



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 24th 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 24th Jan** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Ank Rigelsford and Margaret Cooper
- 18.30 UNITED CHURCH AT CASTLE EVENING**
WORSHIP FOR HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY
Rev. Alison Walker and Andy King

We pray... for the homeless

- Wed 27th Jan** **10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning**
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class**
- Thu 28th Jan** **10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group**
- 19.00 for 20.00 "Table Talk" (see overleaf)**

- Sun 31st Jan** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
John Boocock
- 18.30 CIRCUIT "FAITH TO LIVE BY" SERVICE**
at Haslingfield Methodist Church (see overleaf)

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

Bible readings for this morning's service

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*page 414*) 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (*page 165*)

Luke 4: 14-21 (*page 58*)



This evening's service – 6.30pm at Castle Street

The service this evening will be a Church at Castle united service for Homelessness Sunday, led by Revd. Alison Walker. The speaker is Andy King, Single Homelessness Co-ordinator at Cambridge City Council. The "loose" part of the offering will be donated to the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project; churches involved in the CCHP provide a hot meal and overnight accommodation for homeless people during December, January and February (Castle Street does this each Wednesday night).



Next Sunday evening: Circuit "Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield

Next Sunday there will be no evening service at Castle Street, as we are all invited to Haslingfield Methodist Church at 6.30pm, where Dr. Jill Barber, will talk about "The Prophecy, Prayer, Passion and Protest".

Dr. Jill Barber is the current Vice-President of the Methodist Conference and in her inaugural address in summer 2015 she addressed the question, "Where is the Methodist voice?" She asked, "Have we lost that passion for living out the gospel through social and political action? Is there a danger that we have privatised our faith, so that it makes us feel better as individuals, but we fail to relate it to wider community and global issues? I want to call on Methodists to get involved in local and national politics. To become a voice for change, challenging the politics of self-interest and upholding the politics of the common good."

Jill grew up in Kent. At sixteen, she became a Sunday School teacher and has enjoyed working with young people ever since. Since 2011, Jill has been Project Director at Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum of Primitive Methodism, a Heritage for Mission Project. She is passionate about "Telling Our Stories" to engage people outside the Church.

Do go along if you are able. There will be a short time of worship, the presentation, refreshments and discussion.

“Table Talk” this week – Thursday evening

At Table Talk this week we’ll be showing the film *Where the Water Meets the Sky*”.

Narrated by Morgan Freeman, *Where the Water Meets the Sky* tells the story of a remarkable group of women in a remote region of northern Zambia, who are given a unique opportunity: to learn how to make a film, as a way to speak out about their lives and to challenge the local traditions which have, until now, kept them silent. The film was produced by the girls’ education charity Camfed (whose office is opposite the church).

Come along at 7pm if you want food. The film is about an hour long so they’re aiming to start watching at 8pm – slightly earlier than normal.



“Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church – Cambridge Street Pastors

The next in this series of stimulating and at times controversial evenings to challenge your thinking takes place this coming Thursday (28th January), when Garry McDermott will talk about how Street Pastors support those distressed or vulnerable on a night out in Cambridge. It starts at 7.30pm, and tea, coffee and tempting desserts will be served in the interval.

The next “Big Issues” evening will take place on Thursday 11th February, when Revd. Simon Oliver will make a theological exploration of the popular arts in a talk entitled, “Jesus, Movies, and Rock ‘n’ Roll”. Visit <http://histonmethodist.org/events/category/big-issues/list/> for the full twice-monthly programme.



Recipes for Fairtrade Fortnight – last call

As part of our support for Fairtrade Fortnight, we’d like to produce a special Castle Street Fairtrade recipe book (similar to the soup one we produced a few years ago). Please could you submit your best fairtrade recipes to Anna Williams by the end of January. The recipes should have as many items that could be bought fairly traded as you can think of, for example banana and chocolate muffins (bananas, chocolate, sugar) or tropical curry (pineapple, spices, rice). International recipes and ones with a story behind them would be particularly welcomed!

Living with Differences: Marriage and Relationships

A reminder about the second of two circuit consultation evenings, to be held on Monday 1st February at Haslingfield Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

Christians have always had to live with differences unless severe repression has been in place. In the twentieth century, British Christians took very different views on pacifism and warfare or on divorce. Today they have conflicting views on same sex relationships. With the sudden introduction of legal same-sex marriage, how does the church cope with different views on such a major subject. How does it affect our view of marriage?

Revd. Colin A. Smith (superintendent minister of the Cambridge Circuit) and Revd. Carole Irwin (of Wesley House) will speak and lead a discussion on this subject. The format for the meeting will be the same as the one held at Histon before Christmas. There will be time to introduce the themes and encourage conversation to provide useful feedback to input into the national consultation process.



St. Luke's Travel Talk and Supper – next one coming soon

Thanks to all who supported the Travel Talk and Supper at St. Luke's – a profit of £434.69 was made, which will go towards updating the kitchen.

Next month's talk is entitled "A Journey in Namibia – the Ultimate Safari", and will take place on Saturday 13th February. Tickets will be on sale from next Sunday – see Heather Taplin.



Notice sheet on-line

Don't forget that if you're not at church on Sunday, the weekly notice sheet can be downloaded as a PDF from the church website, as can copies from previous weeks.

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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