



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 31st 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 31st Jan **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
John Boocock: "Lost and found"

18.30 CIRCUIT "FAITH TO LIVE BY" SERVICE
at Haslingfield Methodist Church *(see overleaf)*

We pray... for health workers

Wed 3rd Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 4th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

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

Sun 7th Feb **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Bible readings for this morning's service

Luke 15: 8-10 (page 75)

Revelation 1: 9-11, 19-20; 2: 1-7 (page 234)



Helen Lawrence, RIP

Many will be aware of the death of Helen Lawrence a week or two ago. Helen used to attend Castle Street occasionally, especially for evening services. Her committal will take place in the East Chapel at Cambridge Crematorium at 11.30am on Tuesday 2nd February. It is thought there will be a proper celebration of her life at a later date, but probably in Frinton rather than Cambridge.



Circuit "Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield – tonight at 6.30pm

There will be no service at Castle Street this evening, as we are all invited to Haslingfield Methodist Church, where, at the monthly "Faith to Live by" service, 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

Table Talk this week will explore the Orthodox Eucharist, in a session led by David and Ony Collison. Come for hot food at 7pm, for coffee at 8pm, or just for the discussion at 8.15pm. The programme for the rest of this term can be found in the February *Castle View*, and this includes the...



Lent Course 2016

This year we are going to be using the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland 2016 Lent course, “Pilgrimage”. There will be five sessions at “Table Talk” on Thursday evenings (as outlined in *Castle View*), but Revd. Alison Walker will also run another group, perhaps on an afternoon, if there is some interest (realistically, interest from about six people, even if some cannot make every week). Please contact Alison if you’d like to join the second group. Visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-course-2016/> for more information, and see also www.lentpilgrimage.org.uk/.



Living with Differences: Marriage and Relationships

A reminder about the second of two circuit consultation evenings, to be held tomorrow evening (Monday 1st February) at Haslingfield Methodist Church, starting 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.

Service for Homelessness Sunday

The Church at Castle united service for Homelessness Sunday, held at Castle Street last Sunday evening, was an informative and special act of worship. Andy King from Cambridge City Council shared some of his experience of working with homeless people, and played tribute to the contribution made by the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project (CCHP) of which we are part, together with help throughout Church at Castle and from Haslingfield and Wesley Methodist Churches. The sum of £206 was collected at the service and donated to CCHP. This will help to meet the costs of employing a part-time worker, renting storage space and renewing basic equipment.



February *Castle View*

The February *Castle View* is now available, and contains details of a number of forthcoming events in the circuit and Church at Castle. In the next two weeks, this includes:

- “Science Meets Faith” – The Ethical Challenges of Stem Cell Biology: Wesley, Mon 8th Feb;
- “Big Issues” – Jesus, Movies and Rock ‘n’ Roll: Histon, Thurs 11th Feb;
- “A Journey in Namibia – the Ultimate Safari” (talk by Margaret Cooper, with supper): St. Luke’s, Sat 13th Feb (tickets from Heather Taplin);
- “A Faith to Live by” – Are disabled people left behind? (with Kirsty Smith of CBM): Haslingfield, Sun 14th Feb.



New e-mail address

Brian Carter (organist, steward, and editor of this notice sheet) has a new personal e-mail address, which will be circulated in due course (and use of the old one eventually discontinued). However, a new e-mail address has also been set up for church purposes (e-mails are redirected), as given in the panel below.

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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