



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

www.castlestreet.org.uk

Sundays 22nd and 29th December 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 22nd Dec 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – CAROL SERVICE

18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP

Tess Maddin

*Bible readings: Luke 1: 26-45 (page 54); Luke 2: 1-7 (page 55);
Luke 2: 27-39 (page 56)*

We pray... for light in the darkness

**Tue 24th Dec 18.00 CAROLS, CHRISTMAS READINGS AND
(Christmas Eve) BLESSING OF THE CRIB at St. Giles' Church**

**23.30 MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
at St. Giles' Church**

**Wed 25th Dec 10.30 CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY WORSHIP
(Christmas Day) Castle Street team (see overleaf)**

We pray... for the joy of the season

**Sun 29th Dec 10.45 CHURCH AT CASTLE UNITED MORNING
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road
Preacher: Rev. Alison Walker**

We pray... for God's Church everywhere

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New Year's Day Viennese Coffee House at St. Augustine's

Delight the palate with Viennese coffee and cakes, and the ear with the seductive sounds of Strauss waltzes at this annual event on 1st January 2014, between 10.30am and 12.30pm.



SOS(P) – Save Our Street (Pastors)

Cambridge Street Pastors has been greatly blessed over the past three years by support from local government in the form of an annual grant of £5,000. However this support was provided on a three year programme and they have received confirmation that the grant cannot be continued in 2014. This has created a financial crisis for the next six months and they need to reach out to the community for urgent assistance.

They are actively chasing other grant support, but need help now to plug the £5,000 gap in finances – without such aid, the trustees will have to consider how long Cambridge Street Pastors can continue to operate in its current form. Information on ways to give can be found on the website www.cambridgestreetpastors.org.uk – follow the link to “how to give”.



First Aid Course at Histon on 25th January

St. John Ambulance is running a basic first aid course on Saturday 25th January 2014 in Histon Methodist Church hall from 2pm until 5pm. It includes all the essential first aid techniques a qualified first aider needs to obtain (or renew after three years) a certificate. The cost is £30 per person, but anyone who would like to attend in order to become an official Castle Street first aider should have a word with Mike Sharpe or any of the stewards as funding will probably be available.

Places should be booked with Christine Pooley as soon as possible, and by 11th January at the latest. The course is limited to fourteen people, but if there is sufficient demand a second course will be run at a later date.



Romsey Mill—Twelve Days of Christmas Appeal

Romsey Mill thanks everyone for donating to their appeal, which ran for the first twelve days of December. The target of £12,000 (to be doubled by local businesses) was reached two days before the appeal ended!

“Saturday Nights at St. Luke’s”

To cheer up the dark winter Saturday evenings after Christmas, St. Luke’s is holding a series of three travel talks with themed suppers. Come and be transported around the world and sample the culinary delights of the country you visit. These evenings are to help raise funds for a new sound system which is long overdue. All start at 6.30pm.

- Saturday 25th January: “The Land of the Long White Cloud” – a journey in New Zealand with Paul and Sylvia Custerson.
- Saturday 22nd February: “A taste of Thailand” – a journey from Bangkok to Koh Samui with Margaret Cooper.
- Saturday 29th March: “Pilgrimage and Tapas” – a walk to Santiago de Compostella with Philipa King and Judith Crowe.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of each month until the Sunday before the event (and there will be some available at Castle Street). Ticket price is £10, which will include supper and soft drinks. If you would like wine then please bring your own and glasses will be provided.



Training in Creative Communication Skills

John Hardwick is a popular author of resources for children’s ministry. He leads all-age worship at Spring Harvest, fun RE days in primary schools, family events in churches, weekly kids events, etc. using exciting Bible stories, cool songs, crazy puppets, juggling and more to present the gospel – and he is leading four workshops for the circuit. They are to take place at Castle Street on Mondays 20th and 27th January, and 3rd and 10th February, starting at 7.45pm and finishing at 9.30pm. Resources will be available. There is no cost (the workshops are being funded by the Cambridge Circuit) but donations are welcome. To book a place, e-mail johnhardwick36@gmail.com. See also www.johnhardwick.org.uk.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on the next notice sheet (on Sunday 5th January), ideally by the evening of Friday 3rd January.

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