



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 18th October 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 18th Oct            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**

**Prof. Judith Lieu**

*Bible readings: Hebrews 5: 1-10 (page 209)*

*Mark 10: 35-45 (page 45)*

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

*We pray... for our ecumenical partners*

Wed 21st Oct            10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Church Council

Thu 22nd Oct 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" (*see overleaf*)

**Sun 25th Oct            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

**John Boocock**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**

**Tess Maddin**

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

## **Next Sunday morning's service**

Sunday 25th October is our Church Anniversary – the 101st in this building. The morning service, led by John Boocock, will include the projected illustrations used at our Pageant of Predecessors on 25th October last year. The pictures will be linked by a spoken commentary. There will be fewer hymns and other items in the service order, and no sermon as such.



## **Table Talk**

“Table Talk” restarted last week, with a planning session for this term. Thursday evenings planned so far are:

- 22nd Oct: “Eat, Pray, Share” session 1 – the first of a five-session resource looking at Holy Communion.
- 29th Oct: “Eat, Pray, Share” session 2.
- 5th Nov: probably watch the fireworks on Jesus Green (possibly from Castle Mound), followed by refreshments at a venue to be confirmed.
- 12th Nov: to be decided (depending on the availability of other people – possibly “Eat, Pray, Share” session).
- 19th Nov: to be decided.
- 26th Nov: to be decided.
- 3rd Dec: to be decided – last meeting of Michaelmas Term.

It is hoped to arrange one session with Rebekah to tell us about her missions trip to the Dominican Republic, one session on Israel / Palestine and our possible Christian responses, and possibly the SCM India speaker talking about Dalit Theology (pencilled in for 19th November).

As ever, these sessions are open to everyone. We meet at 7pm for a simple supper. About 8pm we have coffee and cake, and then we start our discussions with some worship. You are welcome to join us at 7pm or 8pm as best suits you. We finish our discussions at 9pm then those that can stay help clear up, or if you need to go home, you go home.

Meals are simple food to share, a suggested donation is made (usually about £2 to £2.50) and the people who have cooked are reimbursed the expense. Do come and join us!

## **Volunteers required**

There are a number of roles within the church family at Castle Street which need filling or for which we need help.

First, the Pastoral and Family Committee needs a secretary. It only meets three times each year, but is one of the two committees we *must* have under current Methodist Church rules. Connected with this, we also need some more Pastoral Visitors – Alison can explain what this job entails.

We thank Mike Sharpe for all the work he has done at Castle Street over many years, but he is having to give up some of the jobs he currently does, due to taking on more responsibility in the circuit. Two important jobs which Mike currently does are with regard to managing car park lettings, and managing external bookings of the church hall and the two meeting rooms. Both are important in the fact they make a big financial contribution to the running of our church – income from the weekly offering (including standing orders) is a long way short of being enough. If you want to know more about what these two jobs involve, then have a word with Mike. Eventually Mike will also need to stand down as Church Treasurer, so we're also looking for someone to become a deputy treasurer, to "learn the ropes" with a view to taking over eventually.

Finally, we often have one or two residents of Edward House worshipping with us on Sunday mornings. They are in wheelchairs, and need to be collected and taken back. We're looking for a few people to join a rota for collecting them from Edward House, which would necessitate going for them at about 10.30am, probably only once a month.

Anyone who thinks they can help with any of this should have a word with one of the stewards. Could it be you?



## **Advance notice – Sunday 15th November**

After the morning service on 15th November, there will be a bring-and-share lunch, followed by a talk about refugees in Malta. The talk, entitled "Out of Africa into Malta" will be given by Revd. Joy and Dr. Geoff Levine; they have twice visited the refugee camps in Malta, at the invitation of St. Andrew's Church in Valletta, Malta.

## Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project Training

A reminder about the training for those volunteering with the CCHP. Details appeared on the notice sheet two weeks ago, but the dates are:

- Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm at Little St. Mary's Church
- Thursday 5th November, 7.30pm at St. Giles' Church
- Thursday 12th November, 7.30pm at Great St. Mary's Church

Please let Revd. Alison Walker know if you will be attending – the evening starts with supper, so they need to know numbers.

In addition, for the “team leaders” (those staying overnight), there are two further training evenings. These are both at Little St. Mary's Church, and start at 7.30pm:

- Tuesday 24th November: Leading a night of the CCHP: practicalities. What are our “boundaries”? Friendship and pastoral care between guests and volunteers.
- Thursday 26th November: Alcohol dependency: what it means in practice; Drug use: awareness and responsibility.



## Events elsewhere

- “Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church – Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm: “Cruse – supporting bereaved people”. Speakers are Margaret Nimmo-Smith and Pennie Harrison. Tea, coffee and desserts served in the interval.
- Wesley Church Centenary Lecture – Saturday 24th October at 10.30am: lecture on “The future of the NHS” given by Hugh Pym, BBC News Health Editor. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the Sick Children's Trust.
- Christmas Charity Fayre at Haslingfield – Saturday 7th November, from 11am.

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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