



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 25th October 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 25th Oct 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
John Boocock

Bible readings: Mark 10: 46-52 (page 45)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Tess Maddin

Bible readings: Luke 18: 9-14 (page 77)

1 Corinthians 14: 1-25 (page 166)

We pray... for all who serve our church

Wed 28th Oct 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 29th Oct 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" – "Eat, Pray, Share" session 2

Sun 1st Nov 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

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.

“Faith to Live” By at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this series of special Sunday evening services takes place next Sunday evening (1st November) at 6.30pm, and will be led by Revd. Dr. Michael Wilson. The subject is “Paul Jeffries – God’s silent servant?”.

Paul Jefferies was Michael Wilson’s father-in-law. As a schoolboy he became convinced that God was calling him to China. He got there in 1943, and worked in Hunan as a Methodist missionary through the Japanese war and then the Revolution. Expelled in 1950, he was posted to Hong Kong for fourteen years, where he worked in the Chinese refugee community. In 1964 he helped set up and then became the founding dean of the Chung Chi Divinity Faculty of Hong Kong University. This talk is a modified version of the lecture given by Michael Wilson in honour of Paul at Chung Chi on 19th March 2015. The Paul Jefferies Scholarship, inaugurated that day, has been created to bring Hong Kong Methodist students back to Wesley House, where Paul originally trained for Christian ministry.



Table Talk

A reminder that “Table Talk” continues this week and every Thursday evening until the start of December. This week’s will be session 2 of the “Eat, Pray, Share” series looking at Holy Communion; next week’s (5th November) will probably involve watching the fireworks on Jesus Green and then going on somewhere for refreshments afterwards.

As ever, these sessions are open to everyone. We meet at 7pm for a simple supper. About 8pm we have coffee and cake, and then we start our discussions with some worship. You are welcome to join us at 7pm or 8pm as best suits you. We finish our discussions at 9pm then those that can stay help clear up, or if you need to go home, you go home.

Meals are simple food to share, a suggested donation is made (usually about £2 to £2.50) and the people who have cooked are reimbursed the expense. Do come and join us!



Christmas Charity Fayre at Haslingfield

This takes place on Saturday 7th November, starting at 11am.

Methodist work with migrants in Europe – e-mail sent by Alison

As part of the European Methodist Council, Revd. Alison Walker is part of a workgroup looking at how the churches help each other to respond to the needs of migrants. This is part of an e-mail she sent out this week:

“The Macedonian Methodist Church, although small, is working in the camp on the Greek border to provide warm, dry clothes, items for babies, and will soon be cooking hot meals in the nearby city of Strumica and working with another NGO to transport it to the camp. Still 10,000 people PER DAY are entering Macedonia. However the Hungarian border is closed, the Slovenia and Croatian borders are semi-closed. The Macedonia government does not want to encourage people to stay long in the camp, so conditions are basic. This little church has responded generously, supported by its own members and funds from the British and German Methodist churches, amongst others. The Macedonian Church may be able to welcome practical donations of clothes etc, but it is likely that any goods will be taxed on the border, so still the best means of support is via the Methodist Refugee Support Fund.

“In Sweden, the church is involved with welcoming the 100,000 people coming from Syria and other countries. Churches are being used to provide food, clothes, medical appointments and sleeping. The government is also setting up places to stay. Shops have sold out of beds! It is “an extraordinary situation”.

“The Italian Methodist Church, working in its usual partnership of seven protestant churches, has now opened two desks (in Lebanon and Morocco), working with the Community of Sant’Egidio (Roman Catholic), and planning to welcome 250 people directly from Africa into Italy. 125 will be hosted by each organisation.

“In Germany, Methodist Churches are engaged in practical work, and those churches which do not have migrants in their towns, are supporting the work economically.

“This is just a snapshot of work across Europe. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters – amongst the migrants and amongst those who welcome them. Can we encourage ourselves to make events and collections to support this work financially?”

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project Training

A reminder about the training for those volunteering with the CCHP (which starts in five or six weeks' time):

- Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm at Little St. Mary's Church
- Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm at St. Giles' Church
- Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm at Great St. Mary's Church

Please let Revd. Alison Walker know if you will be attending – the evening starts with supper, so they need to know numbers.

The additional training for “team leaders” (those staying overnight) takes place at Little St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November, starting at 7.30pm.



Volunteers required

A reminder of a few important roles which need to be filled at Castle Street, which have been mentioned over the last few weeks:

- People to join a rota to collect the wheelchair-bound members of our morning congregation who are residents of Edward House.
- Someone to manage our car park lettings.
- Someone or a team to manage the external bookings of our premises.

The latter two roles, currently undertaken by Mike Sharpe, make a major financial contribution to the running of our church. Can you help?



Mosaic Choir concert – Saturday 31st October at St. Giles' at 8pm

The Mosaic Choir will perform songs from Scotland, the rest of the British Isles and across Europe, from different Orthodox liturgical traditions, and folk music. Tickets are available in advance from the Parish Office (tel.: (01223) 315 000) or on the door; they cost £10 (for waged) or £7 (for concessions).

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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