



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 17th 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 17th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
John Baker

Bible readings: Colossians 1: 15-28 (page 190)
Luke 10: 38-42 (page 68)

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Royston
(see also overleaf)

We pray... for our Circuit's rural churches

Wed 20th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 21st Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 24th Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Gillian Slaymaker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Circuit service tonight

This evening at 6.30pm is 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 "lantern" boxes

Action for Children (AfC) is the children's charity of the Methodist Church, and, with last Sunday being Action for Children Sunday, some details of its history and work appeared on the weekly notice sheet.

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 took place yesterday – thanks to Kimberley and Chris for hosting.

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.

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, call 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.



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...



Brazilian Evening at St. Augustine’s

Our friends at St. Augustine’s (Richmond Road) are holding a Brazilian Evening next Saturday (23rd July) at 7.30pm, with music by Elis Roseira and Catherine Bent, and food by Neide’s Deli and Adilia (of the Norfolk Street Bakery). Tickets cost £12 in advance or £15 on the door. For details of how to obtain tickets, please see the printed notices or the July / August *Castle View*.

Children's Spirituality: Exploring "Godly Play"

This day course is taking place next Saturday (23rd July) at St. Luke's, from 10am until 4pm. It is being run by Dr. Rebecca Nye; Rebecca is a researcher, consultant and author on children's spirituality, a child psychologist, and national co-ordinator for Godly Play UK.

Those attending will have the opportunity to experience "Godly Play" (a counter-cultural and imaginative approach to Christian language, story and worship); explore childhood's spiritual nature; and learn about meaningful spiritual nurture for all ages.

The cost is £25 per person (reduced to £20 per person when two or more book from the same organisation or church). To book places, please contact Sheila Rogers (e-mail: Sheila *dot* rogers *at* talktalk *dot* net). Note that lunch is not supplied on this day course.



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. This was mentioned during last Sunday morning's service.

The resolution can be read on the Methodist Church website: visit www.methodist.org.uk/mission/public-issues/national-life where you can also find an easy way to contact your MP.



Weekly notice sheet over the summer

A reminder that it is hoped to produce the weekly notice sheet every Sunday during the summer (with the possible exception of the last Sunday in August, when the morning service will be at St. Augustine's). Note, however, that the copy deadline may sometimes be earlier than usual.

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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