



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 3rd September 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.*

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| <b>Sun 3rd Sep</b>  | <b>10.45 MORNING WORSHIP</b><br><b>Phyllis Salmon</b>                                       |
|                     | <b>18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Wesley</b><br><b>Preacher: Rev. Stephen Burgess</b>             |
|                     | <i>We pray... for new beginnings and God-filled futures</i>                                 |
| <b>Wed 6th Sep</b>  | 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship                                                    |
|                     | 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning                                                                  |
|                     | 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class                                                 |
| <b>Thu 7th Sep</b>  | 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group                                          |
| <b>Sat 9th Sep</b>  | 19.00 Indian-themed evening – talk and meal<br><i>(see overleaf)</i>                        |
| <b>Sun 10th Sep</b> | <b>10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP</b><br><b>– HARVEST FESTIVAL</b><br><b>Rev. Joy Levine</b> |
|                     | <b>18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><b>Rev. Dr. Brian Beck</b>              |

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

## **Bible readings for this morning's service**

Exodus 3: 1-15 (*page 47*)

Matthew 16: 21-28 (*page 17*)



## **Circuit Service this evening – 6.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church**

As has become a tradition at the start of the Methodist year, there will be a circuit service this evening at Wesley. The service will 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. Stephen will be the preacher.

There will be a circuit choir for the service, led by Geoff Batty and Brian Carter, and all singers will be most welcome to come along for a rehearsal before the service, at 5.30pm.



## **Harvest Weekend**

Next Sunday morning is our harvest festival, and this year we have 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. 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 on the notice board.

The all-age morning service on Sunday, led by Joy, will depict farming and harvest celebrations in Tamil Nadu – both Christian and Hindu.

There's more about our harvest weekend in the September *Castle View*.



## **Re-imagine conference in St. Ives**

A reminder about this event on Saturday 7th October, details of which several weeks ago. If you'd like to book a place, please speak to Alison. For more information, visit [reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com](http://reimaginemethodism.wordpress.com).

## **Joint service with the Cambridge Yeolim Church – three weeks’ time**

Most people will, we hope, be aware that we’re having a joint morning service with our Korean friends on Sunday 24th September, starting at 11am and being followed by lunch. The service will be a mixture of both traditions, and we do hope that everyone will come along. There will be a joint choir for the occasion to sing an anthem, and we hope to be able to rehearse together after the morning service on 16th September. Please have a word with Brian if you’d like to be involved or want to know more – but be aware he won’t be around next Sunday.



## **Bible Month 2017 – thirty days with James**

Times and venues for this four-week Bible study (more details of which can be found in the September *Castle View*) are now confirmed – they will take place on late Thursday afternoons in Barton, starting at 4pm (at either John and Sheila’s or Ruth and Martin’s house), with parallel sessions on Friday evenings at Castle Street, starting at 7.30pm.

The first sessions are this week (Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September), and the topic is chapter 1 of the Letter of James – “Doers of the Word”. It then misses a week, so the remaining three sessions will be on 21st and 22nd September (James 2: “Faith and Works”), 28th and 29th September (James 3: “Speech and Wisdom”), and 5th and 6th October (James 4: “Living for the Lord”). There’s still space for people to join either group. Don’t worry if you miss a week – just read the relevant chapter of James.



## **Events at other churches advertised in the September *Castle View***

- Free Alzheimer’s Workshop – Thursday 7th September, 10am to 1pm at Wesley Methodist Church.
- Ride and Stride for churches – Saturday 9th September (help needed between 10am and 5pm at Castle Street, to welcome visitors)
- Royston Fringe – events on Saturday 16th, Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, by 6pm on Thursday this week.

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