



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 30th 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 30th Apr 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Maggie Richardson

Bible readings: Luke 12: 13-35 (p. 71); 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (p. 221)

18.30 UNITED CIRCUIT EVENING WORSHIP

at Wesley Methodist Church (see overleaf)

We pray... for our ministers and local preachers

Wed 3rd May 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 4th May 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 7th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

12.15 General Church Meeting *(see overleaf)*

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.

Reopening of Wesley House and Circuit Service tonight

To celebrate the reopening of Wesley House, there will be a circuit service at Wesley Methodist Church tonight at 6.30pm. 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. We hope that many of you will go along to this special occasion.



General Church Meeting – next Sunday

As has been previously advertised, our General Church Meeting will take place next Sunday after the morning service – and will start immediately after coffee (with coffee cups still in hands!).

The main item of business is always a conversation about the life of the church, which will we shape around the four areas of “Our Calling”: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, Evangelism. There will also be a presentation of our finances. Additionally and importantly we elect the church stewards, the Church Council secretary, representatives on to the Church Council, and representatives to the Circuit Meeting. Everyone appointed is on an annual basis and can be re-elected if they so desire, for up to seven years (or longer by majority agreement). If you are currently in one of these roles and do not wish to be re-elected, please let Alison know as soon as possible.

We urgently need two more church stewards – please consider if God is calling you to this important role in the leadership of Castle Street church. The representatives elected last year to the Church Council are: Jane Dominey, Pam Fisher, Eileen Harrison, Denise McMillan, Edwin Panford-Quainoo, Bobby Harrison, David Wyatt, Rebekah Blyth, Martin Burchell (non-voting), Anna Williams, Joyce Sharpe, Heather Taplin, Ian Sutcliffe, John Boocock, Gordon McMillan. The Church Council may consist of up to fifteen representatives (in addition to the secretary, pastoral secretary, treasurer and stewards) – so there is plenty of space for anyone interested.

The representatives elected last year to the Circuit Meeting are: Senior Steward Chris Rayson, Treasurer Mike Sharpe, Pam Fisher and David Wyatt, with John Boocock as an authorised substitute. (As ever, Alison apologises if she has inadvertently included or omitted anyone from these lists – please let her know as soon as possible so she can correct them.)

There are a number of other roles and responsibilities which we affirm on an annual basis, either at the GCM or the autumn Church Council. This year we will also re-affirm our worship leaders (Mike Sharpe, Sarah Creeke and David Wyatt) at the GCM.

In the busy life of our church, there are a couple of other roles that we need to fill. Our team of Pastoral Visitors would welcome an additional person. The essential, but in a different way, responsibility of bookings management and car park bookings management also needs a new volunteer, as Mike Sharpe wishes to give up at the end of this Methodist year (August 2017). Mike's more than competent work ensures good use of our premises and brings in a good financial revenue that supports the maintenance of our premises and our mission.

The General Church Meeting is open to everyone who is part of our church. We do hope to see you there.



Baptism of Jessica Wallace on Sunday 14th May

The morning service in two weeks' time will be unusual for Castle Street in that it will include a full-immersion adult baptism. After the service, Jessica and family would like to invite everyone to join them for lunch in the church hall. To give an idea of numbers, please sign up on the list in the foyer. If you wish to contribute some food, please talk to Denise. Note that the Korean Presbyterian Church is meeting elsewhere that Sunday to allow us full use of the premises for longer than is normally now possible.



Easter Offering envelopes

This is the final call for the Easter Offering envelopes (given out on Easter Sunday) to be returned as soon as possible please (ideally in the offertory plate today, but, if that's not possible, next Sunday – or hand it directly to Mike Sharpe).



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 notices).

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 Mary, Lazarus, Barabbas and Pilate. It's at Bar Hill Church, Hanover Close, and starts at 5.30pm. Entrance is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Bar Hill Church. There will be refreshments afterwards.



"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – 7th May

The next in this series of services takes place next Sunday evening at 6.30pm, and will be led by Revd. Charity Nzegwu. Her topic is "Finding God through pain". Details can be found on last week's notice sheet.



Revd. Karen Hilsden

Some people may be aware that Karen Hilsden (Gordon McMillan's niece, and grand-daughter of the late Jill McMillan), who grew up at Castle Street and is now a Methodist Minister in Greater Manchester, had a brain scan in February which showed up a lesion. Following a severe headache and vision problems, she was admitted to Tameside Hospital this week where a second MRI has revealed tumour. The exact treatment is yet to be confirmed, but it may include surgery. Her mum and dad are with her, and Karen says that they have been overwhelmed by so much love through so many messages – and apologises if they don't manage to reply. She also says that her mum and dad have both been examples of facing serious illness, and it is in their example that they will journey together with family and friends – and also with faith as their strength.

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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