

Bible Readings for today's services

10.45am: Genesis 28: 10-17 (page 23); 1 Peter 2: 4-10 (page 222)

6.30pm: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-13 (page 319); 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 (page 202)



Norman Chapman, RIP

The funeral of Norman Chapman will take place on Friday (18th October) at 12.15pm in the East Chapel at Cambridge Crematorium.



“A Faith to Live By” – Why should we bother with John Wesley?

Methodism traditionally looks back to John Wesley as the founder. Is that a good thing? Is it misleading? Is it distracting from the job of sharing the gospel today? Is it ecumenically embarrassing? Do we really know what we are talking about when we trot out his name? Revd. Dr. Brian Beck – a past President and former Secretary of the Methodist Conference, and no stranger to Castle Street – will attempt to answer those questions this evening (Sunday 13th) at 6.30pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church.



“Science meets Faith” – A Quaker Astronomer Reflects

Tomorrow evening (Monday 14th October) Prof. Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell FRS (from the University of Oxford) will speak on this topic at Wesley Methodist Church. Refreshments are served from 7.15pm, with the talk beginning at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection for the three charities Wesley has been supporting during its centenary year.



“Big Issues” – Music Therapy in the Twenty-First Century

On Thursday 24th October Helen Odell-Miller will explore this topic at Histon Methodist Church. Doors open at 7pm (with tea and coffee) ready for a 7.30pm start, with further refreshments – including tempting desserts – served later in the evening. The programme for November can be found at www.cambridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk/churchesHistonDiary.htm.



Baptism

The morning service on Sunday 27th October will include the baptism of Leonell Manuel Yambasu (grandson of Emmanuel).

Cambridge City Foodbank film

The Cambridge City Foodbank is presenting *Poor kids*, a film made for BBC2 by Bafta award winning director Jezza Neumann at the Arts Picturehouse tomorrow evening (Monday 14th October) at 7pm. The showing will be followed by a Q&A session between the director and David Maher, Vicar of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury.

The hour-long film shows how poverty blights the lives of four children through lack of food, bullying, bad living conditions. Their stories are told directly by them, accounts which are articulate and moving. To book, call 0871 902 5720 or go on-line to the Arts Picturehouse Cambridge website.



Haslingfield charity fair – Saturday 16th November

Would you like to raise money for your favourite registered charity? Then why not apply for a stall at this year's Charity Fair at Haslingfield Methodist Church on Saturday 16th November between 11am and 2pm. This could be an opportunity to sell Christmas items, or perhaps you have an original fundraising idea. There is no charge for a stall.

For an application form for a stall, please contact either Brenda Horrell (tel.: (01223) 207 569, e-mail: brendahorrell@rocketmail.com) or Christine Kipping (tel.: (01223) 870 227, e-mail: grahamkippling@aol.com).

The Fair was a great success last year and the combined total raised was over £1,500 – and everyone enjoyed the refreshments that were on offer! With your support, this year's event could be even better.



Night Haven / Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

There is an article on this in the October *Castle View* (available today), and details were given on last week's notice sheet. Volunteers are needed to run this at Castle Street on alternate Thursday evenings. There is an initial training session for anyone thinking of volunteering, on either Monday 21st October at 7.30pm at Emmanuel URC, or Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm at Little St Mary's. Please read the article, and speak to Anne Littlefair if you think you can help in any way.

In the words of Ank Rigelsford: "This is an inspired and practical way to show God's love in action. Let us make the most of it!"

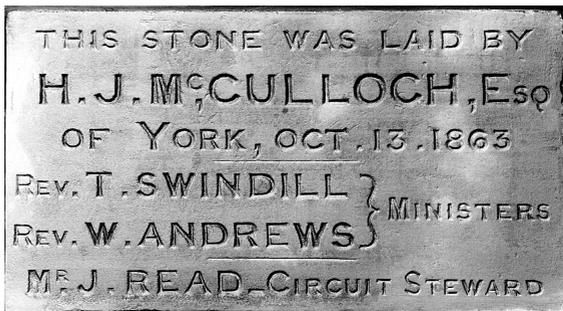
Chapel Anniversary

With today being our Chapel Anniversary, and the centenary of our present building rapidly approaching, the two paragraphs below are reproduced (slightly edited) from a 1959 booklet celebrating two hundred years of Methodism in the Cambridge area:

The Primitive Methodist work, started in 1811 by Hugh Bourne and William Clowes in Tunstall, spread from the Potteries to Nottingham, Leicester and Lincoln. The work in Cambridge was started by one Joseph Reynolds, who held open-air meetings at Castle End in 1820 or 1821. The first chapel was built in 1823 in St. Peter's Street, on the back part of where Castle Street Church now stands.

The Castle Street society has had a wonderful and varied history. It was the scene of the first Primitive Methodist preaching in Cambridge, with the first chapel built in 1823. In 1829 it was decided to give up the pulpit pew to the singers and thus started the choir. The chapel was rebuilt on the same site in 1841 and again in 1863, whilst in 1914 the long-felt desire for a bigger chapel was realised. The earliest list of members, dated 1832, numbered thirty-five. The church, like Hobson Street and Wesley, has a fine record of work among members of the University.

Foundations from the 1863 chapel form part of the foundations of our present building – which celebrates its centenary next year – and the 1863 foundation stone (right) – laid one hundred and fifty years ago today – is still visible and was renovated during the 2010 refurbishment. If you don't know where it is, why not try to find it after the service today...



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

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