



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 2nd April 2017

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 2nd Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (page 738)
John 11: 1-45 (page 100)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Alan Ashton: "On a spiritual Rollercoaster"

Bible readings: As 10.45am, plus Romans 8: 6-11 (page 149)

We pray... for our housebound members

Wed 5th Apr 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Sun 9th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
(Palm Sunday) Judy Wynn

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Korean Presbyterian Church – important notice

Today we are pleased to welcome the Korean Presbyterian Church, who will be using our premises for worship and fellowship every Sunday afternoon. They will begin to arrive from about 1pm (we need to be out of the building by about 1.30pm) and will leave at about 6pm (in time for our evening service). During that time they will have use of the entire building, and this includes using the kitchen to prepare and serve a meal.

They will also have use of the car park – and there are likely to be cars parked down the centre. Any Castle Street cars left in the car park after about 1.30pm are at risk of being blocked in, although we still have priority. It is therefore suggested that any cars being left over lunch are parked as close to the gate end as possible; there are also a number of “Please do not block in” notices available for you to display in your windscreen.



Baptism of Gabriel Mensah last week

Auntie Charlotte, Gilbert, Marie, Aeva-Jessica, Ezekiel and Gabriel would like to thank all of the Castle Street congregation for adding to the joyous spirit of the Baptism with your prayers, presence and presents. You made Gabriel's day very special.



Table Talk

Table Talk has now finished for the term, and will resume again in May, but on Wednesday evenings again now that the CCHP has finished for this year. We must apologise that last week's final session was cancelled at short notice: it's unfortunate that the numbers attending each week are fairly low, and several of those regulars were unable to come along last week for a number of different reasons – so it was decided to postpone the last session of the course until next term. Sorry to anyone who was unaware.



Easter Breakfast sign-up sheet

There's a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard for anyone who plans to come to the Easter Breakfast at 9am on Easter Sunday (see *Castle View*), so we can get a rough idea of numbers – or let Chris Rayson know.

“I Wonder” for Easter

We are holding another “I wonder” storytelling session for children on Wednesday 12th April (that’s next week), this time on an Easter theme. As before, this event coincides with the usual Wednesday coffee morning.

Building on our successful events last summer and at Christmas, we are hoping to have quite a number of children joining us, and parents (with under threes) stopping off for a coffee and chat while their children are busy. We have enough volunteers to run the sessions for the children (though more are welcome if anyone is keen). However, we are still looking for more help with looking after the parents(!). This could include being an extra pair of hands in the kitchen, baking a cake for the coffee morning, playing with a toddler or just coming along to chat to whatever visitors we get. Please speak to Kimberley if you might be able to help.

Please also advertise the event to any families you know; there are flyers available. Everyone is warmly welcome, but booking is encouraged to avoid overcrowding – we were rather overwhelmed at Christmas and had to turn a few people away!



Holy Week and Easter Events

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and many of the events taking place at Castle Street and within Church at Castle can be found listed in the April *Castle View*, which was available from last Sunday.

One event which had not been advertised when *Castle View* went to press is an Easter Egg Hunt at St. Giles’ Church. It’s on Easter Monday (17th April) from 2pm to 4pm, and admission is free. There will be activities for all the family, and every child will receive an Easter activities book. The programme of events will include: craft activities – decorating cupcakes and making Easter bonnets; an Easter egg hunt in the garden; and a parade of Easter bonnets (with prizes). Refreshments will be available (for which there will be a modest charge). All are welcome.

Also, tickets (£4 adults, £2 children) for the Christian Seder Meal at St. Augustine’s on Tuesday 11th April can be obtained from Margaret Cooper (e-mail: mc dot golly at tesco dot net, or speak to Heather.

Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at Snape Maltings

Alison and Robin are considering organising a minibus (or bigger!) to Snape Maltings (in Suffolk), to enable people to travel to the Ipswich Choral Society performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, which Robin is conducting. It's on Saturday 29th April and starts at 7.30pm. The Halifax Choral Society are special guests. Tickets cost £16, £18 and £20 (students £8), but Alison thinks there is a small discount for any booked via the choir (or the conductor).

At this point Alison has no idea on the costs of a minibus – but if you might be interested could you please let her know as soon as possible. There's no commitment at this stage, but it will help to see if it makes sense to organise transport. Please share this with anyone who may be interested.



"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series is on Monday 10th April, when the speaker is Professor Ian McFarland, Regius Professor at the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. His topic is "Why did things happen? Science, faith and how we explain things." It starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there is a retiring collection.



Sunday morning Rotas

A reminder about the board with the various rotas on it, which is displayed during coffee after morning worship on Sundays. Please sign up to be door steward, reader, organise the flowers, operate the laptop, operate the sound system, or organise tea and coffee after the service. Thanks to those who have already volunteered their services.



Don't forget the Prayer Request Book...

...at the back of the church – please write in your prayer requests.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, by Thursday evening this week please.

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