



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 9th February 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 9th Feb

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Geoff Dumbreck

Bible readings: Isaiah 58: 1-12 (page 630); 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 (page 158); Matthew 5: 13-20 (page 4)

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

John Boocock (see also overleaf)

Bible reading: Deuteronomy 4: 5-14 (page 154)

We pray... for our ecumenical partnership

Wed 12th Feb

10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Pastoral and Family Committee

Thu 13th Feb

10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

Sun 16th Feb

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.

Henriette Wentinck

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

Service this evening

This evening's service will have a slightly different structure from the usual. We shall be led round four "stations" in the church to gain encouragement from the lives of the folk remembered on our four memorial plaques or tablets. We shall still sing and pray and give, and it will be "worship".



Car park gate – removal for repair

Most will be aware that the car park gate has been out of action for many weeks. The gate itself needs to be taken away for work to be undertaken on it, and it will be removed this coming Tuesday morning (11th February) between 10am and noon (not Monday as originally suggested verbally). While it is being removed, vehicular entry to and exit from the car park will not be possible, and the spaces at the St. Peter's Street end will need to be left empty. It is anticipated that the gate will be reinstated early the following week, although the date is not yet confirmed. For more information, speak to John Boocock.



Italian Evening at Wesley House – Wednesday 19th February

With the Cambridge Circuit having various Italian connections (or future connections), there is to be an Italian Evening at Wesley House on Wednesday 19th February.

Starting at 7pm and finishing at around 10pm, this fundraising evening will include lovely Italian food, quizzes, a raffle, talks and entertainment. It is in support of the Waldensian Mission, which funds the study year abroad which Italian Waldensian Methodist ordinands must undertake before becoming ministers. The Italian Methodist student at Wesley House will be there, as will the soon-to-be minister of the Ponte Sant' Angelo Church in Rome...

Tickets are priced at £10 for adults, £7 for students, and £5 for children. The price includes an excellent supper with puddings and salad and a glass of fruit juice (wine and / or further glasses of juice are extra, as is the raffle). For more information or to book a ticket or tickets, contact Erica Newbury (tel. (01223) 315 753 or e-mail ericascroppo@hotmail.com).

Music events at Royston Methodist Church

- Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm: Blue Skies Big Band in concert (exponents in music from the swing era) – this is presented by a collaboration of Royston Methodist Church and Royston Rotary Club in aid of the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. Tickets £10 from Ray Munden (tel: (01763) 241 217).
- Saturday 22nd March at 7.45 pm: Holy Saviour Choir led by Trevor Hughes, with organ and other instrumental solos. Tickets £8 from Brian Norwood (tel: (01763) 241 066). Proceeds shared between church funds and the local Mayor's Charities.



Cosmology and Creation: the absence of God or a surer path to God?

Wesley Methodist Church has been trying to secure Revd. Prof. David Wilkinson, Professor and Principal of St. John's College in the Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, to speak at the regular "Science meets Faith" lectures, but he has not been available on a Monday evening. Instead, they are pleased to welcome him this evening (Sunday 9th February) at 6.30pm. Professor Wilkinson is well known as a scientist and Methodist minister, and is a frequent broadcaster, including *Thought for the Day*. He will give a lecture on "Cosmology and Creation: The absence of God or a surer path to God?"



"Science Meets Faith" – Can science make us better humans?

The next in this series takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 10th February) at Wesley Methodist Church, when Professor Emeritus John A. Bryant asks, "Can science make us better humans?" Full details appeared on last Sunday's notice sheet. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.



Quiz evening at Histon

Histon Methodist Church is holding a quiz evening on Friday 21st February at 7pm. Join in for a not-too-serious evening of questions, answers and refreshments – including delicious cheese and biscuits, nibbles, dips and crudities to feed those little grey cells. Proceeds are going towards the Histon Development Fund. Tickets cost £8, and can be obtained from Robin and Joy McCombie (tel. (01223) 232 391).

“Big Issues” series – Mission and Sacred Space

On Thursday evening (13th February) there will be a presentation on the theme of “Mission and Sacred Space” at Histon Methodist Church, given by Revd. Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner at Ely Cathedral. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start; coffee and tempting desserts will be served.



“A Faith to Live By” – Christianity and Contemporary Culture

Next Sunday evening (16th February) at 6.30pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church, Revd. Dr. Cindy Wesley will lead the next in this series. It will feature a time of worship, a presentation, refreshments and discussion.

Although polls tell us that the number of people identifying themselves as Christian in the United Kingdom is declining, the products of this culture often express deep yearnings for grace, hope, forgiveness, redemption, meaning and other themes that are part of the gospel message. This presentation will use examples from film, music, and / or art to generate discussion on how Christianity might speak good news into our culture. Cindy Wesley is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church (USA) with over fifteen years of experience in ministry with local churches. Before joining Wesley House in Cambridge, she trained academically in Church History and Doctrine and lectured at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. She strongly encourages the ministry of the whole people of God and believes that when lay people understand their faith they become empowered to do the ministry to which God is calling them.



“Saturday Evenings at St. Luke’s” – A Taste of Thailand

Tickets for this event, on Saturday 22nd February, are now available, priced £10 (including supper). See *Castle View* for more information.



Items for the March *Castle View*...

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, by next Sunday (16th) please.

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

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