



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 21st October 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 Oct** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Joy Levine
Bible readings: Isaiah 35: 1-7 (page 608); John 15: 7-17 (page 105)
- 18.00 "FAITH TO LIVE BY" SERVICE**
at Haslingfield Methodist Church (see overleaf)
- 19.00 IONA SERVICE at St. Luke's**
We pray... for social justice
- Wed 24th Oct** **10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship**
10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
(Note: the exercise class is cancelled this week)
19.00 for 20.00 "Table Talk"
- Fri 26th Oct** (time tbc) **Storey's Way Housegroup (see overleaf)**
- Sun 28th Oct** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH**
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Alison Walker
- 18.30 EVENING WORSHIP**
John Boocock and Elliot Harris

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

“A Faith to Live By” at Haslingfield Methodist Church – tonight at 6pm

This series of special services restarts this evening, when guest speaker Revd. Dr. Stuart Bell addresses the topic “Faith in Conflict: why didn’t the Great War undermine Britain’s faith in God?” There will be a short time of worship, the address, refreshments, and a time for questions and discussion. Note the 6pm start time – half an hour earlier than previously.

Stuart will explore the impact of the First World War on the faith of the people of Britain and will argue that the history of Britain’s experiences in 1914-18 cannot be properly understood unless the significance of religion is taken more seriously than many modern writers seem able and willing to do.

Stuart is a Methodist minister, currently serving as the superintendent minister of the Nottingham (Trent Valley) Circuit. After teaching computing for seven years he trained for ordained ministry at Wesley House. Since then he has gained an MTh in Applied Theology at Oxford and was awarded a PhD from Birmingham. He has a particular interest in faith in conflict and has published several book chapters on the topic, along with a monograph based on his PhD thesis entitled “Faith in Conflict: The impact of the Great War on the faith of the people of Britain.”

If anyone would like a lift to Haslingfield (and back again!), please speak to Brian or Simon. It is intended to leave Castle Street at about 5.30pm.

The next FtLB service will be on Sunday 11th November, and the service planned for Castle Street that evening has already been cancelled as several people have expressed an interest in attending. Again, lifts will be available – please speak to a steward if you’d like one. Haslingfield is trying to organise the FtLB services for the third Sunday evening of the month, but that is not always possible.



Storey’s Way Housegroup

‘The Storey’s Way housegroup restarted last Friday evening. The five sessions will be varied with much participation from the group. We opened with the work of the Holy Spirit, and go on to explore the Spirit in baptism, in mission and in the events that lead to the first Christmas. Please check the start time with Joy or Geoff.

Centenary Lecture at Wesley Methodist Church – “UK Aid: All we can?”

This takes place tomorrow evening (Monday 22nd October), and the guest speaker is Matthew Rycroft CBE, Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development. It starts at 7.45pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.



Poverty – in Cambridge?

Hear about the money and food problems people are experiencing in our city, and about some of the projects which are assisting them. The speakers will be Stephen Thornton from the Cambridge Citizen’s Advice Bureau and Urszula Chojnacka from Cambridge City Foodbank.

Organised by the Cambridge Justice and Peace Group, this event is taking place tomorrow evening (Monday 22nd October), in the Parish Hall of Our Lady and the English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church in Lensfield Road. It starts at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served.



Chesterton Churches Holiday Club – this week

A half term holiday club for primary school-aged children, taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings this week at Chesterton Methodist Church (in conjunction with St. George’s and St. Andrew’s Churches). Visit www.chestertonmethodist.org/holiday-club.html for more details.



Celebrating the last day of British Summer – next Saturday afternoon

Come and enjoy a typical summer’s afternoon tea and listen to some restful background music, between 3.30pm and 5.30pm next Saturday (27th October) – just before the clocks go back – at St. Luke’s Church. There will be plenty of time to eat, to enjoy a chat, to listen to music, and to test your general knowledge with a table quiz. Quiz questions will be distributed on the tables, so you will be able to make up a team, “go it alone”, or “give it a miss” – whatever you decide. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets cost £5 and you can pay on the day – but places must be booked in advance: speak to Heather or Margaret Cooper.

Coming soon elsewhere in the circuit...

More details next week.

- Sun 4th Nov at 4pm: “Remembrance and Winter Warmers” concert at Orwell Methodist Church.
- Sat 17th Nov at 7.30pm: An evening with Dave Bilborough (international singer / songwriter) at Royston Methodist Church.



Flower Rota

More volunteers are needed for the flower rota. If you're able to help, please sign up on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you'd like to know more about what it involves, please speak to one of the stewards.



Plastic bottles

Thank you to all who responded to the request for plastic bottles, to make poppies for a special Remembrance Sunday display. Denise now has enough, although she will collect and use any left today. (We're still collecting the tops, though – there's now a bigger box in the kitchen.)



Church Council

A reminder that the next meeting of the Church Council takes place on Wednesday 31st October, starting at 7.30pm. Agendas have now been distributed – if you've not received yours, please speak to Gilbert.



And finally... our reaction to Methodism's Indonesian Appeal

The Castle Street response to the devastation caused by the recent earthquake and tsunami affecting the island of Sulawesi in Indonesia was centred on our collection and donations at the Church Anniversary (last Sunday), augmented by the Wednesday coffee mornings. On Monday we were able to send a cheque to “All We Can” for the magnificent total of £1,056. Thank you for your generosity.

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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