

Service next Sunday evening

A reminder that there is no Iona Service at St. Luke's next Sunday evening. In its place, at 6.30pm, John Boocock will lead a shorter-than-usual, less-formal service at Castle Street. During our centenary year, John looked at some of the people commemorated in various places around our building; next Sunday evening he will look at some of the smaller memorials.



Next Summer Social – three down, two to go!

The fourth of the five summer social events (also fundraising for the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee) is coming soon, on the evening of Tuesday 18th August. It's hosted by Joanna in her home (if you don't know where that is, have a word with her), and runs from 7pm until 9pm.

The final one for this summer is on the evening of Thursday 27th August, at the home of Jane and Jim Warwick. Thank you to all who have hosted, and to everyone who has supported these events – which are as much about getting to know each other as raising funds for “mission” purposes.



Job advert – Church Centre Manager required at Emmanuel

The Community Development Director at Emmanuel United Reformed Church is retiring at the end of the year, and the church wants to appoint a Church Centre Manager to join the team running a busy, seven-day-a-week city centre church.

To do so, the successful candidate will need a proven track record as an effective administrator, preferably in the charity sector, and a wide range of hands-on skills. He or she will be fully in sympathy with the Christian ethos of the church and able to work collaboratively with other employees, church members and volunteers (some of the latter have learning difficulties) for a salary in the range £28,000 to £33,000.

Full details can be obtained by e-mailing emmanuelurc@btinternet.com or telephoning (01223) 351 174. The closing date for applications is 14th September, with interviews towards the end of the month. The start date would be 1st December.

Government petition about mental health education

A request has been received via our friends at Royston to sign an on-line petition to the government. The request originated from Steve Mallen of The MindEd Trust – the Mallen family lost their eldest son to mental health issues which resulted in him taking his own life.

The petition asks for mental health education to be introduced into the national curriculum. Introducing mental health education in schools will reduce the stigma of mental illness in society, help children deal with the modern pressures they face and will provide them with the advice they need to seek help rather than suffer in silence.

The petition is at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/104545>, where more information can also be found. The government responds to all petitions which receive more than 10,000 signatures, and when 100,000 signatures have been received a petition is considered for debate in parliament. At the time of writing, there were almost 19,000 signatures, but the petition will run until 22nd January 2016 (six months after it was started).

The original request (which came by e-mail from Joyce Goodall, and includes a little more about how the request came to us!) has been forwarded to the Castle Street Announce Yahoo! group, but if anyone would like a personal copy, please contact Brian Carter (details below); we're also asked to spread the word about this petition.



Circuit welcome service – Sunday 6th September, 6.30pm

It's now only four weeks away... Response has been slow so far, but we're still looking for instrumentalists and singers to be part of a music group at this service, for two or three more-modern items. Of course, you can be part of this as well as the "traditional" choir! Contact Phil Howie (e-mail: prh33@cam.ac.uk) or Robin Walker, or speak to Alison.

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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