



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 12th 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 12th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. Brian Beck

We pray... for Christian unity

Mon 13th Jan 19.00-19.30 Centenary planning meeting (*see overleaf*)

Wed 15th Jan 10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.00 Mission and Social Responsibility Committee
(*see overleaf*)

Thu 16th Jan 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 19th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – COVENANT
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.
Rev. Norman Setchell

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

Bible readings for today's services, and change of preacher

10.45am: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (page 614) 6.30pm: Isaiah 55: 1-13 (page 628)
Acts 10: 34-43 (page 123) John 2: 1-11 (page 89)
Matthew 3: 13-17 (page 3)

We're pleased to welcome Revd. Dr. Janet Bunker to lead worship this morning, although sorry that this is a result of Revd. Ank Rigelsford having had an accident and broken her collar bone. We wish Ank a speedy recovery.



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 tomorrow (Monday 13th January). Leila's friends from Castle Street will be very welcome.



One Hundred Years Ago...

Almost exactly a hundred years ago, on 11th January 1914, the last services were held in the 1863 St. Peter's Street Primitive Methodist Chapel, before it was demolished to make way for the buildings we use today. A poster of this event and two photos of the old chapel will be on display in the Hall today. It is one of the several reminders which will "pop up" during 2014 as we celebrate our Centenary Year.



Centenary Planning

There will be a short meeting for half an hour from 7pm tomorrow evening (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 (and it will finish by 7.30pm as a stewards' meeting follows immediately!).



Mission and Social Responsibility Committee

This committee is scheduled to meet at 7 pm on Wednesday (15th January) in the Aldersgate Room. Only if it becomes cold enough for the Homeless Project hospitality to be needed, shall we consider moving the meeting to Thursday 16th.

Lent groups

It is planned to run a Lent Course, "Time to Talk to God" in various places likely to include Castle Street. In order to take part we need to buy copies of the book – available through the Methodist Book Centre, priced £3.50. 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. If you would like to register your interest, please put your name on the sheet – but at this stage you are not committing yourself to coming along. For more information, see last week's notice sheet (and it is hoped to reprint that when space permits).



Appeal to help the displaced Syrian people

A container will be arriving in Cambridge soon, which has three days in which to be filled with warm clothes, shoes, boots and blankets, to be sent to the Syrian displaced people. These people's plight is desperate – they have only the clothes they fled in, and it has been snowing in the Syrian hills. Items need not be new, but useable, please. We do not have the date of the container, but it will be soon. Please let Anne Littlefair have anything you can spare, as soon as possible; her mobile is 07749 569 111.



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

SangWoo Seo leads this service at Haslingfield Methodist Church this evening (Sunday 12th January) starting at 6.30pm. He will talk about the Christian Churches in Korea: past, present and its unique features, based on his own experience as well as his personal journey in faith.

SangWoo is a final year student at Wesley House, Cambridge. He originally came from South Korea where he spent three quarters of his life, and where his faith became deeply rooted in that cultural and spiritual context. He has been in the British Methodist Church for over four years after accepting a call to presbyteral ministry. Before answering the call, he was a managing director of his own company engaging in international trading.

The service will consist of a time of worship and an address, followed by refreshments and time for discussion. All are welcome.

Induction of Revd. Matthew Trick

Please be aware, and remember in prayer, the Induction and Licensing of Revd. Matthew Trick at Cambourne tomorrow evening (Monday 13th) at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend the service would be most welcome.



Reminders of items which have appeared previously

- “Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church – “Evolution and Belief: Confessions of a religious palaeontologist”: Monday 13th January at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm.
- “Tuesday Talk” at Toft – What is Celtic Spirituality?: Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm for 7.45pm, given by Revd. Robert Dolman.
- Training in Creative Communication Skills with John Hardwick: the first of these four evenings takes place next Monday (20th January).
- “Saturday Nights at St. Luke’s” – The Land of the Long White Cloud, Saturday 25th January at 6.30pm: talk with themed supper – Paul and Sylvia Custerson take us on a journey through New Zealand.



Methodist consultation on same-sex marriage and civil partnership

Methodist Church policy currently does not permit same-sex marriage ceremonies and the blessing of civil partnerships to take place on Methodist premises. The 2013 Conference set up a working party to look at whether that policy should be reviewed, and in November that working party launched a survey of people’s views. Full details can be found by visiting www.methodist.org.uk/ssmcpworkinggroup; a paper copy can be requested by telephoning (020) 7486 5502. The survey can be completed anonymously, but it is required to enter “East Anglia District”. We hope people will respond – the deadline for completion is 9am on Monday 10th February.



Items for the February Castle View...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, by next Sunday (19th) please.

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

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