



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 3rd January 2016

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 3rd Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Lynn Taylor

We pray... for the hope of a new year

Wed 6th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 7th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 10th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Prof. Morna Hooker-Stacey

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (*page 632*) Matthew 2: 1-12 (*page 1*)

6.30pm: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28 (*page 232*) 1 John 4: 7-16 (*page 229*)



Saturday Nights at St. Luke's

St. Luke's popular series of travel talks with supper begins again this coming Saturday (9th January), with a visual tour of Peru from Paul and Sylvia Custerson. Supper (beef casserole, followed by a pudding) will be served at 6.45pm. Tickets cost £10, which includes supper and soft drinks; alcoholic drinks may be taken along if you wish. Proceeds will go towards improving the church's audio-visual system. To book your place, have a word with Heather Taplin.

Further evenings in this series will take place on Saturday 13th February, when Margaret Cooper will look at the country and wildlife of Namibia, and on Saturday 12th March, when Revd. Dr. Janet Bunker and husband Mark Wills will take us on a visit to Japan. More details will follow.



Table Talk

Table Talk resumes next week, on Thursday 14th January. The first meeting will be combined with a more general church meeting about the use of social media – should we use it as an outreach tool, and, if so, how? Bring your experiences and expertise with Facebook, Twitter, etc., and be ready to share your ideas.



"Big Issues" series at Histon Methodist Church

This twice-monthly series also gets underway again on Thursday 14th January. The first talk will be given by Jan Howieson of the Rainbow Saver Anglia Credit Union Ltd., and is entitled "Credit Unions – what they are and how they work". The talk begins at 7.30pm, and coffee, tea and tempting desserts are served in the interval.

The next events are planned for 28th January, 11th February, 25th February and 10th March – see the poster for more details, or visit <http://histonmethodist.org/big-issues/> and click on the link.

Rebekah's Charity Ball – Saturday 16th January

Rebekah Blyth invites all at Castle Street to help her to celebrate her twenty-first birthday and raise money at the same time. She is organising a Charity Ball in Castle Street church hall from 7pm to 10pm on Saturday 16th January (actually the day before her birthday). All funds raised will go towards building Nazareth House, a home for disabled children.

Nazareth House is one of the projects Rebekah was working with over the summer in the Dominican Republic. They are being threatened with eviction at the moment from their current – and not very good – residence. Building work is set to start in the summer, but only if they can raise enough money to do so – so please join with Rebekah in this mammoth task! There's a short video about the project on Rebekah's website at <http://think-pray-do.weebly.com/blog/we-have-a-dream>.

Rebekah suggests that you eat your dinner at home, and then come along for tasty desserts – she's planning a chocolate fountain, candy floss, and lots of cakes. There will be loads of games, loads of dancing, and even a fun photo shoot. The suggested donation (for those who can afford it) is £7. She hopes that as many people as possible can come for at least part of the evening, but says it would be great to know how many are going along – so please let her know (e-mail: [rebekahblyth111 at gmail dot com](mailto:rebekahblyth111@gmail.com)).

If anyone is able to help to decorate the hall, or to make any more desserts, please also get in touch with Rebekah.



“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series takes place on Monday 11th January at 7.15pm for 7.45pm, when Dame Fiona Reynolds, Master of Emmanuel College and previously of the National Trust, the Council for National Parks and the CPRE, addresses “The Case for Beauty”. For more information, visit <http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm>.

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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