



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 8th January 2017

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 8th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

John Baker

Bible readings: Isaiah 42: 109 (page 614)

Matthew 3: 13-17 (page 3)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Tess Maddin

Bible readings: Joshua 3: 1-8, 14-17 (page 185)

Hebrews 1: 1-12 (page 207)

We pray... for Christian Unity

Wed 11th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 12th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 15th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP: COVENANT SERVICE

Rev. Alison Walker

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

Next Sunday evening

As a result of the first Sunday of January being New Year's Day, the twice monthly Iona Services at St. Luke's have been moved to the second and fourth Sundays this month (instead of the first and third). So there is no Iona Service next Sunday evening, and neither will there be a service at Castle Street (because the Plan had been put together before this was discovered). If you would like to attend an evening service next week, then we'd encourage you to go to Wesley, where Revd. Alan Ashton will be leading a Covenant Service, starting at 6.30pm.



"Science Meets Faith" at Wesley Methodist Church

The first lecture of 2017 takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 9th January). Dr. Rhoda Hawkins of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Sheffield, will give a talk entitled "Cells, cancer and Christianity: a Physicist's Perspective". It starts at 7.45pm with light refreshments served from 7.15pm. Admission is free; there is a retiring collection. For more information about the Science Meets Faith series, visit www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm.



Wesley Fireside – Tuesday 10th January at 2.30pm

This month's speaker is Revd. Alan Ashton. In his talk "From on note to sitting down", Alan tells his Methodist story from becoming a local preacher to "retirement".



"Big Issues" at Histon Methodist Church: "Jesus goes to the movies"

An introduction to exploring theology and spirituality through the best (and worst) of contemporary cinema with Revd. Simon Oliver, on Thursday (12th January) starting at 7.30pm. A stimulating and at times controversial series of evenings to challenge your thinking. Coffee, tea and delicious desserts served during the interval.



Faith in the Arts: The Arts, Midrash and Biblical Teaching

At Wesley Methodist Church on Thursday (12th January) with Revd. Dr. Bruce Birch. It starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection.

Special evening for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On the evening of Thursday 19th January, starting at 7pm, Castle Street is hosting a special Church at Castle event for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The evening will include worship, a talk, discussion, and puddings; the speaker will be Revd. Alexander Jensen, Principal of the Eastern Region Ministry Course since January 2016. The title of his talk is "The Reformation between Religious Renewal and Power Politics".

The Reformation of the sixteenth century changed the religious landscape in Western Europe completely and all Churches in Western Europe changed beyond recognition as a result. The identity of all Western European Churches is shaped by the reformation in one way or another. Unfortunately, the way in which this did happen is obscured by the myths the different denominations tell about the Reformation. The speaker will explore the Reformation as a religious renewal movement responding to specific problems and issues that arose in the late Middle Ages, and also as a response to a specific political situation in the sixteenth century, the rise of the House of Habsburg. Whilst in itself an interesting piece of history, it will also help us to look beyond the denominations' foundational myths and understand a bit better where we are coming from.

A native of Germany, Alexander Jensen studied theology at the universities of Tübingen, Durham and Oxford. After serving as a parish priest in Stockton-on-Tees, he became Lecturer in Divinity at the Church of Ireland Theological College with Trinity College, Dublin. In 2005 he took up the position of Lecturer (from 2008 Senior Lecturer) in Systematic Theology at Murdoch University with Perth Theological Hall in Perth, Western Australia, from 2006 to 2012 serving as Principal of the Theological Hall. Alex's PhD was in New Testament (hermeneutics and John's Gospel); his scholarly interests lie in theological hermeneutics, doctrine of God, Christology and secularisation. His publications include *Divine Providence and Human Agency: Trinity, Creation and Freedom* (Ashgate, 2014), *Theological Hermeneutics* (SCM, 2007) and *John's Gospel as Witness: The Development of the early Christian Language of Faith* (Ashgate, 2004). Alex has a great passion for teaching, and was awarded a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning by the Australian Teaching and Learning Council in 2011.

“Our EcoChurch Journey”, Monday 23rd January at Michaelhouse

A talk by the St. Paul’s EcoChurch Group. It’s open to all who are thinking about EcoChurch or already taking part, to share ideas and strategies. Also showing excerpts from *Before the Flood*, the documentary on the environment by Leonardo Di Caprio. It starts at 7.30pm, with tea and cakes served from 7pm.



Creating Safer Space Foundation Module refresher training

This mandatory training is for all who have undertaken the Foundation Module and includes points learned from the Past Cases Review. This is brand new refresher training so it is really important that you attend – even if you have done the training in the last year. It’s being run three times, and you only need to attend one. They are:

- Monday 20th February, 2pm at Orwell Methodist Church
- Wednesday 22nd February, 7.30pm at Royston Methodist Church
- Saturday 25th February, 10am at Castle Street Methodist Church

Please contact Miriam Webb (Circuit Administrator) to book into the most convenient training session for you. Our Safeguarding Officer (Denise McMillan) or the Circuit Safeguarding Steward (Richard Elcock) will be happy to give further advice about any specific questions you may have.



What could parish nursing offer your church?

Ely Diocese Mission is supporting a presentation from Parish Nursing Ministries UK (PNUK), on the evening of Wednesday 18th January at Hildersham Church, High Street, Hildersham, CB21 6BU, starting at 7.30pm. The speakers are Dr. Ros Moore (CEO, PNUK), Revd. Dr. Helen Wordsworth (Founder Director, PNUK) and Rev. Prof. Alasdair Coles (Adviser to the Bishop of Ely on Health and Wholeness). To book a place (they’re free), e-mail mission *dot* events *at* elydiocese *dot* org.

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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