



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 13th August 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 13th Aug 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Lynn Taylor

Bible readings: Romans 10: 5-15 (page 151)

Matthew 14: 22-33 (page 15)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Colin Smith

Bible readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18 (page 310)

Matthew 14: 22-33 (page 15)

We pray... for the beauty of creation

Wed 16th Aug 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Sat 19th Aug from 14.30 Summer Social (*details overleaf*)

Sun 20th Aug 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rebekah Blyth and Rev. Alison Walker

Note: There is no "Forever Active" on Wednesday (more overleaf), and it is thought there is no Iona Service at St. Luke's next Sunday evening.

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

Junior Church and First Friends outing – this afternoon

All are invited to join the youngsters and their families on this visit to the Cambridge and District Model Engineering Society's miniature railway in Newnham, at one of their monthly public open days. It's located just behind the Cambridge Rugby Club, at the end of Fulbrooke Road, and there should be yellow direction signs. There is parking on site. The group from Castle Street will base themselves on a picnic blanket in the central grass area, and will be there from about 1.30pm. Admission to the site is free, with each train ride costing £1.50. All ages are welcome – from the very young to the very old.



Summer Social on Saturday afternoon (19th August)

The final summer social this year is next Saturday afternoon, from 2.30pm, at the home of the Williams family (address on printed notices and in *Castle View*). There will be tea and cake in the garden. A big thank you to all who have hosted these events this year – the total amount of money raised for the Methodist Church World Mission Fund will be announced in due course.



“I Wonder...” holiday club – Wednesday 23rd August

You may have read in *Castle View* that we shall soon be hosting another of our “I Wonder...” storytelling sessions involving “Godly play”. It starts at 10.30am, with registration from 10.15am, and lasts an hour – nicely overlapping with our normal Wednesday coffee morning.

Please join us in praying for the session, the children who will come and their families. If you come along to the coffee morning, please do welcome and chat with the parents who may be waiting in the hall while their children take part in the activities. There may also be some preschool siblings playing with toys in the hall.

If anyone is able to bake a cake or some tasty goodies to supplement the usual coffee morning fare, that would be much appreciated as there may be lots of people to enjoy the refreshments!

Finally, it's not too late to register to come, so if you have a family member, neighbour or friend who is aged between 3 and 10 years old, please do tell them about the session. More information from Kimberley.

No exercise class for three weeks

The “Forever Active” exercise class on Wednesday lunchtimes will not take place for the next three weeks (16th, 23rd and 30th August) because the instructor is away on holiday. It will resume on 6th September.



Harvest Weekend – 9th and 10th September

It may be several weeks away still, but preparations are underway for our harvest festival weekend, this year having an Indian theme under the guidance of Joy and Geoff Levine.

On Saturday 9th September at 7pm, we will look at the issues of agriculture and drought in India with an illustrated talk. Learning that 40,000 farmers have committed suicide because of drought in recent years, we made it our aim in February to explore this topic, which Joy and Geoff are glad to have the opportunity to share. The talk will be followed by an Indian meal and, hopefully, much discussion while we eat.

The all-age morning service on Sunday 10th September, led by Revd. Joy Levine, will depict farming and harvest celebrations in Tamil Nadu – both Christian and Hindu. We would be grateful for volunteers to help decorate the church on either the Friday evening or Saturday morning, and anyone willing to help is asked to contact Joy and Geoff by e-mail (geoflevine *at* aol *dot* com). Thank you to all who are already imaginatively and prayerfully thinking about this.



Bible Month 2017 – thirty days with James

Alison has been circulating details of a proposed four-week Bible study on the Letter of James, to start in early September – including a flier asking people what day and time (Thursday afternoon or evening, or Friday morning or evening) would be best for them, and whether they might host it (in their own home or at church). If you’ve not received a copy, please ask for one. The style of this Bible study is described as “inductive”, meaning that the discussion flows primarily from responses to the text. It is not an academic presentation of “things you must know”, but an exploration of how we view the texts in terms of our faith, our discipleship and our growth as Christians. More information about this Bible study can be found on the Methodist Church website at <http://bit.ly/1s6CweV>.

Prayer Handbook for 2017-18

The annual Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2017-18 is called "Jesus the First and Last" (see <http://bit.ly/2fzJvvY>), and runs from 1st September. If you would like to order one, please contact Sarah Creeke on or before next Sunday (20th August), stating whether you would like the standard size (A5) or large print size (A4). They are the same price – £3.95 each (or £3.50 each ten or more are ordered together).



Prayer Walk for Refugees – next Saturday

Details of this all-day 17-mile walk from Cambridge (Pembroke College) to Ely along the banks of the Rivers Cam and Great Ouse have appeared on the recent notice sheets. To find out more, contact James Gardom, Dean and Chaplain of Pembroke College, (e-mail: jtdg2@cam.ac.uk) or express your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/CamElyRefugee>.



Sunday 27th August

A reminder that the morning service in two weeks' time will be a Church at Castle united service. It will take place at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, starting at the slightly earlier time of 10.30am, and, as usual at these events, the service will include Holy Communion. There will be provision for children, and tea and coffee will be served afterwards. We hope that many of our normal morning congregation will go along and support our continued links with other Christians in this part of Cambridge. In addition, there will be no evening service at Castle Street on 27th August.

As previously indicated, there will be no notice sheet that Sunday, so next week's will be a double issue. Please send items by Thursday, or earlier.



Items for the September Castle View...

... should be with Anna (mattandannawilliams@yahoo.co.uk) or Cassie (cassandra.morris@miet.com) by Wednesday (16th August) please.

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

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