

“A Faith to Live By” – Haslingfield

The next in this series at Haslingfield Methodist Church takes place this evening (Sunday 27th April) at 6.30pm. Dan Woodhouse – Castle Street’s student on attachment from Wesley House – will talk on the subject “Let justice roll on like a river: non-violent direct action”. As usual, the evening will include a short time of worship and the presentation, followed by refreshments and discussion.

Before answering a call to the presbyteral Ministry, Dan was the lay Methodist Chaplain at the University of Nottingham as well as a student worker in the university’s local Trent Valley Circuit. It was during this time that he became a part of SPEAK, a prayer and campaigns network, on the back of a passion for justice.

Dan will talk about his experience of activism – from writing letters, to his recent arrest for blockading DSEi, the world’s largest arms fair held in London’s ExCel Centre every two years. He will also reflect on some of the theological and practical implications of such activities.



“Fight like a girl”: Women’s Day at Wesley, Saturday 3rd May

Some details of this event have already been publicised, and more can be found on posters. It runs from 9am until 4pm next Saturday, and the cost of £15 (£10 concessions) includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. The guest speaker is international Christian speaker and writer Fiona Castle OBE. She is also President of Activateyourlife.org.uk, a network of “girls getting out there” sharing God’s love in natural, meaningful ways.

After lunch there will be four workshops looking at the lives of women in the Bible, their attributes, and how these relate to the lives of modern women; these workshops will be led by Fiona Castle herself, Julia Chamberlain (Ely Diocese Officer), Angela Chipper (from the High Street Church in Isleham), and Elle De Vaux (a local teacher).

Tickets can be obtained from the Wesley office (tel: (01223) 352 115), and more information from Jason DeVaux (e-mail: johneleven43@yahoo.com).

Wildfire rehearsals

After a short break, rehearsals for the postponed production of the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire* have now recommenced on alternate Wednesday evenings, usually starting at 7.30pm and finishing at around 9pm. The next will be on 7th May (starting at 8pm due to the Church Council meeting that evening) and 21st May, and the fortnightly cycle will continue through June before taking a break for the summer. The dates for the performances have yet to be confirmed, but Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November have been suggested as strong possibilities (with 22nd and 23rd November as alternatives). After the summer break, rehearsals will restart at the start of September, and take place weekly.

If you'd like to be involved, please come along, or have a word with Brian Carter if you'd like to know more – all who enjoy singing will be very welcome.



Pastoral Lodgings

Pastoral Lodgings is a new proposal to help prevent homelessness in Cambridge. Do you have a spare room in your home? Could you take in a homeless person and help rebuild a broken life? This may seem daunting, but help is at hand and the need is great and it is growing, especially among young adults.

Come and hear more about a new scheme to link homeless people with families that have a spare bedroom and the time and the willingness to provide pastoral care with the support of their local church. There will be an open meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th May at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, at which representatives from Hope Cambridge will present the project in more detail, answer any questions and seek expressions of interest in supporting the project. Hope Cambridge is very grateful to Henry Brown, CEO of Jimmy's, and Andy King, Homelessness Service Co-ordinator at Cambridge City Council, who are keen to express the support of both Jimmy's and the Council to this project and will be present. If you have any further questions about the scheme, please e-mail lodgings@hopecambridge.com.

District “Big Pray” – Saturday 10th May at Red Lodge

A final reminder about this, details of which have been circulated for many weeks. If you want to go, there is a sign-up sheet on the notice board, or have a word with Alison Walker or Anne Littlefair.



Bake Sale and Coffee Morning at St. Giles’ – Saturday 3rd May

This is taking place next Saturday from 10.30am until noon, at the church gate (or inside the church if it is wet), with coffee served inside. Come and buy something special – homemade cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, quiches, tea breads and scones will be on sale, many of which are suitable for freezing, so come and stock up with home-baked specials! Every penny goes to support St. Giles’s chosen charities: Namuncha Secondary School, Kenya, The Angel Tree Project and Cambridge City Foodbank.



Events at the start of Christian Aid Week – Sunday 11th May

- Lunch in aid of Christian Aid – after the morning service (please sign the list or speak to Pam Fisher if you’re planning to come along).
- Christian Aid Week United Service at Castle Street at 6.30pm – the preacher will be Loretta Mingella, Chief Executive of Christian Aid.



Martin and Ruth’s wedding

Saturday 26th July is going to be a big day at Castle Street, as it’s the day of Martin and Ruth’s wedding. They’d like to thank those who have already promised gifts of skills and time in helping to make sure the day is a special one, but they are looking for volunteers to fill a number of other roles. Could you help in the kitchen, bring a dessert, get the church ready beforehand, or help tidy up afterwards? If you can help in any way, then there is a sign-up sheet on the notice board with more details.

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

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