



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 10th July 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 10th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Barbara Garwood

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Prof. Judith Lieu

We pray... for the work of Action for Children

Wed 13th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 14th Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 15th Jul 13.30 FUNERAL OF JILL MCMILLAN

Sat 16th Jul 15.00-18.00 Summer social at the home of Kimberley and Chris Rayson (*see overleaf*)

Sun 17th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
John Baker

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Royston

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Luke 14: 15-24 (*page 74*)

Luke 10: 25-37 (*page 68*)

6.30pm: Exodus 19: 1-6 (*page 62*)

1 Peter 2: 4-10 (*page 222*)



Circuit service next Sunday evening

Next Sunday evening (17th July) at 6.30pm will be a united circuit service at Royston Methodist Church (in Queen's Road, not far from Royston railway station). At this service we will say farewell to Revd. Chris White, who is moving to Thetford, and thank him for his work here over the last seven years, including one year as circuit superintendent. The service will be preceded by a tea from 5pm to which all are invited.



Action for Children – appeal for “lantern” boxes to be returned

Action for Children (AfC) is the children's charity of the Methodist Church. It was founded in 1869 by Methodist minister Revd. Thomas Bowman Stephenson in response to the poverty and danger faced by vulnerable and destitute children and young people living rough on the streets of London. Today, AfC (formerly NCH – the National Children's Home) has grown to become a leading children's charity running over five hundred projects and working with more children and young people affected by poverty, disability and abuse than any other UK charity. 9th July is the anniversary of the opening of the first children's home, and today is therefore marked as Action for Children Sunday.

One way in which money is raised for AfC is through “lantern” home collecting boxes (formerly “League of Light” boxes), and Joyce Sharpe asks all of those who have these boxes to bring them in for emptying (if you have not already done so) – please hand them to Joyce, Mike or a steward. The big count-up can then be completed and a cheque sent to AfC. If you don't have a collecting box but would like one, please speak to Joyce.



MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged)

£65 was collected for MHA through the envelopes which were distributed in June. Most of the donations were gift aided which will add a further £13.75 to the Church's donation. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Summer social events

Inspired by many years of summer get-togethers to raise money for mission projects at home and abroad, we invite you to a series of summer socials in July and August which are as much about getting to know one another better as they are about raising money.

The first one will be tea and scones at Kimberley and Chris's house next Saturday (16th July) from 3pm until 6pm.

Please speak to Joanna if you'd like to host one of these socials... any day of the week, any time of day (up to 9pm). Keep an eye on the weekly notice sheet for updates, and there will also be a list posted on the church notice board.



Rotas – volunteers needed

The rotas have moved – they are now on a portable board which will be put in the hall after morning and evening services. If you are able to help with some of the tasks connected with our worship and fellowship – Bible reading during services; putting flowers in the church; organising coffee after services; welcoming people at the door; operating the sound and audio-visual systems – then please sign up. There are still blank spaces...



Charity Sale at Toft Methodist Church

This takes place on Saturday (16th July), from 10am to 1pm. Browse and buy a wide range of books, plants, cakes and quality assorted gifts. Proceeds will be divided between the Methodist Church and the Methodist Refugee Support Fund.



Forthcoming events in Church at Castle

The July / August *Castle View* contains more details of the following:

- Organ recital and lecture at St. Giles' Church on Thursday 14th July at 11am (refreshments from 10.30am) – given by Dr. Peter Harland.
- Brazilian Evening at St. Augustine's on Saturday 23rd July at 7.30pm – music by Elis Roseira and Catherine Bent, food by Neide's Deli and Adilia (of the Norfolk Street Bakery). Tickets cost £12 in advance – see *Castle View* for details of how to obtain them – or £15 on the door.

I wonder...

- is a place of imagination and creativity where children explore three famous Bible stories in a style called “Godly Play”.
- is a place of openness and listening which encourages each child to find their own meaning and respond to stories through words, art and play.
- is a place of friendship and caring, open to those of all faiths or none.

This summer holiday club will run over three weekly sessions (on Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th August, starting at 10.30am), offering two groups for children aged 3-6 and 7-11. Two to three adults will be present in each session which will last for around 60 minutes for the younger children and up to 90 minutes for the older group. Parents and younger children are welcome to stay and play in our coffee morning.

A cost of £2 per session covers children’s art materials and refreshments. To register, visit www.castlestreet.org.uk/I-wonder. Paper booking forms are also available.

Please spread the word – flyers are available – and support our new initiative by wrapping it in prayer.



Methodist Conference statement about racism and discrimination

Following the EU referendum last month, the recent Annual Conference of the Methodist Church passed a resolution about racism and discrimination, and asks for Methodists to contact their MPs about this matter.

The resolution can be read on the Church Action on Poverty website: visit <http://action.church-poverty.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=128&ea.campaign.id=53227&ea.tracking.id=partners> (sorry about the long and complicated URL). This webpage also provides an easy way to contact your MP.

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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