



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sundays 20th and 27th 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 20th Aug 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rebekah Blyth and Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: James 1 (page 217); Matthew 5: 1-16 (page 4)

We pray... for the message of the Bible

Wed 23rd Aug 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-11.30 "I Wonder..." holiday club *(see overleaf)*

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Sun 27th Aug 10.30 CHURCH AT CASTLE UNITED MORNING WORSHIP
at St. Luke's

We pray... for housebound members and friends

Wed 30th Aug 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

Sun 3rd Sep 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Phyllis Salmon

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Wesley
Preacher: Rev. Stephen Burgess

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

Services next Sunday and tonight

A reminder that the morning service next Sunday 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. Note that there will be no evening service at Castle Street next Sunday.

There is also no service this evening: being the third Sunday of the month, there would normally be an Iona Service at St. Luke's, but this has been cancelled for the holiday period.



"I Wonder..." holiday club – Wednesday 23rd August

We are hosting another of our "I Wonder..." storytelling sessions involving "Godly play". It's on Wednesday this week starting 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.



Exercise class taking a break

The "Forever Active" exercise class on Wednesday lunchtimes will not take place for the remainder of August because the instructor is away on holiday. It will resume on 6th September.

Circuit Service – Sunday 3rd September at 6.30pm

It has become a tradition in the Cambridge Circuit to hold a Circuit Service on the evening of the first Sunday of September, and this year we shall celebrate the long service of two of our local preachers – Prof. Morna Hooker-Stacey (sixty years) and Dr. Derek Nicholls (fifty years), neither of whom are strangers to us at Castle Street.

We shall also welcome back, as a supernumerary minister, Revd. Stephen Burgess – a previous circuit superintendent and also minister at Castle Street, who has recently “sat down” as Chair of the York and Hull District. The service will take place at Wesley Methodist Church, and Stephen will be the preacher. We do hope that folk from Castle Street will support this special occasion.



Harvest Weekend – 9th and 10th September

Preparations are underway for our harvest festival weekend, this year having an Indian theme under the guidance of Joy and Geoff Levine. There will be an article in the September *Castle View*, but that won't be out for another week or two, so make a note now.

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, in February we made it our aim 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.

We've had an offer for the meal to be specially cooked for us (and there should be some mild dishes available), and it would be helpful if those planning to come would sign up on the sheet which will appear on the notice board.

The all-age morning service on the Sunday, led by Revd. Joy Levine, will depict farming and harvest celebrations in Tamil Nadu – both Christian and Hindu. We'd be grateful for volunteers to help decorate the church on either Friday evening or Saturday morning; anyone willing to help is asked to contact Joy and Geoff by e-mail (geoflevine@aol.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 take place during September, and will talk more about it during this morning's service. If you've not received a copy, please pick up one from the back of the church. Alison is also trying to canvass opinion as to the best time to meet.

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 today (Sunday 20th August), stating whether you would like the standard size (A5) or large print size (A4). They are the same price – £3.50 each.



Re-imagine conference in St. Ives

A reminder about this event on Saturday 7th October, details of which appeared last month. If you'd like to book a place, please speak to Alison. For more information, visit reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com.



And finally...

Today is the last occasion when Rebekah will lead worship at Castle Street before she begins her training to become a Methodist presbyter. We wish her well, and look forward to seeing her again in the future.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on the notice sheet for Sunday 3rd September, ideally by the evening of Thursday 31st August.

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