



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 22nd April 2018

*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 22nd Apr**      **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Prof. Morna Hooker-Stacey**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

*We pray... for our calling to discipleship*

- Wed 25th Apr**      10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

**Thu 26th Apr** 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

**Fri 27th Apr** 18.30 for 19.30 "Table Talk" (*see also overleaf*)

- Sun 29th Apr**      **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**
- 12.15 General Church Meeting
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Deacon Ian Murray**

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

## **Bible readings for today's services, and theme for this evening**

10.45am:

Ezekiel 34: 1-16 (*page 736*)

John 10: 7-18 (*page 99*)

1 John 3: 16-24 (*page 229*)

6.30pm:

Genesis 2: 4b-15 (*page 2*)

Job 12: 7-10 (*page 436*)

Matthew 6: 25-34 (*page 6*)

This Sunday is "Earth Day", and our evening service reflects on the importance of Creation and our theological and practical responses to the ecological issues we are facing.



## **General Church Meeting – next Sunday**

A reminder that this will take place after the morning service next Sunday (29th April) in the church hall. We hope that as many of our congregation as possible will stay – please grab a cup of tea or coffee and then take your seats so we can begin promptly. More details can be found in *Castle View*, but this meeting appoints representatives to the Church Council (which meets four times each year) and the church stewards. If you would like to know more about these roles, or would like to get involved, please have a word with Alison or one of the current stewards.



## **Table Talk**

"Table Talk" is our study group for the younger members of our church, and takes place on Friday evenings during the university term. We meet at 6.30pm for a simple cooked meal (please let Alison know if you want to eat), with the discussion starting at about 7.30pm. For those who are hoping to make it to Table Talk this term, please take home a copy of the small book *Christ and the Chocolaterie*, which also contains a termcard – they're in the vestry. Also take a red cube, and, if you haven't already, a red postcard from the vestibule table and the small booklet *Day by Day*.



## **Methodist Women in Britain Spring District Day in Ipswich**

A reminder that this is taking place this coming Thursday (26th April), as advertised previously, and that Lynn and Jim Taylor are organising transport (e-mail: lynngtaylor at btinternet dot com).

## **Easter Offering envelopes**

Thank you to those who have already made a contribution towards the “Easter Offering”, supporting the Methodist Church’s World Mission Fund. Further donations would be gratefully received – please place your envelope in the offertory plate this week or next, or hand it to a steward or Mike Sharpe. If you’ve lost the envelope you were given on Easter Sunday (or were not here), then please ask for one.



## **District Celebration: “Day by Day in Worship and Mission”**

This special service is taking place in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral (Bury St. Edmunds) on Saturday 5th May, starting at 6.30pm (with tea, coffee and cakes from 5pm). The guest speaker will be Revd. Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference. More details can be found in *Castle View*.

The Cambridge Circuit is organising a coach, which will pick up at Royston town hall at 3.15pm, Trumpington Park and Ride at 3.45pm and Milton Park and Ride at 4pm. If you’d like to go on the coach, for which there is no charge, please contact Angus Campbell (e-mail: anguscampbell at btinternet dot com) as soon as possible – three days ago there were only five places left, although if there is sufficient demand a second coach may be booked (the decision will be made this coming Friday, 27th April).



## **New house group – coming soon**

Joy Levine is organising a new house group for adults, to provide a forum for exploration of the Bible and with frank and open opportunity to discuss issues in a Christian context. The group would initially meet on four Friday evenings, starting at 7.30pm, and provisional dates are 11th and 25th May and 8th and 22nd June – although these dates are still to be confirmed and Joy is happy to rethink if they are not convenient.

More details will appear in the May *Castle View* and on the weekly notice sheet when dates are confirmed. If you’d like to know more now, have a word with Joy.

## Christian Aid Week

On Sunday 13th May we shall be marking Christian Aid Week. For many years, Castle Street folk were involved in house-to-house collections, but recently we have replaced that with food-related activities (what else?).

This year, instead of holding a special lunch, we shall have cakes – to eat while you have coffee after the morning and evening services, or to take away (cling film will be available at no extra charge). The suggested minimum donation per piece of cake is £1. All contributions of cakes, pastries or biscuits will be gratefully received for that day. Thank you.



## Film night: *Fire in the Blood*

Global Justice Cambridge is screening the 2013 film *Fire in the Blood* in St. Barnabas Old School Hall (St. Barnabas Road, Cambridge) at 7.45pm this Friday (27th April). *Fire in the Blood* is an account of on how a remarkable coalition took on Western companies and governments to unlock access to life-saving HIV / AIDS medicines for people in the Global South.

Contributors include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Clinton, Joseph Stiglitz, Dr. Denis Broun (AIDS expert, former member of the World Health Organisation), and Dr. Peter Frost (former Vice President of pharmaceutical company Pfizer). Admission is free, but donations towards screening costs are welcome. Register at <http://bit.ly/2EkQ1xj>.



## Some dates for May – more detail nearer the time

- Geoff Levine will be the speaker at Wesley's "Science Meets Faith" on Monday 14th May, talking about diabetes management in the context of holistic health care in a developing country (such as India).
- "Leaving Prison in Faith": three short films (followed by discussion) about four people of faith and their journeys out of prison, on Wednesday 23rd May at 7pm, at the Old Divinity School, St. John's College (organised in part by Jane Dominey).

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

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