



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 21st 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 21st Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Rachel Larkinson

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for our ecumenical partnership

Mon 22nd Feb 19.30 Church Council

Wed 24th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 25th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.15 "Table Talk" – Lent Course: Becoming Present

Sun 28th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Geoff Ling

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

Bible readings for this morning's service

Genesis 15: 1-6 (*page 11*)

Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1 (*page 188*)

Luke 13: 31-35 (*page 73*)



Methsoc Revue – tonight at 7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church

The Cambridge Student Methodist Society is holding its annual Methsoc Revue this evening (Sunday 21st February). Spend an hour being entertained by members and friends of Methsoc. Snacks will be provided. Go along for fun, food, fellowship and some inevitably hilarious failures. There's no charge for admission, but donations will be gratefully received in support of the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project and Jimmy's Night Shelter.



"Big Issues" at Histon Methodist Church – this Thursday

On Thursday (25th February) Revd. Dr. Roger P. Abbott of the Faraday Institute will give a talk on the subject "When have disasters ever been natural?" It starts at 7.30pm, and tea, coffee and tempting desserts will be served during the interval.



"A Peruvian Adventure" at Royston Methodist Church – this Friday

On Friday (26th February), starting at 7.30pm, Jennie, Paul, Gill and Geoff tell the story of their recent Traidcraft "Meet the People" Tour to Peru. Admission is free, and there will be an opportunity to purchase Traidcraft products.



Women's World Day of Prayer: "Receive Children, Receive Me"

A service for Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Castle Street on Friday 4th March, starting at 2.30pm. This year's service has been written by the women of Cuba, and invites us to learn from each generation their own gift, to put children at the centre of God's Kingdom, and to hear Jesus' call to be that child. Do join us, if you can, for a delightful service, followed by refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome – including men.

Practical support for the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group

On Saturday 5th March, we are hosting a Cam-CRAG jumble sale. There are plenty of volunteers from Cam-CRAG and the Gates Scholars (funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) to staff the actual jumble sale. However, we need a few church members to be present to sell tea and coffee (also in aid of Cam-CRAG) during the jumble sale which will be open from approximately noon until 3pm.

Can you help please? You'll need to supply the milk and biscuits (taking the costs from the takings), but there's no need to make cakes unless you really, really want to. Also, anyone offering help with staffing the jumble sale would not be turned away! If you can help in any way, please contact Alison Walker or Elliot Carmichael-Harris (who is part of Cam-CRAG).



Next Travel Talk at St. Luke's

The third and final Travel Talk this year at St. Luke's will take place on the evening of Saturday 12th March. Revd. Dr. Janet Bunker and her husband Mark will talk about Japan. Tickets cost £10 each and include supper; they should be available next Sunday, from Heather Taplin.



Christian Seder Meal at St. Augustine's

This annual Church at Castle Holy Week event is taking place on Tuesday 22nd March at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children, and will also be available soon from Heather Taplin.



Meeting to plan the next circuit service

There will be a meeting at Toft Methodist Church on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm to plan the next circuit service, which will take place at Toft on the evening of Sunday 24th April. Please come along and bring your ideas, imaginations, prayers, hymns, songs, Bible readings, drama, activities, instruments, music, experiences and anything at all that you think might help! Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a local preacher or worship leader. Please let Revd. Alison Walker know if you hope to attend, or if you'd like to be involved but can't make the meeting.

Children's / Families' / Youth Work Easter Gathering – 3rd March

A chance to share your experiences, ideas, struggles, joys and hopes for work with children and young people in your churches and communities. As well as cake, coffee and the chance to talk and pray, both John Hardwick and Alison Clark will be there – it's at Haslingfield Methodist Church on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm. Please contact Simon Oliver (simon dot oliver at cantab dot net) by 2nd March if you plan to go along.



Top Team Quiz at Wesley – 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.



“Hope in Dementia and Old Age” – day conference

The Compassion Care Trust and the Pilgrims' Friend Society are organising this event on Saturday 10th March at Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way, between 10am and 4pm. It will look at current understanding and best practice, with spiritual insight. The cost is £10 per person. Visit www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk for more information, or ask Brian Carter for a electronic (or hard) copy of the flyer.



Volunteers wanted...

- to take charge of ordering coffee for church use – speak to a steward.
- to help organise the Easter Breakfast – speak to Brian Carter.



Reminder about the Cambridge Half Marathon – next Sunday

This annual event is taking place next Sunday, and, as usual, there will be road closures which will affect some people who come to church by car or bike. Details can be found in the February *Castle View*.

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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