



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 20th May 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 20th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Carole Irwin

18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Wesley

We pray... for Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Tue 22nd May 19.00 ReImagine: the next step *(see overleaf)*

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

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 24th May 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 25th May 18.30 for 19.30 "Table Talk"

19.30 Storey's Way House Group *(see overleaf)*

Sun 27th May 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Local arrangement – a mystery to be revealed

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

Bible readings for this morning's service

Acts 2: 1-21 (*page 113*)

John 15: 26 - 16: 15 (*page 105*)



Easter Offering – Circuit Service 6.30pm this evening

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter Offering; Castle Street collected a total of £160 to support the Methodist Fund for World Missions. This will be “brought forward” at tonight’s Circuit Service at Wesley Church. The theme of the service will be “Seek peace and pursue it”, and it will use materials prepared by Methodist Women in Britain. Refreshments will be served before the service, from 5.30pm.



ReImagine: the next step – meeting this Tuesday evening

The May *Castle View* contains an article about this meeting, to formulate a response to the ReImagine Forum held in St. Ives back in October. Please read the piece in *Castle View* and respond to it, and, if you can, come along on Tuesday evening and join in the discussion (it starts at 7pm).

But the important thing is to put forward your ideas – pass them to Cassie before Tuesday or bring them along on the night, but otherwise keep them to yourself (for now).



New “Storey’s Way” house group – starts this week

The new house group being organised by Joy Levine, advertised on recent notice sheets and in the May *Castle View*, will commence this coming Friday (25th May). The venue will be 1 Storey’s Way (not church), and it will start at 7.30pm. The plan is to finish at about 9pm, but people are welcome to stay for tea or coffee. The group will meet again on Fridays 8th, 22nd and 29th June (note there is only one week between the third and fourth sessions). This is an open group, but only suitable for adults.

The group will be thinking about “call” in relation to Exodus. It is a fascinating story and, in one way or another, impacts on us all. All are welcome, although Joy says it would be helpful to know who to expect – but you can go along to any of the sessions you can make, and don’t need to attend them all.

Next Sunday morning's service

Next Sunday morning we celebrate the confirmation and reception into membership of Kirk Baillie, and the official transfer of membership for Yaa and Yaw Kwateng, and their children Kobby and Kasey. All five have already been part of the Castle Street community for some time, so now we are making it official. We rejoice in their presence at Castle Street and we pray for Kirk as he makes an important step on his journey of faith.



General Church Meeting

The General Church Meeting on 29th April was very positive, and we had lots of people volunteering to do things. However, in all the excitement Alison forgot to call for an official vote to elect the new volunteers. We will therefore hold a single-item GCM immediately after the service on Sunday 10th June, to elect the new people to their roles. The GCM elects people to be Church Stewards, to the Church Council (automatically including the Church Stewards), and to the Circuit Meeting.

There were no new volunteers to be Church Stewards, but the existing team of Brian, Denise, Edwin, Chris and Simon were to be re-elected. Elliot Carmichael was to be elected to the Church Council, while Kimberley Rayson (Pastoral Secretary), Mike Sharpe (Treasurer), John Boocock, Jane Dominey, Eileen Harrison, Bobby Harrison, Gordon McMillan, Heather Taplin, Anna Williams and David Wyatt were to be re-elected. The Circuit Meeting representatives were to be Edwin Panford-Quainoo, John Boocock and Heather Taplin.

Yaa and Yaw Kwateng, Gordon McMillan and Kirk Baillie agreed to be Vestry Stewards (supporting the Church Stewards at Sunday services); this voluntary role, although important in helping things run smoothly, does not require a formal vote.

We also discussed starting a Sunday morning prayer meeting. The GCM agreed that this would take place every Sunday morning in Aldersgate, starting in July. In addition, one evening service per month would be given mainly to prayer. Elliot Harris volunteered to assist with the morning prayer meeting; other people are also sought for the morning and evening prayer times.

Message from Janet Allen

There's a message from Janet Allen about her mother on the printed notices (it also appeared last week), which is not reproduced on the on-line version for privacy reasons. If you want to know the message and can't access a printed copy at church, please contact the editor.



Wesley Historical Society – “Destination Rome”

Revd. Jacqui Horton will give a talk about the lives and mission of Revd. Henry and Mary Ellen Piggott next Saturday (26th May) at Trinity Methodist Church, Lowestoft, starting at 3pm (the church will be open from 2pm). All are welcome.



Events elsewhere, listed in the *May Castle View* – all this week

- Mon 21st May: “Faith in the Arts” at Wesley Church – “Poetic Faith: Sounding the depths with Samuel Taylor Coleridge” with Revd. Malcolm Guite. 7.45pm start (refreshments from 7.15pm).
- Wed 23rd May: “Leaving Prison in Faith” – three short films about four people of faith and their journeys out of prison. Old Divinity School, St. John's College. Organised in part by Jane Dominey.
- Thu 24th May: Testimony Service for Revd. Charity Nzegwu, at Royston Methodist Church, starting at 7pm.



Green Christian “On the road together” event – Saturday 2nd June

Details of this event, at St. Barnabas Church, Mill Road, appeared on last week's notice sheet. To reserve a place, visit www.greenchristian.org.uk and book via Eventbrite, or contact Howard Gardner (e-mail: howardgardner@greenchristian.org.uk).

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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