



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 14th February 2016

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 14th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rebekah Blyth

Bible reading: Luke 4: 1-13 (page 58)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

"Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield

We pray... for health workers

Wed 17th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 18th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" – Lent Course: Taking and Leaving

Sun 21st Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev Rachel Larkinson

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

This evening's service

This evening there will again be no service at Castle Street. Instead, we shall again go to the "Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield Methodist Church, which starts at 6.30pm. The speaker, Kirsty Smith, will address the question, "Are disabled people left behind?"

Kirsty, who is a member at Castle Street Methodist Church, was Chief Executive at MRDF (Methodist Relief and Development Fund – now known as "All we can") for twelve years before becoming Chief Executive Officer at CBM UK. CBM is an international Christian charity committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities. CBM is working in over eighty of the poorest countries of the world and reaches more than thirty-six million people each year. While international humanitarian assistance continues to increase, the number, scale and severity of humanitarian crises are increasingly outstripping resources. What emergency response there is, fails to reach the most vulnerable, with people with disabilities remaining largely ignored and excluded. The talk explores how times of crises exacerbate the vulnerabilities and barriers faced by people with disabilities, and examines the most effective way to ensure no-one is left behind.

The evening will include a short time of worship, and there will be refreshments and time for questions. Lifts will probably be available – please contact Chris Rayson (or speak to any steward) if you'd like one.



Reminders about forthcoming events elsewhere in the circuit this month

As listed in the February *Castle View*.

- "Big Issues" at Histon Methodist Church, Thursday 25th February at 7.30pm: "When have disasters ever been natural?" with Revd. Dr. Roger P. Abbott of the Faraday Institute.
- "A Peruvian Adventure" at Royston Methodist Church, Friday 26th February at 7.30pm: Jennie, Paul, Gill and Geoff tell the story of their recent Traidcraft "Meet the People" Tour to Peru. (Free admission; there will be an opportunity to purchase Traidcraft products.)

Romsey Mill Playgroup – childcare places currently available

Romsey Mill Playgroup is a well-established, flourishing playgroup, registered with Ofsted (Early Years) and Cambridgeshire Early Years and Childcare Services; it is based on two sites (Hemingford Road and Ross Street). Its last Ofsted inspection in March 2012 rated it as “Outstanding” and it continues to make adjustments and improvements, based on the children’s developmental needs. It is committed to ensuring its playgroups provide a happy, safe and caring environment so that each child can realise his or her full potential. It currently has places available.

Romsey Mill Playgroup is able to accept children in receipt of two-year-old and three-year-old funding, but also offers places to families who do not receive funding – its playgroup fees are £14.10 per session. Childcare Vouchers via your employer are also accepted. The playgroup is open from 9am until noon on Mondays to Fridays during term time.

The prospectus, policies and application forms are available on-line at www.romseymill.org, or at the Romsey Mill Centre. For further details, please contact the Early Years Coordinator (tel.: (01223) 566 092 or e-mail: playgroup@romseymill.org).



Practical support for the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group

On the afternoon of Saturday 5th March, we are hosting a Cam-CRAG jumble sale. There are plenty of volunteers from Cam-CRAG and the Gates Scholars (funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, at the University of Cambridge) to staff the actual jumble sale. However, we need a few church members to be present to sell tea and coffee (also in aid of Cam-CRAG) during the jumble sale which will be open from approximately noon until 3pm.

Can you help please? You’ll need to supply the milk and biscuits (taking the costs from the takings), but there’s no need to make cakes unless you really, really want to. Also, anyone offering help with staffing the jumble sale would not be turned away! If you can help in any way, please contact Alison Walker or Elliot Carmichael-Harris (who is part of Cam-CRAG).

Two dates for your diary for March

- Top Team Quiz at Wesley – Saturday 5th March at 7.15pm. Teams of up to six people are invited. The entry fee is £36 per team which includes refreshments. Entry forms are available in our vestry for any participating teams.
- The International Staff Songsters of the Salvation Army are coming to Cambridge. On Saturday 12th March they will give a concert at Wesley Methodist Church, starting at 7pm (tickets cost £10 for adults and £3 for children). Then, on Sunday 13th March they will lead morning worship (at 10am) at the Salvation Army citadel in Tenison Road and give a mini concert there in the afternoon at 3pm. See www.camsa.org.uk or telephone (01223) 367 633.



Breathe Women Conference

Cambridge Community Church (C3) is organising another Breathe Conference for women, on the evening of Friday 18th March and all day Saturday 19th March. The theme is “Brave”. Details have been circulated by e-mail via the Castle Street Announce Yahoo! group, or visit www.thec3.uk/#conferences-content and click on “Read more”.



Reminder about the Cambridge Half Marathon – two weeks’ time

This annual event is taking place on Sunday 28th February, and, as usual, there will be road closures which will affect some people who come to Castle Street by car. Details can be found in the February *Castle View*.



Items for the March *Castle View*...

... should be with Anna Williams or Cassie Morris by this coming Wednesday (17th February) please.

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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