

Evening service next Sunday

Next Sunday evening's service (9th February) will have a slightly different structure from the usual. We shall be led round four "stations" in the church to gain encouragement from the lives of the folk remembered on our four memorial plaques or tablets. We shall still sing and pray and give, and it will be "worship".



Roz Savage book signing

This Tuesday evening (4th February) Roz Savage MBE FRGS, daughter of former Castle Street minister Hamer Savage (and his wife Rev. Rita Savage), has a book-signing event at Heffers, starting at 6.30pm. Details appear in the February *Castle View*, but what was not known until a few days ago is that if enough tickets have not been sold by tomorrow (Monday 3rd) the event will be cancelled. Tickets cost £7 (with £3 of that redeemable against the purchase of the book, *Stop Drifting, Start Rowing*), and can be ordered from roz-savage.eventbrite.co.uk.

Roz is described in the publicity for the event as an English ocean rower, environmental advocate, writer and speaker, four-times Guinness World Record holder, and an all-round inspiration. She took up rowing at University College, Oxford, gaining two half-blues for representing Oxford against Cambridge. Over a decade after graduating she ditched a career in investment banking, and in 2003 went on an expedition that discovered Inca ruins in the Andean cloud forests near Machu Picchu. She then spent three months in Peru, researching her first book, *Three Peaks in Peru*. Roz was the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, and her latest book tells of her thoughts and feelings arising from rowing solo across the Pacific Ocean. Roz was awarded the MBE last year for services to environmental awareness.



Methodist consultation on same-sex marriage and civil partnership

A reminder that the deadline for completing this survey, details of which can be found at www.methodist.org.uk/ssmcpworkinggroup, is 9am on Monday 10th February – that's pretty much a week away. We hope people will make their views known; you can fill it in anonymously, but need to fill in "East Anglia District".

Italian Evening at Wesley House – Wednesday 19th February

With the Cambridge Circuit having various Italian connections (or future connections), there is to be an Italian Evening at Wesley House on Wednesday 19th February. Starting at 7pm and finishing at around 10pm, this fundraising evening will include lovely Italian food, quizzes, a raffle, talks and entertainment. It is in support of the Waldensian Mission, which funds the study year abroad which Italian Waldensian Methodist ordinands must undertake before becoming ministers. The Italian Methodist student at Wesley House will be there, as will the soon-to-be minister of the Ponte Sant' Angelo Church in Rome...

Tickets and more information can be obtained from Erica Newbury (tel. (01223) 315 753 or e-mail ericascroppo@hotmail.com).



Music events at Royston Methodist Church

- Friday 7th February at 7.30pm: Tunes and Spoons – an evening of favourite music chosen by you... with delicious desserts. Tickets £8 from Richard Elcock (tel. (01763) 208 381). Proceeds will be shared between church funds and Homestart.
- Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm: Blue Skies Big Band in concert (exponents in music from the swing era) – this is presented by a collaboration of Royston Methodist Church and Royston Rotary Club in aid of the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. Tickets £10 from Ray Munden (tel: (01763) 241 217).
- Saturday 22nd March at 7.45 pm: Holy Saviour Choir led by Trevor Hughes, with organ and other instrumental solos. Tickets £8 from Brian Norwood (tel: (01763) 241 066). Proceeds shared between church funds and the local Mayor's Charities.



Quiz evening at Histon

Histon Methodist Church is holding a quiz evening on Friday 21st February at 7pm. Join in for a not-too-serious evening of questions, answers and refreshments. Tickets cost £8, and can be obtained from any of Histon's church stewards, or from Joy McCombie (tel. (01223) 232 391).

“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Methodist Church

The next in this series takes place on Monday 10th February, when Professor Emeritus John A. Bryant asks, “Can science make us better humans?” Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.

John Bryant is Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences in the College of Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Exeter. He pursues research on the cell cycle and on bioethics; he is also actively involved in various aspects of science communication.

From the genetic selection of human embryos to direct intervention in human development, science has given us the tools to make us healthier, fitter and stronger. However, with the power that the tools of bioscience give us comes immense responsibility to use that power wisely and ethically. In his talk, John Bryant will use case studies to help us think about these bioethical dilemmas.

All are most welcome to attend this lecture – admission is free. A retiring collection will be taken to help defray the costs associated with running this series. The next one takes place on 10th March, when Dr. Conor Cunningham of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Nottingham University discusses “Only Christians believe in evolution, atheists don’t believe at all”.



Some reminders (see *Castle View* for more details)

- Please sign up by 23rd February if you are planning to come along to Ruth and Martin’s wedding on 26th July – including if you just intend to come to the service, so they can get an idea of numbers.
- “A taste of Thailand” at St. Luke’s on Saturday 22nd February – tickets now available, priced £10 (including supper).
- Some events from the Circuit Diary can be found in the diary section of *Castle View*, while the latest Circuit Diary is pinned on the notice board.

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

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