



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 26th 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 26th Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Alison Walker

We pray... for a world free of violence and abuse

Wed 29th 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 (week 4)

Thu 30th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 1st Dec 19.30 Advent Study Course (week 4)

Sun 3rd Dec 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
(Advent Sunday) Judy Wynn

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Rev. Stuart Mews

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

Bible readings for today's services

10.45am: Matthew 25: 31-46 (*page 29*) Ephesians 1: 15-23 (*page 182*)

6.30pm: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 (*page 284*) Matthew 28: 16-20 (*page 32*)



Appeal for items for Christmas display

Does anyone have a crib, cradle, Moses basket, small travel cot, or any other place a baby could sleep (an orange box was suggested!) that Denise could borrow for the Christmas display in the church window? Any age, condition, colour or style will do, plus any bedding that could be used to put in them. Ideally they are needed this week.



Important notice about our car park

Could everyone please note that during the week our car park has only very limited spaces for our use. Spaces 13-16 are usually available, although there is no guarantee of this. External users of our premises do not automatically have car park use included. It is important to note that some of our car park users come and go during the course of the day: just because spaces are empty doesn't mean they are free for use. To help prevent unauthorised use we encourage anyone entering or leaving to close the gate. If you have any queries, please talk to Denise or Gordon.



Open house at the manse – Friday 8th December

Alison and Robin extend a warm invitation to drop in at the manse between 5pm and 8pm on Friday 8th December – Robin will get everyone singing, there will be mince pies to munch, and tea and coffee will be in plentiful supply. Children are, of course, welcome. Christmas jumpers are optional. Each year people ask if there is a collection for anything. So, for those who would like to donate, there will be a box for Action for Children.



Carol singing at Haslingfield – Friday 15th December

All are invited to join the people of Haslingfield carol singing around the village on Friday 15th December, from 6.30pm. This will be followed by carol singing in the village pub. More information from Alison.

Carol services

This year our carol services are taking place on Sunday 17th December, with an all-age carol service in the morning and a more traditional one in the evening. It is planned to have a small band to accompany some of the hymns during the morning service – if you play any instrument and would like to be involved, please have a word with Brian (the music will be simple!). We also hope to have a singing group for at least one service (and possibly both) – again, if you're interested have a word with Brian.



Christmas Tree Fair at St. Giles'

The annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Giles' Church begins this coming Friday, and runs for ten days until Sunday 10th December. The church is open from 10.30am until 4pm every day (be aware there may be services taking place at certain times on the Sundays), but there are also some additional events:

- Fri 1st Dec at 6pm: Grand Opening and blessing of the trees, with music by the Quadriga Quintet, mulled wine and mince pies.
- Sat 2nd Dec from 10.30am to 4pm: Christmas mini market, refreshments and lunches.
- Sat 2nd Dec from 2pm to 4pm: Willow workshop.
- Sun 3rd Dec from 1pm to 2pm: dressing of the Romanian tree (during the Romanian Orthodox Church's service).
- Sun 3rd Dec at 3pm: Advent Carol Service followed by a tea.
- Mon 4th Dec from 2pm to 4pm: glass engraving with Lida Kindersley.
- Tue 5th Dec from 2pm to 4pm: singing workshop.
- Thu 7th Dec from 2pm to 4pm: felting workshop.
- Thu 7th Dec at 7.30pm: Cambridge Sinfonietta Christmas concert – tickets £9 (£6 concessions, £2 children) available on the door.
- Fri 8th Dec: pyrography demonstration with Inky Dan.
- Sun 10th Dec from 2pm to 4pm: Festival Finale – children's party with games, crafts, quizzes and a visit from Father Christmas.

Refreshments will be available on weekdays and Saturday 9th December, and will include a lunchtime soup station and "Teas among the Trees" from 2pm to 4pm

“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

Prof. Monica Grady CBE, Professor of Planetary and Space Science at the Open University, will discuss “Where is Heaven? A perspective from a space scientist”. It’s on Monday 11th December, starting at 7.45pm (with refreshments from 7.15pm). Admission free; retiring collection.



Advent events elsewhere in the circuit

- Royston’s on-line Advent Calendar (www.royston-methodist.org.uk) from 1st December – every day during Advent there’s a new window to click on and open, with the Advent story, pictures, puzzles and fun.
- Annual Christmas Market at Histon, Sat 2nd Dec from 10.30am.
- JMA Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning at Royston, Sat 2nd Dec from 9.30am until midday – Christmas gifts, cakes, books, toys, games and much more; coffee and mince pies served. Admission free. Raising money for schools, churches, orphanages and hospitals in developing countries and the UK.
- “It happened in a stable...” Nativity Set Festival at Royston – church open on Fri Dec 8th from 10am to 4pm, Sat 9th Dec from 11am to 4pm, and Sun 10th Dec from 11am to 2pm. Free admission.
- Christmas Activity Afternoon at Royston, Sun 10th Dec from 2.30pm, a children’s Christmas service at 4pm, and then a bring-and-share tea.
- 17th Christmas Tree Festival at Orwell, Sat 9th Dec from midday to 6pm, and Sun 10th Dec from 2.30pm until 6pm with carol singing and mince pies around the fire from 4pm. Cakes, homemade soup and rolls, toasted sandwiches and drinks available on Saturday plus a gift stall.



Chesterton Choral Society – “Christmas around the world”

This concert is taking place at St. Laurence’s Church, Milton Road, on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm. Tickets cost £7 (family £15), and there will be a retiring collection for Emmaus. See Chris or Jo for more information.

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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