



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Sunday 8th November 2015 – Remembrance Sunday

*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 8th Nov            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Dr. Brian Beck**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

*We pray... for those who have served our country*

Wed 11th Nov        10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 12th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk"

**Sun 15th Nov        10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

12.30 "Out of Africa into Malta" – talk by Joy and Geoff Levine, preceded by a bring-and-share lunch (*see also overleaf*)

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

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

## **Bible readings for today's services**

10.45am

Micah 4: 1-7 (*page 792*)

Matthew 5: 43-48 (*page 5*)

6.30pm

Micah 4: 1-9 (*page 792*)

John 15: 9-17 (*page 105*)



### **“Out of Africa into Malta” – next Sunday**

We hope that as many people as possible will join us after the morning service next Sunday – for a bring-and-share lunch, followed by a talk about refugees in Malta...

Rev. Joy and Dr. Geoff Levine are Methodist Minister and Cambridge GP respectively, and both regular worshippers at Castle Street. Geoff has a particular interest in diabetes, and they have both worked over the past eleven years with hospitals in the slums of India where Geoff trains doctors. However, on this occasion they will talk about a project with St. Andrew's Church in Valletta, Malta (see [www.saintandrewsmalta.com](http://www.saintandrewsmalta.com)). They have twice visited the refugee camps in Malta at the invitation of the church and have explored the setting up of self-help groups there. This is a particularly critical time to discuss the plight of refugees with so many attempting to enter the EU and the risks to their lives they are taking both overland and at sea. As Christians we are all concerned about our response and this is an opportunity to air some of our thoughts.

The talk will follow a bring-and-share lunch – but it is requested that, in order to reduce the time spent in preparation, clearing away, washing up, and cleaning the kitchen, food items brought do not require any heating and can simply be laid out on the table. 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.



### **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church – tomorrow (Monday 9th)**

Dr. Ruth Bancewicz will talk about “Wonder of the living world: Science and Faith in action”. Refreshments are served from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection. More details appeared on last week's notice sheet, and can also be found at [www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm).

## **CCHP – repeat appeal for more help (*because it's important!*)**

Alison Walker and Ank Rigelsford have been drawing up the rota of volunteers for the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project Wednesday evenings (which start soon), 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. There is one remaining training session for people helping (you only need attend one), which is this Thursday (12th November) at Great St. Mary’s Church, starting at 7.30pm. Please let Alison know if you plan to go (for catering purposes).

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

## “Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church

The next in this series takes place this Thursday evening (12th November), when Andy Lee (assisted by Rufus) will talk about “Dogs For Good: just who can assistance dogs help today?” It starts at 7.30pm, and tea, coffee and tempting desserts will be served during the interval. All are welcome.



## Cambridge House of Prayer

A Diocese of Ely initiative, CAM-HOP is a praying community which has just started to meet between 4pm and 6pm on most weekdays to pray for our city, our country and the nations – on Tuesdays at Great St. Mary’s; on Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Paul’s, Hills Road; and on Thursdays at Michaelhouse. More details will follow, or visit [www.cam-hop.org](http://www.cam-hop.org).



## Other local events coming up

- Road Peace Service (to remember those who have died on our roads): Sunday 15th November at 3pm, in the Chapel at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. All are welcome, especially families and friends of those who have died in road accidents in recent months, and those involved in the rescue services. The service will be followed by refreshments. For more information, contact Revd. Deborah McVey (e-mail: [deborah\\_dot mcvey at addenbrookes\\_dot nhs\\_dot uk](mailto:deborah_dot_mcvey_at_addenbrookes_dot_nhs_dot_uk)).
- Undivided – God’s gift of singleness to the whole church family: Saturday 14th November, 9.30am to 3.30pm at Christ Church. Singleness is often seen as a gift that no one wants. Yet the Bible is unreservedly positive about God’s good gift of singleness. So what have we got wrong? Through a mixture of talks, testimony and seminars, Ed Shaw (author of *The Plausibility Problem*) and Andrea Trevenna author of *The Heart of Singleness*) will help us explore the gift of singleness and how we can make the best use of it – whether we are single or not. Visit [www.christchurchcambridge.org.uk/undivided](http://www.christchurchcambridge.org.uk/undivided) to book; the cost (including lunch) is £10.

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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