



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 28th 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 5th Jul                    10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**

**Kimberley Rayson**

*Bible readings: Acts 22: 1-16 (page 136)*

*Ephesians 1: 3-10 (page 182)*

**18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE**

*at Wesley Methodist Church (see also overleaf)*

*We pray... for those with disabilities and the charities  
that support them*

Wed 8th Jul                    10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 9th Jul                    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**Sun 12th Jul                    10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Prof. Morna Hooker-Stacey**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Sarah Lowe**

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

## **Circuit service tonight, 6.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church**

There will be no service at Castle Street this evening, but everyone is encouraged to go along to the Circuit Service of Appreciation at Wesley. During the service we shall say thank-you to Revds. Dr. John Barratt, Robert Dolman and Dr. Peter Graves, who, despite having “sat down” several years ago, have taken on pastoral responsibilities in the circuit for the last few years. In addition, we shall say thank-you to Revd. Chris White who is stepping down as superintendent minister, having taken over temporarily when Revd. Tim Macquiban moved to Italy; of course, Chris is not leaving the circuit just yet.

As has become the recent custom, a tea will be served from 5pm, and all are invited to go along. Meanwhile, the circuit choir will rehearse from 5pm – any singers are welcome to simply turn up for the rehearsal.



## **“Thursday Table Talk”**

A reminder that “Table Talk” is now having a break until the autumn, but if you’ve any ideas for future sessions, please feed them to Sarah Creeke or Revd. Alison Walker when she returns from sabbatical.



## **Summer Socials are go!**

Inspired by many years of get-togethers raising money for mission projects at home and abroad (remember the mid-week coffee evenings, enjoying lovely evening sunshine in people’s gardens?), the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee is planning a series of social events over the summer. They are as much about getting to know people as they are about raising money.

The first took place yesterday, but the M&SR Committee is looking for hosts for further summer fundraising and social events – the rest of July and August stretch out before us, so please suggest a time and date to suit you. Plenty of support is available if you feel you can provide the venue only, but would like some help with providing and serving refreshments. Speak to Matt or Anna Williams if you would like to host one. Events will be announced on the weekly notice sheet and on the Castle Street Announce Yahoo! group as they are arranged.

## **Action for Children collection boxes**

Next Sunday (12th July) is Action for Children (AfC) Sunday. Could all the lovely people who so kindly collect for AfC throughout the year by filling a black lantern box, please bring their box and give it to Joyce Sharpe or a steward. Then all our collections will be pooled and sent to AfC to support its splendid work with children and families who are in need.

If anyone else would like to have a AfC Collection Box then please have a word with Joyce. It's a painless way of helping a well organised charity, born out of Methodism, which works with disadvantaged youngsters.



## **Changes to advertised services**

- The morning service on Sunday 19th July (two week's time) is to be led by Revd. Alan Ashton, and will include the baptism of Ezekiel Mensah (see item in *Castle View* – especially about the invitation to stay for lunch after the service). The change is that Holy Communion will not be celebrated during that service; instead, the morning service the following week (26th July), led by Revd. Simon Oliver, will include Holy Communion.
- There will not be an Iona service at St. Luke's on the evening of Sunday 16th August. Discussions are taking place with a view to holding a 6.30pm service at Castle Street instead – watch this space for details.



## **“Christian Believer” course – final reminder**

A reminder about this forthcoming course organised by the circuit, details of which have appeared many times on the weekly notice sheet and also now in the July / August *Castle View*. It actually starts on 8th September, and runs for thirty sessions, but there will be a full launch on Tuesday 21st July (at Castle Street).

The repeat of the preliminary meeting takes place this Tuesday (14th July), here at Castle Street and starting at 7.15pm. See *Castle View* for more information, or contact Peter Graves (e-mail: pcgcam at yahoo dot com) or Derek Nicholls (e-mail: dereknicholls at btinternet dot com).

### **Concert by Singing Allowed – 20th July**

Singing Allowed, a choir which has been using our premises weekly for three years, will perform a concert in the church on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm. There is no charge but donations will be given to Jimmy's Night Shelter. Refreshments will be available after the concert. Do come along to support a choir which supports us. You'll enjoy the evening.



### **Charity Sale at Toft**

Toft Methodist Church is holding a charity sale on Saturday 18th July. Proceeds are to be split between chapel funds and Water Aid.



### **Wesley House Garden Party**

The Friends of Wesley House will be holding a Garden Party at Westcott House on Saturday 25th July from 3pm. This will be followed at 5.30pm by a service in the Wesley House Chapel, to be led by Revd. Dr. Peter Graves. The preacher will be Revd. Catherine Dixon. A lesson will be read by Dr. Daleep Mukarji, former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference and now an Honorary Vice-President of the Friends of Wesley House.

All are welcome. The Garden Party is free to members of the Friends and to all children under 12, but there will be a charge of £7 per head for other non-members. If you would like more information about this event or about joining the Friends, please contact Mary Rycroft (e-mail: maryrycroft at btinternet dot com).



### **Weekly Notice Sheet during July and August**

It is planned to produce the weekly notice sheet every Sunday during the summer except 30th August (when morning worship is at St. Giles'). During this time, the deadline for receiving items will be 8pm each Thursday evening as compilation may have to take place that evening.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, ideally by 8pm on Thursday evening.

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