



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 23rd 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 23rd Apr 09.30 UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE MORNING
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
*at St. Augustine's, Richmond Road***

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Colin Smith**

Bible readings: Psalm 16 (page 465); John 20: 19-31 (page 110)

We pray... for our calling to discipleship

Mon 24th Apr 19.30 Church Council

Wed 26th Apr 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 27th Apr 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**Sun 30th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Maggie Richardson**

**18.30 UNITED CIRCUIT EVENING WORSHIP
*at Wesley Methodist Church (see also overleaf)***

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

Reopening of Wesley House and Circuit Service next Sunday

To celebrate the reopening of Wesley House, there will be a circuit service at Wesley Methodist Church next Sunday (30th April) at 6.30pm. (There will be no evening service at Castle Street.) The service will be preceded by tours of Wesley House and a tea from 4pm to 5.45pm, while there will also be coffee and cakes after the service. Any contributions of food – sweet and savoury – would be much appreciated; please contact Mary Rycroft (e-mail: [mayrycroft at btinternet dot com](mailto:mayrycroft@btinternet.com)) if you can help. We hope that many of you will join us for this special occasion.

Information about the building work which has taken place at Wesley House as well as a list of what is taking place during the coming week can be found at www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/about/rededication/.



Public lecture: “Reformation and the end of Christendom – two visions”

As part of the series of events marking the rededication of Wesley House, this public lecture will be given by Prof. Eamon Duffy at Wesley Church tomorrow evening (Monday 24th April). It starts at 7.45pm and refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

William Tyndale, whose biblical work and literary genius formed the basis of almost all subsequent translations of the bible into English, was the most influential promoter of Luther’s reformation in Early Tudor England. Tyndale was implacably opposed by England’s greatest Catholic Humanist, Thomas More, even though More’s earliest theological writings were themselves eloquent defences of the biblical scholarship of his friend Erasmus, and advocated the wider availability of accurate texts of the scriptures. The lecture explores the contrasting understandings of the Christian church and its renewal which set More and Tyndale in opposition to each other.

Eamon Duffy is Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity in the University of Cambridge, and a fellow of Magdalene College. His books on the reformation include *The Stripping of the Altars*, *The Voices of Morebath*, and, most recently, *Reformation Divided: Catholics, protestants and the Conversion of England*.

Easter Offering envelopes

As is our usual custom on Easter Sunday, Easter Offering envelopes were handed out last Sunday. Thank you to those who have already made a donation and returned them. Anyone who is willing and able to make a contribution who has not yet done so is asked to return their filled envelope to the collection plate by next Sunday (30th April) please. The “Easter Offering” money goes towards the Methodist Church’s Fund for World Mission, and the money collected in the Cambridge Circuit will be dedicated at a future circuit service (provisionally scheduled for 4th June).



General Church Meeting

A reminder that the General Church Meeting – our AGM – will take place after the morning service in two week’s time (7th May). It’s the meeting that appoints church stewards and representatives to the church council – see the April *Castle View* for more details.



Quiz Evening at Histon Methodist Church, Friday 5th May at 7pm

A not-too-serious evening of questions, answers and refreshments for teams of up to eight people. Tickets cost £8 per person, and are available from the Histon church stewards, Histon’s Wednesday Community Coffee Shop, or Robin and Joy McCombie (telephone number on printed copies).



Coffee morning in Harlton, Saturday 6th May

There is to be an informal coffee morning and bring and buy sale in aid of the “Action for Children project” in Harston, on Saturday 6th May between 10.30am and 12.30pm at 92 High Street, Harlton. There are no fixed charges, but donations for will be welcome.



Four Easter Voices with The Eden Consort, Sunday 7th May

Music and the spoken word to allow quiet reflection on some of the events in and around the first Easter, through the eyes of four significant characters – Mary, Lazarus, Barabbas and Pilate. It’s at Bar Hill Church, Hanover Close (that’s beside the industrial area round the back of Tesco), and starts at 5.30pm. Entrance is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bar Hill Church (a Local Ecumenical Partnership, and part of the Cambridge Circuit). There will be refreshments afterwards.

“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this series of services takes place on Sunday 7th May at 6.30pm, and will be led by Revd. Charity Nzegwu. Her topic is “Finding God through pain”.

Charity is qualified General Nurse who specialised in Cancer and Palliative Care. She has held a variety of roles in the NHS including Staff Nurse, Senior Staff Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Chemotherapy, and Lead Nurse for Cancer. She contributed to the implementation of the NHS IT system working as a subject matter expert, with a focus on Clinical Systems for Cancer Services. She holds a Master’s degree in Advancing Cancer Nursing Practice and is currently studying for a BA in Theology, Mission and Ministry.

Charity was born and brought up in Zimbabwe, the eldest of six. Her father was a Methodist, and her mother, who had been a 7th Day Adventist until she married her father, became a strong Methodist. Her mother was keen for all of her children to grow up within the Christian tradition and to possess a strong Zimbabwean Methodist background.

As usual, the format of the evening will include a time of worship, an address, refreshments and informal discussion.



Cambridge City Foodbank – vacancy for Trustees

An opportunity has arisen for people with a desire to help those in need to use their skills by becoming a Trustee of Cambridge City Foodbank. In particular, individuals are sought who have experience in accountancy, fundraising, public relations (media and promotion) or human resource management. If you are interested in helping this important local charity to maintain the vision and strategy required to continue to meet the needs of those in crisis facing food poverty, please e-mail chair at ccfb_dot_org_dot_uk. More information at www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/news/.

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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