



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 4th May 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 4th May                    10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Deacon Ian Murray**

*Bible reading: Isaiah 49: 13-16*

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.**  
**Cristina Cipriani**

*We pray... for all who serve our church*

Wed 7th May                10.00 "Time To Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Special meeting of the Church Council

20.00 *Wildfire* rehearsal

Thu 8th May    10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

**Sun 11th May                10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker**

12.30 Lunch in support of Christian Aid (*see overleaf*)

**18.30 CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE**  
**Speaker: Loretta Minghella**

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

## **Events at the start of Christian Aid Week**

Next Sunday (11th May) is the start of Christian Aid Week. This year's ecumenical launch service for all the churches in Cambridge takes place at Castle Street at 6.30pm. It will be led by Revd. Alison Walker, and the guest speaker is Loretta Minghella OBE, Chief Executive of Christian Aid.

As part of our own fundraising effort for Christian Aid, Pam Fisher is organising a lunch after the morning service. Please sign the list or have a word with Pam if you're planning to come – although it's usually possible to squeeze in a few extra.

We hope that you will support these events.



### **“Music for a May Evening” – organ and violin concert in Haslingfield**

On Saturday 17th May at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Haslingfield, violinist Hazel Brooks and organist Robin Walker (husband of Alison) will give a concert of “music for your relaxation and enjoyment”. The programme will comprise beautiful music by Vivaldi, Handel, Schmelzer, Wesley, Gläser, Pärt and Rheinberger.

“Hazel Brooks is an admirable stylist, phrasing in a pleasing and natural way. This was truly music to ravish the ear.” (*Petersfield Post*)

“Walker's playing throughout is characterized by an elegant intensity and a fondness for pursuing clarity through the delicate balance of line and colour.” (*International Record Review*)

Tickets cost £10, and are available from the Village Shop, or telephone (01223) 872 190 for enquiries. Wine will be available during the interval.



### **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.

## Castle Hill Open Day

The date of this year's Castle Hill Open Day may be a long way off (Saturday 18th October) but it is intended that Castle Street will join in this year – and the deadline for the submission of items to be included in the programme is 17th May.

The idea of Castle Street joining in has already been discussed by several groups, and it is particularly appropriate since our centenary celebrations reach their climax with the Church Anniversary just a week later. The big question that needs to be answered in the next week or two, however, is what exactly we are going to do...

The key focus for the day is the Castle Hill area, targeting local residents, and particularly local residents who may not have visited the various participating organisations before (which includes St. Giles' and St. Peter's churches, Kettle's Yard, and the Museum of Cambridge). There will be an emphasis on the history of the area, while it will also be a celebration and showcase for local community projects. In addition to family activities, there should be things for adult.

Some things which have been suggested which Castle Street could offer include:

- display boards about our church history;
- displays about the Christian faith;
- a story-telling corner;
- a play corner for small children;
- traditional fayre games in the car park (but this might be risky weather-wise in mid-October);
- prayer stations in the church;
- serving refreshments (note that St. Giles' is doing lunches).

What ideas do you have, and how could you get involved? Alison and the stewards would be very pleased to hear from you; Alison is planning to pop in after the morning service today, with the possibility of arranging a discussion meeting if that's felt appropriate.

It would be fantastic if this year we were able to make a big impression on those in our local community, many of whom have never set foot inside our buildings.

## Pastoral Lodgings

This new scheme proposes 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. A reminder that there will be an open meeting this coming Tuesday (6th May) at 7.30pm at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road. Representatives from Hope Cambridge will present the project in more detail, answer any questions and seek expressions of interest in supporting the project.

If you have any further questions about the scheme, please e-mail [lodgings@hopecambridge.com](mailto:lodgings@hopecambridge.com).



## "A Faith to Live By" – Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this series takes place next Sunday evening (11th May) at 6.30pm, when Derek Nicholls will talk on "Rural Roots: Strength or Stumbling Block".

Derek was brought up in the most southerly circuit in England – thirty-seven chapels, mostly in small villages and some in isolation; half of them have since disappeared. Drawing partly on his own early years, he will reflect on the changing nature of rural Methodism and its role. Rural dwellers do not now expect to find all their shopping and entertainment needs met in their local village: why should people not go into towns for worship? Is an expensive building the best form of local Christian witness? Why is it that some rural churches are dying while others are in vigorous health? What is there from the rural tradition of an earlier generation which is relevant to the modern church? Derek emigrated from Cornwall in his late teens and has lived subsequently in Glasgow and Cambridge, but has not severed his rural roots. His work as a lecturer in Land Economy has brought opportunities for travel (and worship) in many parts of Africa, Asia and North America.

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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