



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 24th April 2016

*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 24th Apr      10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Toft**  
**"Pilgrims on a Journey" (see overleaf)**

*We pray... for our ministers and local preachers*

**Mon 25th Apr      13.30 FUNERAL of Ron Seaton**

**Wed 27th Apr      10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.00 for 20.15 Table Talk

**Thu 28th Apr      10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group**

**Sun 1st May      10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Deacon Ian Murray**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

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

## **Bible readings for this morning's service**

Acts 11: 1-18 (*page 123*)

Psalms 148 (*page 539*)

Revelation 21: 1-6 (*page 249*)

John 13: 31-35 (*page 103*)



## **Plaque unveiling this morning**

As part of this morning's service, we shall unveil a memorial plaque in the car park. This is dedicated to the memory of Ralph Boocock (father of John Boocock) and Colin Major, who died in 1993 and 2011 respectively. Both had significant responsibilities for our premises. As part of this, we welcome back Claire Rickard (Colin's daughter) and her husband, Mike.



## **Circuit Service at Toft, 6.30pm tonight – "Pilgrims on a Journey"**

We hope Castle Street folk will support this evening's circuit service at Toft Methodist Church. From the current needs of migrants and responses as Christians (theological, spiritual and practical), via Jesus, and John Bunyan, to thinking about our own spiritual pilgrimages – come to be inspired, deepen your thinking, and broaden your prayerful and practical responses. There will be a tea before the service, at 5.30pm.



## **Easter Offering envelopes – final call**

The Easter Offering is an annual appeal within the Methodist Church, to support mission and outreach work – key parts of "Our Calling". This year's envelopes have been distributed over the last few weeks, and this is a final appeal for them to be returned. If you feel able to make a contribution, please put your envelope in the offering plate today. Thank you in advance!



## **Appeal for help with RVS at Addenbrooke's**

The Royal Voluntary Service is really needing help at Addenbrooke's Hospital to maintain its services to patients and their visitors. An informative chat about the opportunities will be held at Castle Street on Wednesday 18th May at 1pm. Please do come along to explore whether you might be able to assist this worthwhile, supportive work. In the meantime, if you want to know more, have a word with Joyce Sharpe.

## Help wanted at Romsey Mill Charity Shop

Romsey Mill Charity Shop is in urgent need of volunteers, particularly on Wednesday mornings. No previous experience is required as full training is given. The shop raises vital funds every year towards Romsey Mill's work with children, young people and families, and is an essential part of its presence in the community and the work that it does. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact the charity shop manager, Terri Oxford (tel.: (01223) 506 433), or Diane Hicks (e-mail: admin *at* romseymill *dot* org or tel.: (01223) 213 162).



## Advance notice of events early next month

- "Kilvert's Diary" at Orwell Methodist Church, Saturday 7th May at 11am: a rural church day – readings from the Revd. Francis Kilvert's Diary from 1870, quizzes, ploughman's lunch. Advance booking necessary – contact Revd. Chris White (e-mail: c.white428 *at* btinternet *dot* com). Suggested donation: £4.50.
- "Faith To Live By" service at Haslingfield Methodist Church, Sunday 8th May at 10am: "Cottenham five years on" – Revd. Simon Oliver tells the story about the work since 2010 at Cottenham Community Centre as a pioneer minister to 20-40 year olds, and talks of plans for the second phase. Joys, struggles, failures, signs of hope.
- "A time for Remembrance" – service for anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in babyhood, or a child in childhood or adulthood: Wesley Methodist Church, Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Refreshments and crèche available.
- "Science Meets Faith": "God and DNA" with Prof. Keith Fox (University of Southampton, and Associate Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge), Wesley Methodist Church, Monday 9th May at 7.15pm for 7.45pm. For more information, visit [www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm).

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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