



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 23rd November 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 23rd Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Joyce Goodall

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

We pray... for women who suffer violence

Tue 25th Nov 14.30 Advent Course at Storey's House (*see overleaf*)

Wed 26th Nov 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 27th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 Thursday Table Talk: Advent Course

Sun 30th Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
(Advent Sunday) Kimberley Rayson

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker & Rev. Geoff Dumbreck

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am:

Matthew 25: 31-46 (*page 28*)

Ephesians 1: 15-23 (*page 182*)

6.30pm:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (*page 716*)

Matthew 25: 31-46 (*page 28*)

Ephesians 1: 15-23 (*page 182*)



Doris Buck, RIP

The funeral of Doris Buck, who died rather suddenly on Wednesday 12th November, will take place on Monday 1st December at 1.45pm in the East Chapel at Cambridge Crematorium. All are welcome. We remember in our prayers Betty, Fred and the rest of the family.



New Circuit Superintendent Minister

We're pleased to announce that – subject to rubber-stamping by the Methodist Conference – the superintendent minister for the Cambridge Circuit (and minister at Wesley) from September 2015 will be Revd. Colin Smith, currently superintendent in Barnet, north London.



Church at Castle Advent Discussion Course – three more sessions to go

This year's four-week Church at Castle advent discussion course is based on a new four-part York Course, "Jesus: the voice that makes us turn". It started last week, so there are three sessions remaining – but each topic is self-contained, so it's not essential to attend each week. A reminder of the two venues and times each week:

- the Rotunda Room at Storey's House on Tuesdays from 2.30pm;
- Castle Street on Thursdays from 8.15pm (as part of "Thursday Table Talk" – come along at 7pm for a cooked meal, or 8pm for coffee).

Anyone wishing to come along but who has transport difficulties is asked to contact Revd. Alison Walker.



Methodist Church Safeguarding Past Cases Review

Castle View contains a very important letter about this. If you've not read it, please make an effort to do so and make any necessary responses.

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project (CCHP)

Once again Castle Street is offering hospitality to the homeless for one night per week through the CCHP. Unlike last year, this year we will be working together as Church at Castle, using our church hall and kitchen, offering a safe overnight place to sleep and a hot meal, on Wednesday evenings for three months, starting in January.

We will be working with the city council on its Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) programme. But as we felt last year that we wanted to extend this provision, we will then be keeping any guests, continuing to offer the same group a hot meal and a place to sleep, on exactly the same basis – until the next time that the Council calls SWEP, when we will start all over again. So we're very likely to be on duty every Wednesday.

The need for volunteers is therefore as important as last year, but the demand on our time should be more predictable. If you volunteered last year either to welcome people and stay overnight, or as a cook – please do volunteer again. For more information, please talk to Alison.

If you attended a volunteer training session last year, you do not need to attend again this year, but you may choose to do so – but all volunteers must have attended one training session, either last year or this. This year's training sessions are on Monday 24th November at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, and on Tuesday 2nd December at Little St. Mary's Church. Both start at 7.30pm with a hot meal, followed by the training.

Last year it was inspirational to see how many people were supporting the CCHP with their time, energy and enthusiasm. We will need to organise our volunteer rota in the next few weeks – please let Alison know your willingness, any dates that you cannot do, and if you would prefer to cook or to stay overnight.



"Big Issues" series at Histon, Thursday 27th November

In the next of this series, on Thursday this week, Fiona Lynch will give a presentation entitled "From Darkness to Light: transformed by the renewing of mind". It starts at 7.30pm; refreshments (tea, coffee and tempting desserts) will be served in the interval.

Andante choir at Histon – “Season’s Greetings”

This popular fund-raising choir present a concert of music for all seasons at Histon Methodist Church next Saturday (29th November) at 7.30pm. Admission is by programme, priced £8 for adults and £5 for children (under sixteen), available from the Community Coffee Shop (open Wednesdays 9am to 5pm) or by telephoning (01223) 233 776.



One Sound concert – 3rd January 2015

A reminder that tickets for this event can be obtained from Ron Seaton. For more details, see the November *Castle View*.



Christmas Tree Festival at St. Giles

This annual event starts next Saturday (29th) and continues until Sunday 7th December. It is open daily from 10am until 4pm. For more details, see the posters and leaflets, or visit www.churchatcastle.org/node/1909.



The Big Give

All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development Fund) is participating in The Big Give to raise funds for its work in Burundi. Donate on-line from 4th December until 10am on 6th December and your gift can be matched. This year it is aiming to raise £35,000 for its partners in Burundi, equipping people with farming land and the tools and skills to grow enough for their families to eat. For more information and to make donations visit www.allwecan.org.uk/current-appeals/the-big-give (or search for “Big Give 2014” from the home page, www.allwecan.org.uk).



Items for the December and January *Castle View*...

... should be with its editor, Colin Moule, today please. Note that this issue covers two months.

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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