stage of his training is concerned. We thank Alec for his faithful assistance, and wish him well in his next placement, at St. Philip's Church in Mill Road.

This morning is also Deborah McVey's last service at St. Luke's, before retiring at least in part – she is continuing with hospital chaplaincy work. We thank Deborah for all she has done at Castle Street, and wish her well.



MHA envelopes

Today is MHA Sunday, and envelopes are being distributed for donations to this Methodist charity. Please return them in the next two weeks. More information about the work of MHA can be found on the envelopes, or visit www.mha.org.uk.



“Thursday Table Talk” this week

“Table Talk” on Thursday will be the second in the series on “Lectio Divina” or Christian Meditation. Details can be found in *Castle View*.



Castle Hill Open Day – next Saturday afternoon, noon to 5pm

A reminder about this event, details of which can be found in the June *Castle View* or visit www.kettlesyard.co.uk/whats-on/castle-hill-open-day/. Volunteers are still needed to welcome visitors and guide them, and to serve refreshments. If you can help for even a short time, please have a word with Heather Taplin or John Boocock today.



Church Council meeting

A reminder that the Church Council will meet on Wednesday 24th June at 7.30pm: the agenda and papers will be circulated shortly.



Change to advertised service

The evening service on Sunday 28th June (two week's time) will not be led by “Table Talk” as originally advertised, but will instead be conducted by John Boocock. It will be a discussion service “of sorts”, and much of it will be put together on the spot based on the lectionary readings.

Christian Believer: knowing God with heart and mind

This exciting new study programme will begin in the circuit this summer. The course is particularly suitable for those who have followed the popular Disciple course, for local preachers and for others who have undertaken an advanced course of Bible or theological study.

“Christian Believer” is a stimulating and challenging course which has received excellent reviews from participants. The course involves substantial “homework” in advance of a weekly meeting and combines study of Scripture and Christian belief.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the new programme is invited to attend one of the preliminary meetings here at Castle Street on either Tuesday 23rd June or Tuesday 14th July at 7.15pm.

If you can attend neither of these meetings, but wish to express interest in pursuing the course and request further information, please contact either Peter Graves (e-mail: *pcgcam at yahoo dot com*) or Derek Nicholls (e-mail: *dereknicholls at btinternet dot com*).



A message from Anne Littlefair

“I would like to thank the church for its prayers and patience during my rather long absence through illness. Also for the get-well card, which cheered me up greatly. Thanks very much to the lovely people who have taken on my duties, and who have kept me in touch with the church.

“I’ve improved a lot, and am awaiting an appointment with my neurosurgeon. However, I plan to be back at Sunday services, and to pick up my duties again very soon. I have been much moved by everyone’s kindness. Thank you all.”



Items for the July / August Castle View...

...should be with Anna Williams or Cassandra Morris today please.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, by Wednesday evening this week.

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