



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 1st March 2015

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 Mar** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alison Walker
- We pray... for the work of Tearfund*
- Mon 2nd Mar 19.30 "What makes a Methodist?": Holy Communion
- Wed 4th Mar 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- Thu 5th Mar 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group
- 19.00 for 20.15 "Thursday Table Talk": Ridicule
- Fri 6th Mar** **14.30 SERVICE FOR WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
(see overleaf)
- Sun 8th Mar** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker & Rebekah Blyth
- 18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**
Rev. Deborah McVey

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Psalm 145: 3-5 (*page 537*)

6.30pm: Psalm 22: 23-31 (*page 469*)

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (*page 12*)

Mark 8: 31-38 (*page 42*)



Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March

There will be a service for the Women's World Day of Prayer at Castle Street this coming Friday at 2.30pm. Both men and women are invited. The service will last around forty-five minutes, and will be followed by light refreshments. For further details, see Pam Fisher.



Lent activities

Although we're now a week and a half into Lent, it's not too late to join in with either of the two activities described on previous notice sheets...

See Joyce Sharpe to obtain your quirky calendar for Lent, and help raise money to support the work of Action for Children. Each day has the opportunity to make a donation related to the blessings we have received.

Alternatively (or additionally?) visit www.40acts.org.uk to sign up for "a challenge a day". Each day you'll receive an e-mail with a reflection and a generosity challenge.



Real Easter Eggs

Out of the eighty million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter. The Meaningful Chocolate Company, which makes The Real Easter Egg, gives a sizeable donation from profits and Fairtrade Premium fees to their farmers. This allows them to invest in their community, buying everything from school books to solar panels and providing fresh water.

The Real Easter Egg is now in its fourth year of production with more than 400,000 sold so far. If you're interested in buying any Real Easter Eggs through Traidcraft this year, please contact Martin Burchell.

Cambridge History Festival, and a new book

The Cambridge History Festival continues over the next few days, with three more talks at Castle Street, all starting at 7pm:

- Mon 2nd Mar: “Oliver Cromwell, Hero or Villain?” (David Smith)
- Tue 3rd Mar: “The History of the Cambridge News” (Chris Elliott)
- Wed 4th Mar: “A History of Mill Road” (Becky Proctor)

Tickets cost £7.50 (£5 concessions) for each one.

Related to the history of our part of Cambridge, a new book has recently been published – *Down Your Street (volume 3)*, by Sara Payne. Thirty years ago, encouraged by editor Colin Moule, Sara wrote articles for the *Cambridge Weekly News* about various streets of interest in Cambridge. She has just updated those for West Cambridge, and they make fascinating reading! We have a number of copies at the discounted price of £15. Get your copy from John Boocock, Mike Sharpe or Heather Taplin.



Histon quiz night

Histon Methodist Church is holding a not-too-serious Quiz Night on Friday March 6th at 7pm. Bring your friends (safety in numbers... and you can fill each other’s knowledge gaps) – come in teams of up to eight, or just join a team on the night. Tickets cost £8 including refreshments – a hearty ploughman’s style buffet – and can be booked with Robin and Joy McCombie (tel. 01223 232 391).



Fundraising Concert in aid of Romsey Mill

Whittlesford Community Gospel Choir is holding a fundraising concert for Romsey Mill, to help it reach more vulnerable and disadvantaged families and young people in Cambridge. It will take place on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church. Tickets cost £10 (£5 for under 18s), and are on sale at www.eventbrite.co.uk or from Romsey Mill.



Next Sunday road closures – Cambridge Half Marathon

Watch out for road closures next Sunday morning – including Chesterton Road westbound and, for a period, Elizabeth Way northbound.

An Impossible God – Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm

Tickets will be available very soon for the performance of this one-man passion play at Castle Street during Holy Week. Written by Frank Topping and performed by Mark Topping, the play explores the hopes and dreams of those who witnessed events beyond their understanding. More details can be found in the February *Castle View*. Tickets, costing £8, will be available from the stewards – please spread the word.



The Cambridge Passion

This powerful and moving play, telling the story of the final week in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, comes to Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Trumpington Street on the evenings of Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March, starting at 7.30pm. Staged by students from Westcott House, *The Cambridge Passion* tells the story of this world-changing week in a fresh, entertaining and dynamic way.

Tickets cost £7; they can be obtained from the ADC Theatre Box Office (tel.: 01223 300 085) or online at www.cambridgepassion.co.uk (where more information can also be found). All profits will go to charity. Seven portions of the play were broadcast on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire last Sunday, and can be heard at www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02jycbs (or follow the link from www.cambridgepassion.co.uk).



From the Circuit Diary...

- “Science Meets Faith”, Monday 9th March, 7.15pm for 7.45pm at Wesley Methodist Church: “How Stephen Hawking’s views are surprisingly close to theistic belief”, presented by Professor Keith Ward, University of Oxford.
- “Big Issues”, Thursday 12th March, 7.30pm at Histon Methodist Church: “Dementia and the associated issues”, presented by Mike Francis and Julie Campbell.

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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