



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 7th February 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 7th Feb 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

We pray... for our preparations for Lent

Wed 10th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

19.30 Pastoral and Family Committee

Thu 11th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" – Lent Course: The Open Road

Sun 14th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rebekah Blyth

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
"Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am:

Acts 3: 13-26 (*page 114*)

6.30pm:

Exodus 34: 29-35 (*page 78*)

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2 (*page 171*)

Psalms 99 (*page 513*)

Luke 9: 28-36 (*page 66*)



Sunday evening services in February

Next Sunday evening (14th February), there will again be no service at Castle Street. Instead, we shall again go to the "Faith to Live by" service at Haslingfield Methodist Church, which starts at 6.30pm. The speaker, Kirsty Smith, will address the question, "Are disabled people left behind?"

Kirsty, who is a member at Castle Street Methodist Church, was Chief Executive at MRDF (Methodist Relief and Development Fund – now known as "All we can") for twelve years before becoming Chief Executive Officer at CBM UK. CBM is an international Christian charity committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities. CBM is working in over eighty of the poorest countries of the world and reaches more than thirty-six million people each year. While international humanitarian assistance continues to increase, the number, scale and severity of humanitarian crises are increasingly outstripping resources. What emergency response there is, fails to reach the most vulnerable, with people with disabilities remaining largely ignored and excluded. The talk explores how times of crises exacerbate the vulnerabilities and barriers faced by people with disabilities, and examines the most effective way to ensure no-one is left behind.

The evening will include a short time of worship, and there will be refreshments and time for questions. Lifts will probably be available – please contact Chris Rayson (or speak to any steward) if you'd like one.

On 21st February it will be the Iona Service at St. Luke's (at 7pm), and on 28th February the preacher at Castle Street will be Geoff Ling – the February *Castle View* shows these correctly, but the circuit plan has them reversed.

“Table Talk” this week

Table Talk on Thursday evening will be the first of the 2016 Lent Course “Pilgrimage: an exploration of spiritual journeying”. Details of this are in the February *Castle View*. Meet at 7pm for hot food, for tea or coffee at 8pm, or for the discussion only at 8.15pm.



Top Team Quiz at Wesley – date for your diary

Wesley Methodist Church is holding its annual Top Team Quiz on Saturday 5th March at 7.15pm. Teams of up to six people are invited. The entry fee is £36 per team which includes refreshments. Entry forms are available in our vestry for any participating teams.



Reminders about forthcoming events at other churches

The February *Castle View* contains details of a number of forthcoming events in the circuit and Church at Castle. In the next week are:

- “Science Meets Faith” – The Ethical Challenges of Stem Cell Biology: Wesley Methodist Church, Mon 8th Feb at 7.15pm for 7.45pm;
- “Big Issues” – Jesus, Movies and Rock ‘n’ Roll (a theological exploration of the popular arts, with Revd. Simon Oliver): Histon Methodist Church, Thurs 11th Feb at 7.30pm;
- “A Journey in Namibia – the Ultimate Safari” (talk by Margaret Cooper, with supper): St. Luke’s, Sat 13th Feb (tickets from Heather Taplin).



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). A new e-mail address has also been set up for church purposes (e-mails are redirected), as 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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