



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 21st January 2018

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 21st Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brian Beck

Bible readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (page 789)

Mark 1: 14-20 (page 33)

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's

We pray... for Christian unity

Wed 24th Jan 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 25th Jan 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Fri 26th Jan 18.30 for 19.15 "Table Talk"

Sun 28th Jan 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. Colin Smith

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

“Table Talk” this term

Table Talk, our term-time study group for the younger people at Castle Street, started last Friday. It was decided this term to use a five-session Bible study on John’s Gospel (not as previously advertised), which will start this week. A final decision has yet to be made about the start time, but for this week we shall again meet to eat together at 6.30pm, with coffee at 7.15pm and the “talk” from 7.30pm to about 8.45pm (with clearing away after that).



“Come and see: Journeying through Lent with John’s Gospel”

It has been suggested that we organise a weekday lunchtime Lent study group, which would take place on five Thursdays, starting on 22nd February. Lunch (soup and a roll, with fruit) will be served at 12.30pm, with the discussion starting at 1pm and going on for about an hour and a half. This is the same Bible study as Table Talk will use.

Although it’s still a few weeks away, there is a sign-up sheet for those who would like to come along (and also if you’re able to help with lunch) – so that we can gauge whether there is interest in running a lunchtime session. There is also the possibility of running the same course on Friday evenings starting on 16th February (separately from Table Talk) – if you’d prefer this, please speak to Alison.



Homelessness Sunday: “A Tale of Two Cities”

Next Sunday (28th January) is Homelessness Sunday, and there is to be a sponsored sleepout at St. Giles’ Church in aid of Winter Comfort and the Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG). More information can be found at <https://camcrag.org.uk/sleepout>.

The event will be launched at 4pm with soup, information and guest speakers. If you’d like to support it by sleeping out overnight (inside the church will be available, it will be supervised, and there will be hot drinks, plus a “safe house” nearby to retreat to), you can sign up to this via the CamCRAG website. You can also sponsor the event on-line. Volunteers of help in other ways (including in the soup kitchen) can be made by e-mail to projects@camcrag.org.uk. It will end at 6am on Monday.

“The Church on the Streets” – talk tonight

Come and hear about the frontline work of Street Pastors at a talk given by Les Isaac OBE, founder of Street Pastors, Ascension Trust tonight. It’s at Wesley Methodist Church, and starts at 6pm.



“Making Sense of the Death of Christ” – Sunday 28th January

There’s a warm invitation to the Church Room at St. John’s, Waterbeach next Sunday evening at 7pm, when Revd. Dr. Matthias Grebe will be helping us make sense of the death of Christ, which is so central to the Christian faith. Matthias is currently Associate Priest at St. Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge and visiting fellow in Systematic Theology at the University of Bonn. There will be refreshments and time for Q&A.



Ipswich Choral Society concert

Robin Walker is in the thick of music, dance and drama rehearsals for a special concert on Saturday 17th March commemorating local Ipswich people and the events of the Great War. The music includes specially commissioned pieces by Huw Morgan, and Howard Goodall’s “Eternal Light: A requiem”. There is an afternoon performance, which may suit well for travelling, as well as one in the evening. For details visit <https://newweb.ipswichchoralsociety.org.uk/concerts/ipswich-remembers-17-march-2018/>. Tickets go on sale this week at the Ipswich Corn Exchange and on-line, or can be obtained from Robin or Alison.



MWiB Writing competition

Methodist Women in Britain is running a writing competition inspired by the life, writing and work of Revd. Julie Hulme. You are invited to submit a meditative or reflective piece of writing on the theme of “At the Heart...” in prose or poetry. Entries must be no more than 500 words. Each must be an original piece of work, not previously published either in print or electronically. The competition is open to British residents, male or female, aged sixteen or over, and you may submit up to three entries. The winning prize is £150, with the runner-up receiving £50. The closing date is 25th April 2018. For full details – including the rules and how to enter – visit <http://mwib.org.uk> and follow the link from the homepage.

CBM positions

Christian Blind Mission is the leading overseas disability charity, and works with the most forgotten and vulnerable people with disabilities. CBM is expanding its supporter care team, so is looking for a new Admin Assistant to join its existing team. There is also a Trusts and Foundations Officer post available. For details of both positions, visit the CBM website www.cbmuk.org.uk/who-we-are/work-for-us/.



Vacancy for a part-time Executive Assistant – Relational Peacebuilding Initiatives

Relational Peacebuilding Initiatives (www.relationalpeacebuilding.org) is urgently seeking an assistant to the Executive Director (Dr. Michael Schluter), based in Cambridge, to work part-time for an initial period of three months to help with a variety of tasks in connection with the start-up of a consultation process between North and South Korea. The main part of the job will be to contact churches in the Korean Diaspora to inform them of the planned consultation program and to seek their support in prayer and helping to find a new Korean-speaking Executive Director for the project. Hours and pay are negotiable. For further details please contact Marilyn Collins (e-mail: [m_dot_collins at relationalresearch dot org](mailto:m_dot_collins_at_relationalresearch_dot_org)).



Creating Safer Space training sessions

A reminder about the Creating Safer Space Refresher Training for those who have not attended a course since 2015 – Saturday 27th January from 10am until noon at Haslingfield, or Thursday 8th February from 7pm to 9pm at Chesterton. Book your place with the circuit office. The March Foundation Training session has been postponed until later in the year.



Date for your diary – Saturday 24th February

Brian's Big Birthday Barn Dance (in aid of CCHP) – all are invited. There will be more details in the February *Castle View*.

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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