



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 5th January 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 5th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

David Heslam

Bible readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (page 632)

Ephesians 3: 1-12 (page 183)

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

at Castle End Mission

Rev. Dr. Lance Stone

We pray... for the hope of a new year

Wed 8th Jan 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 9th Jan 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 12th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Ank Rigelsford

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brian Beck

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

Leila Brown RIP

The funeral of Leila Brown, who died a week before Christmas, aged 102 years, will take place at Cambridge Crematorium at 1.45pm on Monday 13th January. Leila's friends from Castle Street will be very welcome.



Christmas Day service

A magnificent £144.40 was collected for Action for Children at the morning service on Christmas Day. Thank you for your kindness.



Lent groups

I know that Christmas is barely over, and Lent does not start until 5th March, but if you would like to join our Lent Course this year, "Time to Talk of God", then we need to buy copies of the book, available through the Methodist Book Centre, priced £3.50.

You can of course go ahead and buy your copy, or we can get a single delivery (but no discount on the price). Please register your interest and request a copy by putting your name down on the sheet.

The book encourages what it calls "Christian conversation", or being able to talk simply and openly about our faith – both inside the church, and to our friends outside the church. Over six sessions we will read the book through, and engage with the ideas and each other.

At this stage you are not committing yourself to attend, in fact, you may want to buy the book and see for yourself, before coming along. Details such as time and place will be agreed later. It is expected that at least one group will be in Haslingfield, one at Castle Street, with hopefully another one somewhere in the Parish of the Ascension and perhaps one either at Sturton Street or at a member's home.



Centenary Planning

There will be a short meeting from 7pm until 7.30pm on Monday 13th January for those concerned with our centenary celebrations. It will be to update the arrangements in place, seek approvals and allocate responsibilities. All are welcome to attend.

First Aid Course at Histon on 25th January

St. John Ambulance is running a basic first aid course on Saturday 25th January 2014 in Histon Methodist Church hall from 2pm until 5pm. It includes all the essential first aid techniques a qualified first aider needs to obtain (or renew after three years) a certificate. The cost is £30 per person, but anyone who would like to attend in order to become an official Castle Street first aider should have a word with Mike Sharpe or any of the stewards as funding will probably be available.

Places should be booked with Christine Pooley as soon as possible, and by 11th January at the latest. The course is limited to fourteen people, but if there is sufficient demand a second course will be run at a later date.



“A Faith to Live By” – Korean Christianity: the unquenched flame

Sangwoo Seo is a final year student at Wesley House who has been in the British Methodist Church for over four years, and leads this service at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 6.30pm next Sunday (12th January).



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series of lectures, entitled “Evolution and Belief: Confessions of a religious palaeontologist”, takes place at Wesley Methodist Church on Monday 13th January at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection to help defray the costs associated with running this series.

Dr. Robert Asher is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoology in the University of Cambridge and Curator of the University Museum of Zoology. His research investigates the morphology and interrelationships of living and extinct mammals.

In this lecture Dr. Asher makes the case that biological evolution is unequivocally the mechanism by which living things have achieved their current diversity, but is not a precursor for (or very relevant to) atheism. At the same time, every faith tradition needs to be sufficiently introspective to recognize the line between religion and superstition. He outlines some of the evidence for evolution, along with his take on how science and religion can coexist in contemporary society.

“Tuesday Talk” – What is Celtic Spirituality?

This Tuesday Talk at Toft Methodist Church on 14th January at 7.30pm for 7.45pm will be given by Revd. Robert Dolman.



Training in Creative Communication Skills

John Hardwick is a popular author of resources for children’s ministry. He leads all-age worship at Spring Harvest, fun RE days in primary schools, family events in churches, weekly kids events, etc. using exciting Bible stories, cool songs, crazy puppets, juggling and more to present the gospel – and he is leading four workshops for the circuit. They are to take place at Castle Street on Mondays 20th and 27th January, and 3rd and 10th February, starting at 7.45pm and finishing at 9.30pm. Resources will be available. There is no cost (the workshops are being funded by the Cambridge Circuit) but donations are welcome. To book a place, e-mail johnhardwick36@gmail.com. See also www.johnhardwick.org.uk.



“Saturday Nights at St. Luke’s” – The Land of the Long White Cloud

The first of three travel talks with themed suppers takes place on Saturday 25th January at 6.30pm, when Paul and Sylvia Custerson take us on a journey in New Zealand. Tickets (which include supper and soft drinks) cost £10, and should be available now. Details of the other two evenings (in February and March) have appeared on previous notice sheets, and will appear in the February *Castle View*.



SOS(P) – Save Our Street (Pastors)

Details of this have appeared on recent notice sheets, but a reminder that this organisation needs to plug a £5,000 gap in finances if it is to continue to operate in its present form. Information on ways to give can be found on the website www.cambridgestreetpastors.org.uk – follow the link to “how to give”.

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

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