



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 1st November 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 1st Nov 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Alison Walker

Bible reading: Mark 5: 21-43 (p. 38)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alison Walker

*Bible readings: Job 1: 1 & 2: 1-10 (p. 428); Job 23: 1-17 (p. 443);
Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 (p. 454); Job 42 (p. 458)*

We pray... for the message of the Bible

Wed 4th Nov 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 5th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 "Table Talk" – see overleaf for meeting place

Sun 8th Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brian Beck

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

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

“Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight

The next in this series of special Sunday evening services takes place this evening at 6.30pm, and will be led by Revd. Dr. Michael Wilson. The subject is “Paul Jeffries – God’s silent servant?”.

Paul Jefferies was Michael Wilson’s father-in-law. As a schoolboy he became convinced that God was calling him to China. He got there in 1943, and worked in Hunan as a Methodist missionary through the Japanese war and then the Revolution. Expelled in 1950, he was posted to Hong Kong for fourteen years, where he worked in the Chinese refugee community. In 1964 he helped set up and then became the founding dean of the Chung Chi Divinity Faculty of Hong Kong University. This talk is a modified version of the lecture given by Michael Wilson in honour of Paul at Chung Chi on 19th March 2015. The Paul Jefferies Scholarship, inaugurated that day, has been created to bring Hong Kong Methodist students back to Wesley House, where Paul originally trained for Christian ministry.



Table Talk goes bang!

This Thursday is bonfire night, and Table Talk is going to watch the fireworks on Midsummer Common (which start at 7.30pm). Afterwards it will join Meth Soc’s “Bangers and Mash” at Wesley. The plan is to meet at Esther’s house on Jesus Lane at 7pm. If you’d like to go along, please let Alison know so that she can tell you Esther’s address and also give numbers to Meth Soc (for catering). The charge for the “Bangers and Mash” is £5 for adults or £3 for students, with proceeds going to charity.



Out of Africa into Malta – Sunday 15th November: food request

Details have already been published about this event after the morning service in two weeks’ time, and there is more in the November *Castle View* (available today). Please note that it is requested that items for the bring-and-share lunch do not require any heating and can simply be laid out on the table without any preparation other than removal of any packaging. However, if you would like to make some soup so that we also have something warming, please have a word with either Alison Walker or Nicola Simmonds.

Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – appeal for more help

Alison Walker and Ank Rigelsford have been drawing up the rota of volunteers for the CCHP Wednesday evenings (which start in December), and we still need some more key volunteers.

The overnight shift is the least popular, but very important. In particular, two more “team leaders” are needed, in addition to more people to stay overnight. As a team leader, you need to be present from 7pm, assist with the check-in process, and ensure the hall is set-up correctly. If there are any problems (last year this was an exception not a regular occurrence) then you will take the initiative in solving them. You go off duty on Thursday morning, once the premises are cleaned up. There are two training evenings specifically for team leaders (recommended, but not essential), and hopefully team leaders have prior experience of CCHP or a similar project. Both training evenings take place at Little St. Mary’s Church, and start at 7.30pm – coffee and cake will be served:

- Tuesday 24th November – Being a team leader: practicalities. What are our boundaries? Workshop on friendships and pastoral care. (With Stephen Barwise and Fiona Blake in conversation with churches.)
- Thursday 26th November – Alcohol dependency: what it is and working with it; drug use in our churches and out

Other specific roles which need filling are:

- Being at Castle Street between 7.45am and 8.15am on a Wednesday morning to receive the kit of sleeping bags, roll mats and boxes.
- Arriving at Castle Street on a Thursday morning at 7am to help get everything cleaned up.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered – we have lots of willing cooks, which is great. A couple more evening volunteers would also be welcome, but our biggest need is for overnight people. The training dates for people helping are as follows (you only need attend one):

- 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

If you can help in any way, please speak to Alison or Ank.

Christmas Charity Fayre at Haslingfield – next Saturday

This takes place next Saturday (7th November), from 11am until 2.30pm. More details can be found in *Castle View*.



Jimmy's Twentieth Anniversary Service

A service to mark the twentieth anniversary of Jimmy's (night shelter) will take place at Zion Baptist Church, East Road, next Saturday (7th November). The service, led by Revd. Stuart Wood (minister at Barnwell Baptist Church, chaplain to Cambridge United FC, and a good friend of Jimmy's), begins at 7pm, but there are light refreshments from 6pm. For more information, see the invitation on the notice board.



"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church

The next of these lectures takes place on Monday 9th November at 7.45pm, when Dr. Ruth Bancewicz will talk about "Wonder of the living world: Science and Faith in action". Refreshments are served from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

Ruth is a Senior Research Associate at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, working on the positive interaction between science and faith. A short biography can be found on the Wesley Methodist Church website at www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm.

In her talk, Ruth will look at how science and faith can fit together in a fruitful and fascinating way. Biological science is constantly revealing more about the incredible organisms on this planet, which thrive and reproduce in even the most hostile environments. As well as increasing our general sense of wonder, these findings can also raise questions about the meaning of what we see. Ruth will explore the work of scientists who are also people of faith, and the claim that their discoveries are consistent with the existence of a powerful, purposeful God.

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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