



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 20th March 2016 – Palm Sunday

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 20th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker and Tiffany Newsom

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for Palm Sunday

Mon 21st Mar 19.00 Concert by Singing Allowed (*see overleaf*)

Tue 22nd Mar 18.30 Christian Seder Meal
at St. Augustine's (see overleaf)

Wed 23rd Mar 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 24th Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**19.00 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

at St. Augustine's

(see overleaf for other Maundy Thursday services)

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- Fri 25th Mar** **11.45 WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY**
Rev. Alison Walker: "Footsteps of Christ"
(see opposite for other Good Friday services)
- Sun 27th Mar** **05.00 EASTER DAY DAWN SERVICE**
(Easter Day) **"Lighting the Easter Fire" at St. Peter's**
- 08.00 EASTER CELEBRATION IN WORD AND SONG**
Open Air service on Castle Mound
- 09.00 Easter Breakfast** *(see opposite)*
- 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH**
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP: Easter Songs of Praise**
Led by John Boocock and Mike Sharpe

Reminder
 Clocks forward
 at 1am

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



Joyce Major, RIP

A Service of Celebration for the life of Joyce Major (who died just over three weeks ago) will be held at Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin at 1pm this Tuesday (22nd March). There will be refreshments afterwards and then whoever wishes to is welcome to come for a short service of committal at the Vale Crematorium, Stopsley (about 15 minutes' drive away) at 3.15pm. All are welcome, and please wear whatever clothes you feel appropriate – no need to wear black unless you want to!

There will be family flowers only, but people are very welcome to give donations in memory of Joyce to either Action for Children (what used to be the National Children's Home, for whom Joyce used to work) at www.justgiving.com/JoyceMajor, or the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in Cambridge, at www.justgiving.com/JoyceMargaretMajor.

Claire and Mike thank everyone for their lovely cards and kind words.

Christian Seder Meal – Tuesday 22nd March at St. Augustine’s

A reminder that tickets are available from Heather Taplin, priced £4 for adults and £2 for children. *Castle View* contains an article about this Christian celebration of Passover, which takes place during Holy Week.



Maundy Thursday services

There is no Maundy Thursday communion service at Castle Street, but all are invited to join the united Church at Castle service at St. Augustine’s, Richmond Road, at 7pm. Other services in the circuit are at Histon at 7pm, Haslingfield at 7.30pm, Dry Drayton Parish Church at 7.30pm, and Royston at 8pm, as listed in *Castle View*.



Good Friday services and events

Please note that Castle Street’s service for Good Friday is at 11.45am this year. Elsewhere in the circuit, there are services at Royston at 9.30am, Toft at 2pm and Orwell at 4pm, as listed in *Castle View*.

The main Church at Castle event for Good Friday is a series of 50-minute meditations and walks of witness between the three churches in the parish. It begins at St. Augustine’s, Richmond Road at midday, continues at St. Luke’s, Victoria Road at 1pm, and ends up at St. Giles’ at 2pm. You can drop in for any or all of the time as you wish. Then, at 3.15pm, there will be a Liturgy of Good Friday at St. Giles’.



Easter Breakfast

Following the open air service on Castle Mound (at 8am), tea and coffee will be available in Aldersgate from about 8.30am (please stay out of the hall). The Easter Breakfast will begin formally at 9am. If you plan to come along, please sign up on the list so that we know how many to expect. It is planned to have a variety of breakfast items, English and continental... A minimum donation of £5 is requested.

Also, additional help in organising the Easter breakfast is needed due to one of the organisers having to pull out just a few days ago. Have a word with Brian Carter or Gordon McMillan if you can help please.

Decorating the church for Easter

Denise is hoping to decorate the church with a profusion of daffodils. If anyone is able to donate a bunch or two, please could you bring them to the church between 10.30am and 2pm on Saturday. Thank you.



Concert by “Singing Allowed” – Monday 21st March at 7pm

Details of this concert, given by one of the choirs that has been rehearsing in our church hall for a number of years, can be found in *Castle View*.



Spring District Day – “Born in Song: are we still singing our faith?”

The Methodist Women in Britain Spring District Day 2016 is taking place at Upwell Methodist Church, Wisbech, on Thursday 21st April. There will be a thirteen-seat minibus going from the Cambridge Circuit, with the cost shared between those using it – if all seats are taken, the cost per person would be £7. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Taylor (e-mail: jamesitaylor at btinternet dot com) to reserve your place. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.



Mission Enabler for East Anglia District of the Methodist Church

The District is looking to recruit a District Mission Enabler to work from home and travel in East Anglia. This appointment would be for 20 hours a week, preferably over 5 days, with flexibility where necessary, with a probationary period of 6 months. Salary is £15,600.00 per annum. The post offers an exciting opportunity to enable the Methodist Church to develop its mission across the District. Applicants should be an active member of a Christian church with proven ability and / or experience in enabling Christian outreach. Further details and an application form can be obtained from Mrs. Alison Travis (e-mail: eadistrict14.office at btinternet dot com). Closing date for applications is Monday 4th April, with interviews in Norwich on Thursday 28th April.

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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