

This Sunday morning's service – crèche available

As a result of it being the end of half term week, the service this morning is not All-age Worship, despite being advertised as such on the Circuit Plan and in *Castle View*. A crèche is available for any younger children present, who will remain in the service for the first part and then leave to do their own activities.



“A faith to live by” – Being a Witness

The next in this series of services at Haslingfield Methodist Church takes place next Sunday evening (10th November) at 6.30pm, and will be led by Revd. Graham Thompson, Chair of the East Anglia District.

Every week there are those who turn away from God because of the behaviour of those who declare themselves to be God's disciples. Recognising that Christianity is based on relationships, how can we improve the witness we give to our faith? Graham will pursue this theme as part of the East Anglia District's programme, *Journey into Faith*, as each of the discipleship disciplines is considered each year.

The format of the evening will include a time of worship and an address by Graham, followed by refreshments and discussion. All are welcome.



Operation Christmas Child – shoebox appeal

Next Sunday (10th November) is the final day for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from Castle Street, so please bring to the morning service any shoeboxes which you've wrapped and filled yourselves. Please also bring along any items which you've gathered together to fill the general shoeboxes, and hand them in before the service starts. During the service, the children, assisted by adults, will pack the shoeboxes. Extra adults will be needed to help, so do join in the fun in the church hall if you can.

Operation Christmas Child has been supported by Castle Street for many years. For more information about what it does and how it works, including what to put in the shoeboxes (for very good reasons there are strict rules on what cannot be included), please speak to Anne Littlefair or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Charity Fair at Haslingfield Methodist Church

Haslingfield Methodist Church will be holding its annual Charity Fair on Saturday 16th November from 11am to 2.30pm, as previously advertised. Fifteen local and national charities will have stalls selling a wide range of products, and will also have leaflets and information available about their work. This is a good opportunity to buy your Christmas cards or gifts in a warm friendly environment with easy parking. Refreshments, including light lunches, will be served.

The charities to be present are confirmed as: Cam Sight, Magpas Helimedix, Operation Christmas Child, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Little Owls Pre-school, Menelik Education Ltd., Alzheimer's Research UK, Action for Children, Traidcraft, Stillbirth Research, Healing Hearts Appeal (for Rosie Hospital), Motor Neurone Disease Association, Malawi Association for Christian Support, Teenage Cancer Trust, and Turning Point (helping the disadvantaged in Kenya).



Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (formerly Night Haven)

As many will be aware, this project, to be run by the Cambridge city centre churches, has run into some problems and is not going ahead in the form that was originally envisaged. Instead, starting in January, it will be part of the City Council's "Cold Weather Provision" for homeless people, which kicks in only when the temperature has not risen above freezing for three consecutive days. It is understood, however, that it will run in the same way, with guests being vetted by Jimmy's.

Castle Street, as part of Church at Castle, is still planning to be involved in this, so volunteers are still needed, for cooking, keeping company with the guests between the evening meal and bedtime, and overnight attendance. Volunteers should attend one of the two training sessions, which are now taking place on Tuesday 26th November at Little St Mary's Church and Monday 2nd December at Emmanuel URC, both at 7.30pm and with supper – so estimated numbers in advance would be very welcome! Please contact either Anne Littlefair (e-mail anne.littlefair@ntlworld.com) or the central committee member Lucy McKitterick (e-mail L.R.McKitterick.01@cantab.net) to advise which you will attend.

“Science Meets Faith” – Are natural disasters acts of God?

The next in this series of monthly lectures and discussions at Wesley Methodist Church takes place on Monday 11th November, with refreshments from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. The speaker is Professor Robert S. White FRS of the Department of Earth Sciences, Bullard Laboratories, University of Cambridge, and Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion at St. Edmund’s College.

The list of lectures up to June 2014 can be found on Wesley’s website at www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.php, although note that the page is not displaying properly at present, and also that the only full details shown are for last May’s lecture! The speaker for next month (on Monday 9th December) is Dr. Roddy O’Donnell of Addenbrookes Hospital and Associate Speciality Director in Ethics and Law, University of Cambridge, although the title of the lecture is still to be confirmed. Admission is free, but there is a retiring collection.



“Big Issues” – Faith in our schools?

The next in this series at Histon Methodist Church takes place on Thursday 14th November, with Revd. Dr. John Barrett, former Headmaster at the Leys School. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



Safeguarding training – foundation course: “Creating safer space”

Anyone involved in church work with children or vulnerable adults is required to undertake basic safeguarding training. A training session is taking place this coming Wednesday (6th November) from 7.30pm until 9pm at Haslingfield Methodist Church for anyone in such a position who has not yet undertaken this training (most, if not all, at Castle Street have already), but anyone who thinks they might take on such a role in the future is also very welcome to attend. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

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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