



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 16th December 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 16th Dec **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
 Rev. Alison Walker – Carol Service

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

We pray... for light in the darkness

Wed 19th Dec 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

 12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

Thu 20th Dec 10.30 "I Wonder" Christmas Special

Sun 23rd Dec **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**
 Maggie Richardson

18.00 CHURCH AT CASTLE COMMUNITY
 CAROL SERVICE *at St. Luke's*

Mon 24th Dec **16.00 CRIB SERVICE** *at St. Giles'*

Tue 25th Dec **11.00 ALL-AGE CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

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

Next Sunday evening

All are invited to the Church at Castle International Community Carol Service next Sunday evening (23rd December) at St. Luke's, starting at 6pm. Taking part should be members from most local churches – Castle Street, St. Giles', St. Luke's, St. Augustine's, the Korean Cambridge Yeolim Church, the Romanian Orthodox Church (based at St. Giles'), the African Pentecostal Church (based at St. Luke's), and the Cambridge Chinese Church (based at Castle End Mission). It will be a traditional service of readings and carols, with each church bringing its own gifts and talents.

Do go along and support this special event.



Other Christmas services

In addition to the Church at Castle Children's Crib Service at St. Giles' on Christmas Eve at 4pm and our own All-age Christmas Day service at 11am, led by Revd. Alison Walker (both of which are listed on the front page), the following Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will take place in the circuit and locally within Church at Castle:

Christmas Eve Holy Communion:

- 11.15pm at Wesley Methodist Church
- 11.30pm at Toft Methodist Church
- 11.30pm at Royston Methodist Church
- 11.30pm at St. Augustine's
- 11.30pm at All Saints' Parish Church, Haslingfield

Christmas Day:

- 9am at St. Giles' (Christmas Eucharist)
- 9.30am at St. Augustine's (Christmas Day Family Communion)
- 9.30am at St. Luke's (Christmas Day Family Communion)
- 9.30am at Haslingfield Methodist Church (led by Revd. Alison Walker)
- 9.30am at Toft Methodist Church (own arrangement)
- 9.30am at Royston Methodist Church (led by Revd. Charity Nzegwu)
- 10am at Histon Methodist Church (led by Revd. Simon Oliver)
- 10.30am at Chesterton Methodist Church (led by Deacon Ian Murray)
- 10.30am at Wesley Methodist Church (led by Revd. Colin Smith)

Appeal for mince pies for next Sunday evening at St. Luke's

Castle Street has been asked to supply mince pies for about one hundred people for the international community carol service at St. Luke's next Sunday evening. If you're able to help, either by bringing them along to St. Luke's on the evening (before the service by about 5.45pm) or by leaving them at Castle Street in the morning, please speak to Joyce Sharpe.



"I Wonder" Christmas Special – Thursday morning

Aimed at children aged three or over, this special Christmas session will explore the Christmas story through "Godly play". The children will be split into two different age groups, and the parents and under-threes are invited to stay and play in the church hall. Booking is essential – either download a form from www.castlestreet.org.uk/i-wonder or contact Alison or Kimberly. There is a £2 charge per child to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.



Carol singing in Haslingfield village – Friday evening

The annual carol singing around the village of Haslingfield, organised by the churches in the village, takes place on Friday evening (21st December). If you're interested in taking part, speak to Alison for details.



"Here we come a-Carolling"

An illustrated talk given by Philip Mead (organist at St. Giles') on the extraordinary and varied history of some well-known Christmas carols, with live musical examples. It's at St. Augustine's, Richmond Road on Friday evening (21st December), and starts at 6pm.



Christmas Quiz Night

Thank you to all who participated in the Cracking Christmas Quiz Night last Saturday. Congratulations to the winning team – a title maybe worthy of defending in the future! With donations of £158 raised plus Gift Aid bringing the total to £187.50, it surpassed expectations and is hugely appreciated! Thank you (from Kirk – and to Kirk for organising it)!

Wednesday exercise class over the holiday period

The last exercise class of 2018 is this week. It will not take place on 26th December nor on 2nd January; the first of 2019 will be on 9th January.



Morning service on Sunday 30th December

As has been the custom for many years, we shall again unite with our friends at St. Giles', St. Luke's and St. Augustine's Churches on the morning of the Sunday between Christmas and New Year. This year it will be hosted by St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, and will start at 10.30am. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Note that there *will* be an evening service at Castle Street that day, which will be led by Alison and include Holy Communion.



Reminder of items in the December / January *Castle View*

At this busy time, it's easy to forget about some of the non-Christmas items in our monthly magazine...

- Appeal to continue to support the Cambridge Foodbank
- Appeal for new communion stewards
- Appeal for additional people to help with the flower rota
- Family Snowman Drive – Saturday 26th January (details will be circulated after Christmas).

The deadline for items for the February issue is Wednesday 16th January.



Electronic notice sheet

A reminder that if you are unable to pick up a printed copy of the weekly notice sheet, it can be downloaded as a PDF from the church website. Back issues can also be downloaded.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's double notice sheet, by midday on Thursday.

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