



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 9th March 2014

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 9th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Dan Woodhouse and Rev. Alan Ashton

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Deborah McVey

We pray... for our ecumenical partnership

Mon 10th Mar 14.00 Lent Course: "Time to talk of God" (*see overleaf*)

Tue 11th Mar 19.30 *Wildfire* rehearsal (*see overleaf*)

Wed 12th Mar 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

14.30 Lent at Storey's House (*see overleaf*)

Thu 13th Mar 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 16th Mar 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Phyllis Salmon

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.
Henriette Wentinck

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

Themes and Bible Readings for today's services

10.45am: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

Luke 4: 1-15 (page 58); Luke 5: 12-16 and 6: 12-16 (page 59)

6.30pm: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, 16-25 (page 156); Luke 15: 1-10 (page 74)



Lent Course: "Time to talk of God"

With Ash Wednesday having just passed, this year's Lent course gets underway this week in four venues:

- Monday afternoons (2-4pm) at Castle Street;
- Wednesday evenings at St. Luke's;
- Thursday afternoons (1.30-3.20pm) at Haslingfield Methodist Church;
- Thursday evenings (7.45-9.45pm) in the homes of various members of Sturton Street (ask Revd. Alison Walker for details).

A reminder that each group will study the same material each week, so it's possible to swap groups for the odd session if necessary.

For the first one, Alison is asking people to bring a couple of items, if possible. The first is very simple – your Methodist membership ticket, if you have one. The second is anything which in anyway symbolises your own discipleship – and of course be prepared to explain why you have brought it. This object could be anything with a special meaning to you – it may remind you of a particular moment which is important to your faith, or a person, or an insight. It may in itself express something about your own discipleship. The choice is yours!



Lent at Storey's House: "With Jesus in the Upper Room"

The Church at Castle-run Lent course at Storey's House also gets underway this week, on Wednesday afternoons starting at 2.30pm. "With Jesus in the Upper Room" is based on David Winters' reflections for Lent and Easter, using chapters 13 to 17 of the Gospel of St. John. As well as the residents of Storey's House and Edward House, it is open to all at Church at Castle. Each session lasts about forty-five minutes, and is followed by tea or coffee and biscuits. This week's theme, "The full extent of his love", is based on John 13: 1-17. More details can be found in *Castle View*.

Wildfire

More singers are still needed to join the group planning to perform the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire* at Castle Street on the evenings of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May – and especially men. Please spread the word around to anyone you think might be interested – and arm-twisting is definitely encouraged! The next rehearsal is on Tuesday this week (11th March), at 7.30pm, and dates of future rehearsals will appear on the church website. For more information, speak to Brian Carter.



New Foodbank Distribution Centre in Chesterton

In May 2014, the Cambridge City Foodbank will be opening a new distribution centre in Chesterton. Supported by local churches, it will be open every Tuesday morning at Chesterton Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed, and especially potential team leaders – if you think you can help, please contact Deacon Ian Murray (e-mail: deacon.cmc@gmail.com, office tel.: (01223) 424 428, manse tel.: (01223) 240 360). May might be several weeks away, but offers of help are needed now in order to make sure that the project can be up and running.



“A Faith To Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this series of services takes place next Sunday evening (16th March) at 6.30pm. It will be led by Revd. Bernard Arnold, whose theme is “Science and Christianity: do they conflict or complement?”.

There seems to be an increasingly common view that science has done away with religion, in particular Christianity. We will reflect on the extent to which this is true and look at issues that some scientists find difficult in accepting the Christian faith. We will also look at whether we can address their objections. Bernard Arnold has served in Methodist ministry for forty years including overseas, and for many years has been interested in science and its relationship with Christian theology. Bernard is conscious of a growing gap in understanding between science and faith and believes the church is failing to cope with this gap.

The format of the evening will be a time of worship and the address, followed by refreshments and discussion. All are very welcome.

“The Big Issues” – Congo Calling!

On Thursday 13th March in Histon Methodist Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm, the next in this regular series of talks will celebrate the return of Leo, Hilary, Kat and Zoe Cheng from their recent trip to *Africa Mercy*, a Mercy Ship in Africa. Leo will talk about his surgical experiences and those he has been able to help onboard the hospital ship. Hilary will talk about the time she spent ministering to patients and their families, both on the ship and as she travelled out to townships around Pointe Noire. Based on previous talks, this promises to be an incredibly powerful and moving evening – one not to be missed. Admission is free.



“Science meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

As part of this week’s Cambridge Science Festival, tomorrow evening (Monday 10th March) Dr. Conor Cunningham of Nottingham University will consider the topic “Only Christians believe in evolution, atheists don’t.” Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm, with the lecture starting at 7.45pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.



Lands of the Bible Cruise

A reminder of the publicity meeting for this cruise (from 24th October to 5th November) at Wesley Methodist Church on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm. Full details appeared on the notice sheet for 23rd February.



MRDF – future plans and new identity

The Chief Executive of MRDF (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund), and a Director from one of its Partner Organisations, will launch the future plans of MRDF and preview its new identity at Methodist Central Hall, London, on Tuesday 8th April at 5pm. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving commencing at 4pm. If you are interested in attending, please ring Rebecca Branch on (020) 7467 5132.

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

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