



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 19th 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 19th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Jim Taylor

Bible readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-13 (page 101)

Matthew 5: 38-48 (page 5)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for God's church everywhere

Wed 22nd Feb 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 23rd Feb 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

19.30 Church Council

Sun 26th Feb 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

John Boocock and Elliot Carmichael-Harris

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

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

On Friday 3rd March, over five thousand services will be held in the British Isles, on the theme of “Am I Being Unfair to You?” The service being held in North Cambridge will be at St. Andrew's Church, Chesterton, at 2.15pm. This will be contributed to by Church at Castle (including Castle Street, of course), the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury, St Andrew's Chesterton and St George's Chesterton. All (including men!) are welcome.

The service focuses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16). The Christian Women of the Philippines wrote the service, and it will be used throughout the whole world, starting at sunrise over the Pacific Island of Tonga and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa, all during the day of 3rd March. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena “Apol” Laxamana-St. Rosa, which illustrates contrasting scenes, and is very thought provoking.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as “Yolanda” – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears. The Day of Prayer is not just for women, and everyone is welcome to attend the service. If you need help with transport, or if you can offer a lift, please get in touch with Anne Littlefair (e-mail: anne *dot* littlefair *at* ntlworld *dot* com).



Travel Talk at St. Luke's: “Brasil: no, we didn't go to the Olympics”

A reminder that the second of this year's illustrated Travel Talks takes place next Saturday evening (25th February), at 7pm, when the Gibbs family recall their trip to Brazil. Tickets cost £10, including supper, and can be obtained from Heather. The ticket price includes a main course, dessert (a choice from several puddings) and soft drinks; you may take along your own alcoholic drinks. There will also be a raffle.

The third and final Travel Talk for this year will take place four weeks later on Saturday 25th March, when Paul and Sylvia Custerson show us Iceland – the land of ice and fire.

“Big Issues”: Thinking Again about Marriage

The next in this series at Histon Methodist Church takes place on Thursday (23rd February) at 7.30pm, and the speaker is Revd. Dr. John P. Bradbury, Vice-Principal of Westminster College and co-editor of *Thinking Again about Marriage* published by SCM press in 2016.



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.



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)



Bake Sale at St. Giles’ – Saturday 4th March, 10.30am to 12 noon

This is the first of this year’s bake sales, which take place on the first Saturday of every month (at the church gate if it is fine, otherwise inside the church). Come and buy something special – cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, quiches, tea breads and scones will be on sale (many are suitable for freezing). Every penny goes to support The Angel Tree Project, the Cambridge City Foodbank, and Namuncha Schools, Kenya.

Hymns and Friendship

On Saturday 18th March at 2.30pm at Castle Street there will be an afternoon of "Hymns and Friendship". It's a chance to come and sing some of our old favourites, those we perhaps don't sing as often as we used to, and will be followed by afternoon tea. It's a great opportunity to invite people along to what will hopefully be a relaxed time of fellowship. For more information please see Denise (and offers of cake will be greatly appreciated!).



An introduction to the organ – Saturday 20th May, 2pm to 5pm

Nigel Kerry will talk about the organ and how the average keyboard player can get the best out of the instrument at this event organised by the Cambridge Organists' Association and held at Wesley Methodist Church.

There will be an opportunity for participants to bring their own pieces to play on the large three manual organ at Wesley, if they so wish, under Nigel's instruction. The organ has a mobile console at floor level which will be visible to the audience. Advice can be given on tuition and questions about the organ answered. There will also be displays showing how the organ works. The afternoon is intended for over eighteens. Refreshments will be available.

There is no charge for the afternoon, but those wishing to attend should register at www.cambridgeorganists.org.



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.



Fairtrade Fortnight

This begins on Monday 27th February. Castle Street is a Fairtrade Church.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, by Thursday evening this week please.

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