



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sunday 4th January 2015

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 Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Isaiah 61: 10 - 63: 3 (page 634); Luke 2: 22-40 (page 56); Titus 2: 11-14 (page 205)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Scarlet Chan

Bible readings: John 2: 1-11 (page 89); Romans 1: 1-6 (page 143)

We pray... for the hope of a new year

Wed 7th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 8th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 Thursday Table Talk

Sun 11th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Kimberley Rayson

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Canon Philipa King & Rev. Dr. Geoff Dumbreck

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

New pattern for evening services

A reminder that, from today, no evening services will be held at Castle End Mission. The new pattern for venues is as follows:

- 1st Sunday: at Castle Street
- 2nd Sunday: at Castle Street (united Church at Castle)
- 3rd Sunday: Iona service at St. Luke's, starting at 7pm
- 4th Sunday: at Castle Street
- 5th Sunday (if applicable): united Church at Castle, venue may vary.



Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – latest update

This has now started, and Castle Street is host on Wednesday evenings (until the end of March). We are very grateful to the small band of volunteers who have offered their services, but it is falling to the same small group of people every time, so if you can help out in any way, those people would, I am sure, welcome you with open arms!

Help is needed in the following ways:

- Cooking and serving food on Wednesday evenings, and talking to the guests who are staying overnight.
- Staying overnight – there will be shifts, so that some people are able to sleep for part of the night.
- Washing (and drying) the cotton sleeping bag liners – this is an ideal task for someone who is unable to get involved in any of the church-based parts of the project. You just need to pick them up from the church sometime after Thursday morning and return them in time for the following Wednesday evening.
- Someone to be at the church early on Wednesday morning (probably around or shortly after 8am) to receive the kit from the preceding church. So far only one person has offered to do this, and that person is also helping out on Wednesday nights.

The more people who volunteer to help, the fewer times everyone will be needed on the rota. If you are able to offer help at all, please contact Revd. Alison Walker as soon as possible – Castle Street is on duty for the first time this coming Wednesday! Thank you.

Storytelling course, led by John Hardwick

After last year's very successful communications course, John Hardwick will be leading a brand new Storytelling Course. Suitable for absolute beginners or for those who want to take their skills to the next level, John will introduce us to a variety of techniques which will enable us to bring the Bible and our faith to life for children and young people (and adults!).

Once again it's being held at Castle Street, but on Thursday evenings from 7.45pm until 9.30pm. There are three sessions, on Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th January.

There is no charge for places, but they need to be reserved by contacting Revd. Simon Oliver (tel. 07554 20 29 29 or e-mail simon.oliver@cantab.net) by this coming Thursday (8th January). It's being funded by the circuit, but any donations will be appreciated!



"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church

The next in this monthly series of special services takes place next Sunday evening (11th January) at 6.30pm. Entitled "Let us make a joyful noise", it will be led by Robin Walker (Alison's husband).

Why is it that music plays so large a role in our Christian worship, and such a powerful force in our religious identity? Robin will share something of the importance music has in his worshipping life, as a performer and church musician. Robin works as an organist and conductor, both in church music and on the concert platform. He studied at the Royal Academy of Music, and has held church posts at Hinde Street Methodist Church in London, HM Chapel Royal in the Tower of London, and is currently Assistant Organist of St. George's, Hanover Square in London. He conducts the Cantate chamber choir in Kent and is in demand as an organ soloist and accompanist, both here in the UK and abroad.

The evening will take on its usual format – a time of worship, the address, and then refreshments and discussion. All are welcome. The next one takes place on 15th February – details can be found in the Circuit Diary or by visiting www.haslingfieldmethodistchurch.org.uk/faithtoliveby.htm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Sunday 18th January (two weeks' time). Details of mid-week prayer meetings during that week within Church at Castle have been finalised, and are as follows (each is expected to last around thirty minutes):

- Mon 19th Jan, 6.30pm: Compline at St. Peter's
- Tue 20th Jan, 7.30am: Morning Prayer at St Luke's (followed by breakfast)
- Wed 21st Jan, 12.15pm: Lunchtime Prayer at Castle Street
- Thu 22nd Jan, 9.40am: Morning Prayer at St Giles' (followed by the usual communion service)
- Fri 23rd Jan, 8.15am: Morning Prayer at St. Augustine's



Circuit "Disciple" course

The "Disciple" Bible study course has been an enormous success in the Cambridge Circuit, throughout Methodism, and also ecumenically. The 34-week course (with breaks during school holidays) is to be run again in the circuit, at Histon Methodist Church on Thursday mornings starting in mid-February (to coincide with the start of Lent) – more details will appear when they are known.



Lent House Group – "Sacrifice"

A Thursday morning house group on the topic of "Sacrifice" has been organised, led by a team of outstanding theologians. It runs from 19th February until 2nd April – details will appear in the February *Castle View*.



***Singing the Faith* Day – Saturday 21st February**

Book this date in your diary now for a workshop led by Robin Walker, about our new hymnbook – more details will follow...

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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