



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 20th September 2015 – Harvest Festival

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 20th Sep 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

Bible readings: Genesis 1: 26-31 (page 1)

Luke 12: 13-21 (page 71)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for our harvest thanksgiving

Wed 23rd Sep 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 24th Sep 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 27th Sep 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Tess Maddin and Craig Shepherd

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Maggie Richardson

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

Barn Dance and Supper – date confirmed

The date of the all-age Barn Dance at Castle Street is confirmed as Saturday 10th October. It will start at 5pm, and food will be served at 6pm with dancing continuing after that. Joyce Goodall will be the caller. More details will follow...



“Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church

Histon’s “Big Issues” roughly fortnightly series of “stimulating and at times controversial series of evenings to challenge your thinking” resume this week, on Thursday evening (24th September), starting at 7.30pm, when Revd. Simon Oliver talks on “The Death of Methodism”, and asks whether the decline in the British Methodist Church is irreversible, or if there are signs of hope. Coffee, tea and tempting desserts are served in the interval. All are welcome.



Harvest at Orwell

Next Sunday (27th September) is the Harvest Festival at Orwell Methodist Church. Following the 11am service, the chapel will be open for viewing of the displays. There will be refreshments and harvest hymn-singing.



Appeal for help with Wintercomfort’s Food4Food community café

Wintercomfort is looking for reliable, understanding people with good customer service skills and an interest in helping the homeless improve their lives.

Wintercomfort’s Food4Food community café is open to the public at St. Andrew’s Hall, Chesterton at lunchtimes from Tuesday to Friday each week. The community volunteers help ensure the smooth running of the café and support the service users in a range of tasks, enabling them to gain employment skills, qualifications and experience working in a catering environment.

For more information, please contact Emma Gerrard at Wintercomfort on (01223) 518 140 or e-mail volunteers *at* wintercomfort *dot* org *dot* uk – or drop in to the café for a cup of tea and see it in action!

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project (1)

As the evenings get shorter and the summer perhaps (if we're lucky) has a last attempt to shine on us, it's time to start thinking about volunteering for the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project. This winter it will run from 1st December until 29th February.

Homelessness has once again been in the local news for all the wrong reasons, with the sudden death of one of last year's CCHP guests, and the man seen begging with a placard stating his army number. Sadly we know that one of the ways into homelessness is to leave the army.

You can help! On Wednesday evenings in December, January and February, Castle Street will be hosting the CCHP, working with volunteers drawn from across Church at Castle. More information can be found in Ank Rigelsford's article in the September *Castle View*, but please help us by showing your willingness to be involved – please put your name on the sign-up sheet and tick the activities that you could do.



Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project (2)

In addition to the volunteers, Hope Cambridge is looking to recruit one or two part-time Project Workers to help set up and run the project.

Responsibilities will include:

- Building the rota of trained volunteers;
- Helping each church get ready to host;
- Setting up and managing day to day operations;
- Liaising with local agencies on guest lists and guest needs and outcomes
- Developing listening relationships with guests;
- Providing practical and pastoral advice, guidance and support to guests towards agreed outcomes.

Start dates are flexible, and some work will carry on beyond February 2016. Salary will be £20,000-£24,000 pro-rata depending on the person and the agreed responsibilities. Full training will be given. The hours may include evening and day-time working. Anyone interested should e-mail cchp@hopecambridge.com or call Hope Cambridge on 0800 321 3238 (they will phone back with more details).

Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group

Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group is a group of people who live in and around Cambridge working to help the refugees living in the camp in Calais. Their aim is to raise awareness of the situation and to provide practical help to the refugees. The group needs help with press and publicity; with sending out convoys and collecting donations of clothing, supplies, etc.; donations of clothes or tents; and donations of money.

In terms of the clothing required, although there are women and children at the camps, it is men's clothes that are most needed. Here is a list:

- underwear – boxers are the most popular;
- shirts and polo shirts – small and medium (they have plenty of large and XL);
- jeans – waist size 30-32 if possible;
- shoes – trainers or Doc Marten style, sizes 8-11 (Wellingtons are not liked, and leather town shoes will not last long in the conditions);
- socks.

Items can be taken to any of the following collection points:

- St. Clement's Church, Bridge Street (Wednesday to Saturday, 12 - 6pm);
- All Saints' Church, Milton (weekdays, 9am - 12.30pm);
- Art Salon, High Street, Chesterton (from mid-September).

They are hoping to find another collection point in the south of the city. There are also individuals in various parts of town who can store some things: please contact CCRAG and they will put you in touch. To find out more about how to get involved or how to donate money, visit cambridgecalaisrefugeeaction.wordpress.com, find them on Facebook, or e-mail [swhitebread at gmail dot com](mailto:swhitebread@gmail.com).



Items for the October *Castle View*...

...should be with Anna Williams by Wednesday (23rd September) 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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