



# CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

*"Where all are welcome – all the time"*

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## Sunday 8th September 2013

*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 8th Sep                    10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker**

*Bible readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (p. 178)*  
*Luke 14: 25-33 (page 74)*

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Rev. Alison Walker**

*Bible readings: Psalm 121 (page 529); Isaiah 43: 14 - 44: 5*  
*(page 616); John 5: 30-47 (page 92)*

*We pray... for the new school year*

Tue 10th Sep                19.30 Disciple course launch meeting (*see overleaf*)

Wed 11th Sep                10.00 Time To Be

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class

Thu 12th Sep                10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots

**Sun 15th Sep                10.45 MORNING WORSHIP**  
**John Baker**

**18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP at C.E.M.**  
**Harvest Festival**

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

## **Our welcome to Alison**

Most of our congregation had a brief chance to greet Alison, our new minister, after church last Sunday morning and / or at the Wednesday coffee morning. You may have heard early rumours of a tea today prior to the evening service. That is not taking place, but is superseded by the bring-and-share lunch to follow our harvest festival morning service on Sunday 22nd September – two week's time – which Alison is leading. All are invited to stay for lunch on that day.



## **Cambs Historic Churches Trust (CHCT) – Ride and Stride next Saturday**

Saturday 14th September is the annual day for going round the churches of our land. John Boocock is planning to cycle round the North Stowe Deanery area to visit some forty churches over a forty-mile route (see below). He is seeking sponsors! Money donated goes half to CHCT and half to a church of choice: this year to Barton Baptist Church which has needed serious underpinning and refurbishment recently.

The above target is considerably less ambitious than the 2011 effort which netted sixty churches over seventy-five miles and yielded £466 with half then nominated for Castle Street car park improvements – a project now happily achieved. This year's proposed route is from Castle Street via Chesterton to Milton and Waterbeach, then Cottenham, Willingham to Swavesey and Over and back via Elsworth, Bar Hill, Longstanton, Oakington, Histon and Girton.

On the same day it would be good if we “manned” a welcome table at Castle Street, between 10am and 6pm, to greet and encourage folk who will include Church at Castle in their itinerary. See the notice board to sign up for hosting a time slot.



## **How fared the Fun?**

The fun activity last Wednesday evening under the Mission and Social Responsibility Committee umbrella was enjoyed by over a dozen folk and £47.50 was contributed to mission funds. We are grateful to the “Forever Active” leader, Dash, and to Anne for “fixing” it, to those who helped in any other way, and to everyone who came along.

## **Disciple course – it's getting closer!**

A reminder that, with the "Publicity and Recruitment Evening" having taken place last Tuesday evening, the "Launch Meeting" takes place on Tuesday this week (10th September) at 7.30pm at Castle Street. This is for those who wish to take part in the 34-week course: materials will be distributed, and an outline of the meetings will be explained. The course itself then begins two weeks later, on Tuesday 24th September.

For more details, contact Revd. Dr. Peter Graves on (01638) 724 928; to sign up, contact Dr. Derek Nicholls on (01223) 882 354.



## **"A Faith to Live By" service at Haslingfield Methodist Church**

Haslingfield Methodist Church's regular series exploring what Christianity means in practice resumes this evening (Sunday 8th September) after the summer break. Starting at 6.30pm, each one usually includes a time of worship, a presentation and a time for discussion, and is followed by refreshments. In the first one, Liz Davies (a member of Oakington Methodist Church) will address the topic "Language – bridge or barrier?".

When Liz was sixteen she was invited to stay with the family of an Italian student, and this began a relationship with Italy and two Italian families lasting fifty-one years. As a result of this encounter Liz trained and moved into Public Service Interpreting. Following this she helped to set up the first "not-for-profit" interpreting / translation agency for public services (legal / medical and local government) and has worked with Italian patients coming to Addenbrooke's Hospital for liver transplants for nearly twenty years. Liz's time in Italy taught her that Methodists have something to learn from Catholic Mass, and the agency has provided a special insight into communities of colleagues of many races and faiths.



## **Songs of Praise for Harvest at Oakington Methodist Church**

This is taking place next Sunday (15th September) at 6.30pm. If you would like to contribute an individual or group item, please contact Liz Davis on (01223) 232 745. There will be a collection for the Methodist Relief and Development Fund for Famine Relief.

## **“Shakespeare and Music” with Ensemble in the Round**

Ensemble in the Round is a group of Christian musicians who aim to inspire audiences to consider God through words and music. One of the cellists in the group is Jo Blakeman.

“Shakespeare and Music” is taking place on Thursday 19th September at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm), in the Round Church. Music will include Patrick Doyle, “Non nobis Domine”; Morley, “Sing we and chant it”; Holst, *St. Paul’s Suite*, finale “The Dargason”; Respighi, “Ancient Airs and Dances”, Suite No.1, first movement; and various Shakespeare songs with tenor soloist Nicholas Bewes. There will be readings from *Macbeth*, *Measure for Measure* and *The Merchant of Venice*, plus a short talk entitled “The quality of mercy – Shakespeare’s take on God”. Admission is free.

For more information, visit [www.christianheritageuk.org.uk/ensemble](http://www.christianheritageuk.org.uk/ensemble).



## **“Big Issues” series: CAMTAD – can you hear the words?**

A stimulating presentation at Histon Methodist Church on Thursday 26th September at 7pm (coffee and tempting desserts served) for a 7.30pm start.



## **Centenary Lecture at Wesley given by Lord Williams of Oystermouth**

The Rt. Revd. Rowan Williams, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury and now Master of Magdalene College will give a lecture to mark the centenary of the opening of Wesley Methodist Church, on Saturday 28th September at 4pm. The lecture will be preceded by a tea (at 3pm), and the Centenary Exhibition will also be open.

Tickets cost £12, and can be obtained from the Wesley church office or [www.eventbrite.com/org/2527982870](http://www.eventbrite.com/org/2527982870) (there’s a link from the Wesley website [www.wesleycam.org.uk](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk)). Proceeds from the event after the deduction of costs will be donated to the three charities which Wesley Church has chosen to support during its Centenary Year.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, by Wednesday evening this week.

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