



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sunday 1st July 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 1st Jul 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Dr. Derek Nicholls

Bible readings: 2 Corinthians 8: 9-15 (page 173)

Mark 5: 21-43 (page 38)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

"Praying the Beatitudes" *(also see overleaf)*

We pray... for the work of our Methodist Conference

Wed 4th Jul 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Church Council

Thu 5th Jul 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 8th Jul 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Kimberley Rayson

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alison Walker

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

This evening's service

The first of our Sunday evening interactive prayer-themed services, entitled "Praying the Beatitudes: exploring Christ's words through interactive prayer", takes place tonight – in the church hall. In addition to hymns and readings as usual, there will be four prayer stations to visit.



Summer socials

Following the Teddy Bears' Picnic last Sunday afternoon, Kimberley and Chris are hosting tea and cake in their garden (address in *Castle View* or on the printed notices) this coming Saturday (7th July), from 2.30pm.

There are still plenty of slots available (any day of the week) if you'd like to host a garden party, barbecue, cream tea, quiz evening or any other open house event – add the details to the sheet on the noticeboard or speak to Anna. As well as being great opportunities to get to know one another better, they're also fund-raising events for church mission projects at home and abroad.



Action for Children collection boxes

Action for Children (AfC) Sunday is next week (8th July). This is the time of year when the "lantern" collection boxes held by a number of our congregation are emptied, the donations aggregated and the proceed sent to AfC to support their varied work in helping deprived young people and their families.

Could the lovely people who have a collection box please bring them into church one Sunday in July and hand them to a steward who will make sure that they are passed to Joyce Sharpe for emptying. If anyone would like to make a single donation to AfC then please place this in an envelope with AfC on the front (any cheques should be made payable to Castle Street Methodist Church), and put it in the normal offering plate.

Finally, two members of our congregation have volunteered to hold a collection box recently which is really encouraging. There are some spare boxes which are seeking good homes, so if anyone would like to have one of these then please let Joyce know.

Thank you on behalf of AfC.

Haslingfield Strawberry Fair, this Friday (6th July), 5pm to 7.30pm

A delicious buffet, barbecue, and of course strawberries and cream await visitors to this year's Strawberry Fair in the garden at Haslingfield Methodist Church (inside if wet). The event includes games and various stalls to support this year's charities of Little Owls, Haslingfield Methodist Church, and the Arthur Rank Foundation. All are welcome; admission is by a voluntary contribution to the Foodbank.



Castle Hill Open Day – Saturday 21st July, 12 noon until 5pm

The July / August *Castle View* contains an article about this event, which will see a number of local organisations opening their doors to the public. John Boocock is appealing for help with various things in our own church, including making cakes, serving refreshments, and general stewarding.



Coming soon (see the July / August *Castle View* for details)

- Sun 8th July: "Moments of Reflection" exhibition at St. Peter's Church
- Sat 21st July: Friends of Wesley House Garden Party
- Sat 28th July: Bring-and-share barbecue at the manse



Weekly Notice Sheet over the summer

As we reach July, the summer holidays are fast approaching. The July / August double issue of *Castle View* has already been published, and contains details of events as far ahead as September (and even October and November!). But there are lots of things that have yet to be finalised, so do keep your eyes on the weekly notice sheet – also available to download from the church website.

It is intended to publish the WNS every Sunday, but once the school holidays begin the deadline for items will move forward to Wednesday – to allow extra time for production if the editor is not at home at 10pm on Saturday! Please keep the notices coming.

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

Tel: (01954) 782 762

E-mail: notices at castlestreet dot org dot uk