



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 21st September 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 21st Sep            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

**18.30 CASTLE END MISSION HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**Rev. Prof. David Thompson**  
*Special collection for the "Seed Project"*

*We pray... for peace in our world*

Tue 23rd Sep            19.30 *Wildfire* rehearsal

Wed 24th Sep            10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 25th Sep    10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.30 Open meeting about Mission Statement

**Sun 28th Sep            10.45 HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**Rev. Alan Ashton**

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**  
**WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

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

## **Bible readings and theme for this morning's service**

Bible readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4 (*page 633*)

John 10: 7-10 (*page 99*)

Acts 4: 32-35 (*page 116*)

Theme: "What should we really be doing?"



## **This evening's service**

The service this evening, at Castle End Mission at 6.30pm, will be Castle End Mission's Harvest Festival. The service will be led by Revd. Prof. David Thompson. There will be a special collection for the Seed Project, which is working in Zimbabwe to help communities to work themselves out of poverty – see [www.seed-project.org](http://www.seed-project.org) for more information.



## **Next Sunday – Harvest Festival at Castle Street**

Next Sunday is Castle Street's Harvest Festival, and the morning service will be led by Revd. Alan Ashton. We will be taking up a collection of tinned and packet food.

Decorating the church for Harvest will take place on Saturday (27th September) from 10am onwards. All are welcome to come along and help fill the church with the beauty of creation – no certificates in flower arranging are required! Donations of fruit, vegetables, flowers and foliage are also needed and can be either left at the front of church or brought along on Saturday morning. See Denise McMillan if you'd like to know more.



## ***Wildfire***

More people are still needed to sing in the choir for Castle Street's production of the Roger Jones musical *Wildfire*, to be performed in November. If you enjoy singing, why not come along – you don't need to be able to read music, and the performance will not involve singing from memory. The next rehearsals are on Tuesday this week (23rd September) and Wednesday next (1st October) from 7.30pm until 9pm, and they will follow the pattern of alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information see Brian Carter.

## **Open meeting about Mission Statement – Thursday**

A reminder that on Thursday evening (25th September) there will be a meeting to discuss renewing Castle Street's Mission Statement, to set aspirational and achievable aims. Our Mission Statement is an important document – we need to know what Castle Street Methodist Church is doing and why it is doing it. The meeting is open to anyone and we'd like input from as many of the congregation as possible, so please come along. It begins at 7.30pm.



## **Emmanuel Forum: "GM crops – are they the answer?" – Tuesday**

World population is forecast to grow from seven to nine billion by 2050, one in six (1.7 billion) are already hungry, and food production must increase by seventy to one hundred per cent during that time. What are the options? This is explored in a lecture given by Prof. Sir Brian Heap at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Trumpington Street, on Tuesday evening (23rd September) at 7.30pm.

Prof. Heap was formerly Master of St. Edmund's College, is a fellow of the Royal Society in which he held the post of Vice President and Foreign Secretary from 1996 to 2001. He is a founder member of the International Society for Science and Religion, an Associate of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, and a member of Emmanuel URC.



## **Quiet day for private prayer and reflection – Wednesday**

Histon Methodist Church will be open between 10am and 8pm this coming Wednesday (24th September) for a quiet day for private prayer and reflection. There will be prayer stations to guide your thoughts. Stay for as long or short a time as you wish.



## **"Big Issues" series at Histon Methodist Church – Thursday**

This twice-monthly series kicks off again on Thursday evening (25th September) at 7.30pm with a presentation by Revd. Dr. Peter Graves entitled "Two great nations divided by a common language: reflections on British and American church and society". Coffee, tea and tempting desserts will be served in the interval.

## **The Centenary Lecture at Wesley Methodist Church – Saturday**

As part of the Cambridge University Alumni Weekend, the Revd. the Lord [Dr. Leslie] Griffiths of Burry Port will give a lecture about Dylan Thomas and R. S. Thomas, entitled “Two Doubting Thomases: Poets for our time” next Saturday (27th September) at 4pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for Chaplaincy to People at Work.



## **Food Safety course**

Haslingfield and Harlton Luncheon Club is organising a Food Safety Level 2 Course on Saturday 8th November from 10am (enrolment and refreshments from 9.30am) to 4pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church. It is being run primarily for its own cooks, but there are fifty places available so it is opening it up to other charities and churches. The cost is only £20 (it's normally £50!), but it is being led by someone qualified and very experienced who ran one there about five years ago.

Bookings must be received by 4th October – contact Christine Kipping (grahamkipping *at* aol *dot* com).



## **Stuart Townend concert in Bury St. Edmunds**

Stuart Townend is a well-known Christian song writer and worship leader, and several of his songs appear in *Singing the Faith*. There is to be “An Evening with Stuart Townend” at the Apex in Bury St. Edmunds on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 or £15 and can be booked via [www.theapex.co.uk](http://www.theapex.co.uk) or (01284) 758 000 – but note that many of the tickets have already been sold. The event is being organised by Southgate Church, which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary.



## **Items for the October Castle View...**

... should be with its Editor, Colin Moule, today please.

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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