



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 5th November 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 5th Nov** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Deacon Ian Murray
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
Rev. Alison Walker
- We pray... for dearly missed friends and family*
- Tue 7th Nov 19.30 Church Council
- Wed 8th Nov 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- 19.00 for 20.00 "Table Talk" – advent course (*also see overleaf*)
- Thu 9th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group
- Fri 10th Nov 19.30 Advent Study Course (*also see overleaf*)
- Sun 12th Nov** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
(Remembrance Sunday) **Rev. Alison Walker**
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP** **Jim Taylor**

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

Bible readings for this evening's service – "Remember, remember..."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (*page 567*)

John 8: 1-20 and 9: 1-7 (*page 96*)



Getting truly ready for Christmas

Turkey ordered? Decorations rescued from the loft? Shopping done? Cards posted? Present wrapped? Actually, it's unlikely all of these things will be done until sometime on Christmas Day (but I do hope you've remembered to buy the dinner!).

If you'd like to spend some time reflecting on why we throw ourselves into the wonderful but sometimes stressful routines of Christmas, then come and join us for our Advent Course on four Friday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm, starting this week:

10th Nov: A time for giving – giving happiness; giving to others; giving thanks.

17th Nov: A time for getting – getting the most out of Christmas; getting the message; getting stuck in.

24th Nov: A time for forgiving – seeking forgiveness; finding forgiveness; showing forgiveness.

1st Dec: A time for forgetting – forgetting our fears; forgetting what's been; forgetting what is.



"Table Talk" Advent Course

The Table Talk Advent Course "Journeying with the Magi" also starts this week, and runs on Wednesday evenings for four weeks:

8th Nov: Value – the Gold Experience

15th Nov: Prayer – the Frankincense Experience

22nd Nov: Healing – the Myrrh Experience

29th Nov: The Daily Emmaus Experience

As usual, we meet at 7pm for a hot meal together, with tea and coffee at 8pm followed by a short time of worship and then the discussion. We finish at around 9.30pm. It's helpful if you can let Alison know (or fill in the Doodle poll) if you're coming for the meal, so whoever is preparing the food has an idea of numbers.

Church Family Meal – Sunday 19th November

A reminder about this event, to which we are inviting students from nearby colleges – but we still need more offers of food please! If you feel able to contribute a dish – ideally something prepared in a single pot or pan which can be quickly warmed up and served – please let Chris Rayson know (e-mail: cjr43 at cantab dot net).



“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – 6.30pm tonight

A reminder of this service, details of which have appeared on the last few notice sheets: Revd. Dr. Stuart Jordan will address the question, “What have the theologians ever done for us?”



“Big Issues” at Histon Methodist Church – this Thursday evening

The next in this series takes place on Thursday evening (9th November), when the speaker will be Helen Bryant, Religious Studies teacher at the Perse School. It starts at 7.30pm, and refreshments will be served in the interval. The next “Big Issues”, with artist Jayne Ruffell-Ward, will take place on Thursday 23rd November (and not as listed in *Castle View*).



Charity Fair at Haslingfield Methodist Church, 18th November

Here is a chance to get into the Christmas spirit, tick a few gifts off your list and do your bit for some brilliant charities. Haslingfield’s annual Charity Fair returns on Saturday 18th November in the Methodist Church. Nineteen charities will have a stall, ranging from local charities (Arthur Rank Hospice, Little Owls pre-school, Fight against Blindness) to the national and international (Alzheimers Research, Action for Children, Menelik Education Ltd.). The local school PTFA will be selling Christmas baubles, type 1 diabetes charity JDRF will have beautiful hand-made cushions for sale, and Changing Faces (a charity which supports people who have disfigurements to the face, hands or body) will be selling a beautiful and natural skin and body care range. This year, we invite everyone to bring along a non-perishable item for the Cambridge Foodbank. Christmas treats such as cake, biscuits, chocolates, nibbles, etc. would be especially appreciated. The Fair runs from 11am until 2.30pm, and refreshments and light lunches will be available throughout.

CCHP – volunteers needed

The November *Castle View* (available now) contains an article about the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project this year. The first draft of the rota for December has now been drawn up, but there are some gaps, and more volunteers are needed – in particular people to be at Castle Street to receive the kit on Wednesday mornings between 7.45am and 8.15am (plus a couple more people for the overnight team). If you feel able to get involved this year, please speak to Alison or Ank as a matter of urgency – new volunteers for the Wednesday evening and overnight teams need to attend one of the training sessions taking place this week and next.



Simple Sewing, Knit and Natter Charity Sale at Toft, 18th November

This charity event will take place at Toft Methodist Church on Saturday 18th November from 10am until 12 noon. Proceeds will be divided between Cancer Treatment at Addenbrooke's and Jimmy's.



Jazz concert at Churchill College

There is to be an evening of music with a jazz ensemble in aid of The Medaille Trust, a charity which fights against and supports the victims of trafficking and slavery. It's taking place in the chapel at Churchill College on Saturday 18th November, starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free, but donations are requested. For more information, contact Revd. Norman Setchell (e-mail: christian9 at tiscali dot co dot uk).



Remembrance Day events in the parish

The November *Castle View* contains details of two events next weekend related to Armistice Day:

- Sat 11th Nov, 10.45am for 11am: silence and short memorial service at Histon Road Cemetery.
- Sun 12th Nov at 6pm: Fauré *Requiem* at St. Augustine's.

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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