



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 12th February 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 12th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Barbara Garwood

Bible readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (page 178)

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 (page 158)

Matthew 5: 21-26 (page 4)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alison Walker

We pray... for our ecumenical partnership

Wed 15th Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 16th Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk

Sun 19th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Jim Taylor

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

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

Radha's brief return

Regulars at Wednesday coffee mornings in 2013 may remember Radha Letchumy, an ethnic Indian lady, who worked as a servant for a family not far from the church. She has been in Croydon for the past few months, working for a kind family, and has met in London with Anne Littlefair. Radha returns to Kuala Lumpur early next month, and is coming to stay with Anne next weekend (Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February). Radha is hoping to meet up on Saturday with some of the people she knew in 2013, and Anne and Radha will both be attending the morning service next Sunday, and staying for coffee and chat afterwards.

Anne is co-ordinating the visits on the Saturday, so if you remember Radha and would like to see her on Saturday, please let Anne know (e-mail: *anne dot littlefair at ntlworld dot com*).



Church Council

A reminder that the next meeting of the Church Council will take place on Thursday 23rd February, at 7.30pm. The agenda has now been sent out by e-mail; if anyone has not received theirs, please contact Gilbert.



Travel Talks at St. Luke's

Tickets for the next Saturday evening Travel Talk (with supper) at St. Luke's – on 25th February (“Brazil – no, we didn't go to the Olympics”) – can be obtained from Heather. See *Castle View* for more details.



The Edmund Octet at Royston Methodist Church

An evening of popular classics and songs from the shows on Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm. To book tickets (£8, including light refreshments) and for further information contact Sue (e-mail: *walter962 at btinternet dot com*). Proceeds are to be shared between Royston Town Mayor's Community Trust Fund and Royston Methodist Church.



Car park spaces available

A small number of spaces in our car park have unexpectedly become available on weekdays. If you know of anyone or any local business who might be interested in using them, please have a word with Mike Sharpe.

“Science Meets Faith” – tomorrow evening at Wesley Methodist Church

Dr. Cristobal Uauy of the John Innes Centre, Norwich will address the question “Is it ethical to oppose modern plant breeding technologies?” tomorrow evening (Monday 13th February). It starts at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.15pm. There will be a retiring collection.

Cristobal Uauy studied Agronomy in the Catholic University of Chile (2001) and he holds a PhD in Genetics from the University of California, Davis (2007). His work on wheat senescence and nutritional value was recognized as the most outstanding PhD dissertation in the Biological and Life Sciences in the US and Canada (2006-07). His programme in the UK is strongly focused on the identification of genes involved in wheat productivity traits, including sprouting resistance, increased grain size, and resistance to wheat pathogens. Cristobal is using the latest molecular genetic approaches to identify these genes and enhance the pipeline to translate new knowledge at the molecular level into improved wheat varieties for growers, industry and consumers. His work has been recognised through the Bayer Foundation Early Excellence in Science Award (2012) and the Society of Experimental Biology President’s Medal (2014).

Cristobal will discuss his work on wheat genetics and the fascinating opportunities that emerge in the new genomics era. He will describe the use of genetic variation from wild wheat species and how these can be used to improve modern wheat varieties. This will then lead to discussions on how new plant breeding technologies provide powerful tools to address concerns such as malnutrition and pesticide use in agriculture. He will explore the possibilities that these technologies provide including traditional mutagenesis approaches, which have been employed for over one hundred years, to more modern genome-editing methods such as CRISPR/Cas9. Recently over a hundred Nobel Laureates published an open letter regarding the use of biotechnology and genetic modification. They conclude with a strong statement regarding those who oppose the science of new breeding technologies: “How many poor people in the world must die before we consider this a ‘crime against humanity’?” We will discuss this question and the urgent need to use science and evidence-based solutions to achieve sustainable agriculture.

Lent House Group

A series of House Group sessions on the topic "Holiness" will be held at 35 Millington Road, Cambridge on Thursday mornings during Lent. All are welcome to attend any or all of these meetings. They start at 10.45am (coffee from 10.30am), and finish by 12 noon. Contact Mary and Michael Rycroft (e-mail: maryrycroft at btinternet dot com) for further information. The full programme is:

- 2nd March: Introduction to the theme (Revd. Colin Smith)
- 9th March: Holiness and community life (Revd. Dr. Jane Leach)
- 16th March: Holiness and Education (Revd. Dr. John Barrett)
- 23rd March: Holiness in the New Testament (Prof. Judith Lieu)
- 30th March: Social Holiness (Revd. Dr. Stuart Jordan)
- 6th April: Holiness in the Old Testament (Revd. Dr. Bruce Birch)
- 13th April: Wesleyan Holiness (Revd. Dr. Brian Beck)



Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 3rd March

The Church at Castle Group has amalgamated with the Chesterton Group, and this year's service will be at St. Andrew's Chesterton, starting at 2.15pm. The theme is "Am I being unfair to you", and the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines.



Creating Safer Space Foundation Module refresher training

A reminder to those who need to attend this safeguarding-related training: please book your place with the Circuit Administrator, Miriam Webb (e-mail: office at wesleycam dot org dot uk). See *Castle View* for when and where – they're all the week after next (20th, 22nd and 25th February).



Items for the March *Castle View*...

...should be with Anna (mattandannawilliams at yahoo dot co dot uk) or Cassie (2016 dot c dot morris at gmail dot com) by Wednesday (15th) please.

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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