



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 12th March 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 Mar            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Dr. Stuart Mews**

**18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Barbara Garwood**

*We pray... for our ecumenical partnership*

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

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

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

19.00 for 20.00 Table Talk: Lent Course

Sat 18th Mar            14.30 Hymns and Friendship (*see also overleaf*)

**Sun 19th Mar            10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Colin Smith**

**19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**

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

## **Bible readings for today's services**

10.45am: Romans 5: 1-11 (*page 146*)      John 4: 5-15 (*page 90*)

6.30pm: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 (*page 658*)      Luke 14: 25-33 (*page 74*)



## **Hymns and Friendship – Saturday afternoon**

Following comments from some members of our congregation that we never seem to sing particular hymns any more, Denise has organised this event next Saturday afternoon (18th March). Come and have a bit of a sing – traditional hymns and old favourites, of course – and then a chat over afternoon tea. If it's popular, we'll do it again – and perhaps make it a regular event. It starts at 2.30pm.



## **Baptism of Gabriel Mensah**

The morning service on Sunday 26th March (two week's time) will include the baptism of Gabriel Mensah, one of the youngest members of our church family. Gilbert and Marie would like to invite the congregation to join them and their family for lunch afterwards in the church hall. The majority of the food will be provided, but any contributions of dessert would be very welcome. Please do come along.



## **"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight**

The next in this series is tonight (12th March) at 6.30pm, when the speaker will be our own Rebekah Blyth. She will speak on "A theory of access: who do we still disable from accessing God?".

Rebekah is a recent theology graduate from the University of Cambridge and is training to be a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church as well as candidating for ordained ministry. She has been heavily involved in Christian mission work for the last few years in Israel / Palestine, Ghana and, most recently, the Dominican Republic. She will share some of her experiences working in a home for disabled children in the DR, as well as experiences here in Cambridge volunteering at Lyn's House with adults with learning difficulties, and her work this year as an assistant to a lady with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She will also share how she has looked at these experiences theologically and what that theology means for each of us and each of our churches.

## **“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church – tomorrow**

The next in this series is tomorrow evening (Monday 13th March), when Prof. Alister McGrath, Director of the Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford, will talk about “Conflict or Mutual enrichment? Reflections on the Relation of Science and Faith ”

Alister McGrath is Andreas Idreos Professor of Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. After studying chemistry at Oxford University, specializing in quantum theory, McGrath did his doctoral work on molecular biophysics at Oxford under the supervision of Prof. Sir George Radda. During this time, McGrath also held a Fellowship awarded by the European Molecular Biology Organization at the University of Utrecht. He then switched to the study of Christian theology. He holds an Oxford DD for his work in historical and systematic theology, and an Oxford DLitt for his work in the history and contemporary engagement of science and religion. He is one of the best-known theologians in the world, and has been a major participant in the debates about science and faith arising from the "New Atheism" of Richard Dawkins. His critique of Richard Dawkins became an international bestseller. His more recent work, *Inventing the Universe: Why we can't stop talking about God, science and faith*, was recognized as one of the best books on religion to be published in 2015 by the Library Journal.

This lecture will consider various ways of understanding the relation between the natural sciences and Christianity, including the idea that they offer different perspectives on our world, and that they answer questions at different levels. Particular attention will be paid to the views of Albert Einstein, one of the most important advocates of a critical interaction of science and religion.

It starts at 7.45pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm.



## **Travel Talks at St. Luke's: Iceland – the land of ice and fire**

The third and final of this year's travel talks is on the evening of Saturday 25th March (two week's time) – and details are in *Castle View*. Tickets cost £10, including supper (main course, dessert, soft drinks and tea / coffee), and can be obtained from Heather.

## **Food Safety Course**

The Haslingfield and Harlton Luncheon Club is organising a Food Safety Course on Thursday 20th April from 9am to 1pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church. They are offering twenty spare places to voluntary groups. If anyone would like to attend on Castle Street's behalf, the charge is £20 (instead of £65) – and we would be able to meet that cost. If you're interested, contact Christine Kipping (e-mail: grahamkippling at aol dot com) as soon as possible, as it is expected that places will fill quickly.



## **Church at Castle weekend away at High Leigh**

There's a piece in *Castle View* about this, and your attention is drawn to it. It's at the High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and is taking place from the evening of Friday 30th June until late afternoon on Sunday 2nd July. The theme of the weekend will be "God deepen your life in me – exploring our faith in changing times", and it will be led by Revd. Bob Fyffe, General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. If you'd like to reserve a place or find out more, have a word with Mike (e-mail: mike.sharpe at btclick dot com).



## **Prayer request book**

It is perhaps not known by all that there is a book for prayer requests at the back of the church. We'd like to encourage more people to write in it! It is used at our weekly "Time to Be" prayer meeting on Wednesday mornings, and often in the prayers of intercession during Sunday worship. Anonymous requests are perfectly acceptable.



## **Evening service on 26th March**

The preacher for this service will be Maureen Kendall.



## **Items for the April *Castle View*...**

...should be with Anna or Cassie by Wednesday (15th March) 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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