



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 11th 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 11th Jan            10.45    MORNING WORSHIP**

**Kimberley Rayson**

*Bible readings: Mark 1: 4-11 (p. 33); Acts 19: 1-7 (p. 132)*

**18.30    EVENING WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker**

*Bible readings: Isaiah 55: 1-11 (p. 628); Romans 6: 1-11 (p. 147)*

*We pray...    for Christian Unity*

Wed 14th Jan            10.00    "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00    Coffee morning

12.00-13.00    "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 15th Jan    10.00-12.00    "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 19.45    Thursday Table Talk: John Hardwick  
Storytelling course

**Sun 18th Jan            10.45    MORNING WORSHIP – COVENANT SERVICE**

**Rev. Alison Walker**

**19.00    IONA SERVICE    at St. Luke's**

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

## **“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

The next in this monthly series of special services takes place this evening 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 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](http://www.haslingfieldmethodistchurch.org.uk/faithtoliveby.htm).



## **Re-vitalising the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee**

One-third of our essential church structure has recently slipped quietly away – the M&SR Committee. John Boocock has chaired the group with enthusiasm and energy but now feels that he would prefer to support from the sidelines. Some members of the group are prepared to continue.

So here it is – your chance to re-develop the work of this committee. Previously this group has supported various charities, organised fellowship and fundraising events, facilitated initiatives on social justice and co-ordinated our outreach efforts.

There are many exciting opportunities here to ensure that Castle Street enjoys itself whilst making a real difference through our projects, outreach and charitable support. Would you like to be involved? Please speak to Alison soon, and after church on 25th January there will be a brief meeting to establish an evening (or afternoon) to kick-start plans for 2015 (if you can’t be at church on 25th January, that’s OK – just let Alison know).

## **What makes a Methodist?**

A spot of Bible study, a smidge of history, a scraping of theology, a pinch of prayer, a shout of singing (naturally – it's a course about Methodism!), all served with tea / coffee, the obligatory biscuits, and a great deal of open conversation.

If you have recently been confirmed or made a member, or are thinking about membership (including transfers), would like a refresher, or are just curious, please attend! If you wonder what makes Castle Street Church like, well Castle Street – then come and find out! There are five sessions on Monday evenings in the Aldersgate Room, each starting at 7.30pm and running for about ninety minutes:

- 19th Jan: Introduction to Methodism – history, spirituality, structure
- 26th Jan: Relationship with God – Covenant, Holy Spirit
- 9th Feb: Images of God – images of Jesus and the Methodist Art Collection. *Please bring any (religious) images that you find helpful, or that appeal to you in some way.*
- 23rd Feb: Bible, prayer and the class meeting
- 2nd Mar: Holy Communion

Please sign up. But even if you don't put your name down, you can still attend! For more information, speak to Alison.



## **Homelessness Sunday event at Zion Baptist**

Next Sunday (18th January) is Homelessness Sunday, and to mark the day Cambridge Link-up is holding an event at Zion Baptist Church (home of Jimmy's). The afternoon of music and words begins at 2pm, and will feature Barry Griffiths, Emma Hyde, Greg Orey, Ian Stewart, Jane Heeney, Jane Mann, Lidija Kyle, Revd. Stuart Wood, Street Voices and Toby Peters.



## **Saturday Nights at St. Luke's**

The first of these illustrated talks is on 31st January at 6.30pm, when Margaret Cooper will talk about the National Parks of America. Heather Taplin has tickets, costing £10 each to include a fish and chip supper with dessert and soft drinks – but numbers need to be confirmed by Sunday 25th January. More information can be found in *Castle View*.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins next Sunday. Details of mid-week prayer meetings 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



## **Church at Castle weekend at High Leigh**

Details of the third Church at Castle weekend away, from Friday evening 22nd to Sunday afternoon 24th May, were published in *Castle View* some months ago, and there's a brief mention in the current issue. Final numbers are needed by Margaret Cooper before the end of January – please speak to Mike Sharpe for full details and a booking form.



## **“Science meets Faith” series at Wesley Methodist Church**

Tomorrow evening (12th January) at Wesley, Revd. Dr. John Weaver, Chair of the John Ray Initiative (and educational charity) will give a presentation entitled “Sustainability: fuel security, climate change and Christian discipleship”. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. More details can be found on the Wesley Methodist Church website.



## ***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. Full details can be found on the flier.

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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