



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 15th 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 15th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP: COVENANT SERVICE
Rev. Alison Walker

Bible reading: John 15: 1-10 (page 105)

Philippians 2: 1-11 (page 187)

We pray... for a new start in our Covenant with God

Wed 18th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 19th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 Special evening for the Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity (*see overleaf*)

Sun 22nd Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
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18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

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

Special evening for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Thursday

This Thursday evening (19th January), starting at 7pm (in the church hall), we are hosting a special Church at Castle event for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It 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.

No service this 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 this 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 a service this evening, then we'd encourage you to go to Wesley, where Revd. Alan Ashton will be leading a Covenant Service, starting at 6.30pm.



Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be daily morning prayer at St. Peter's Church every day this week (from Monday 16th to Friday 20th January) at 7.30am.



"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. Please speak to Alison, Jane Dominey (our Safeguarding Officer) or Richard Elcock (Circuit Safeguarding Steward) if you have any specific questions.

Inspiration: five sessions on spiritual nurture for babies and their parents

We are excited to be running a second “Inspiration” course for families with babies under the age of one year. This is an ecumenical venture, run by a team from Church at Castle, and will take place on Friday afternoons from 1pm until 2.30pm for five weeks, beginning on 24th February. Please pick up a leaflet (available at the back of church) if you are interested, and do pass on the invitation to any families you know with babies.

We are still looking for a couple more volunteers to help with the course, especially with the practical aspects such as making tea and coffee, and staffing a crèche for siblings (age 1-4). If there is anyone who could help out with this, please get in touch with Kimberley or Rebekah. To find out more, e-mail [cambridgeinspiration at gmail dot com](mailto:cambridgeinspiration@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/inspirationchurchatcastle).



Travel Talks at St. Luke’s

The first in this year’s series of three Saturday evening travel talks takes place at St. Luke’s in two week’s time, on 28th January. Full details are in the December / January *Castle View*. Tickets are now available from Heather; they cost £10, and include supper – a Mauritian meal of Chicken Daube, desserts (a wide choice will be available), soft drinks (you may take your own alcoholic drinks), and tea and coffee.



What could parish nursing offer your church?

Ely Diocese Mission is supporting a presentation from Parish Nursing Ministries UK (PNUK), this Wednesday evening (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](mailto:mission_dot_events@elydiocese.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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